The major accomplishment of April is the unanimous approval of the HECB at their April 26 meeting at the Bremerton campus of Olympic College. The HECB Education Subcommittee chair made a number of heart-felt comments indicating the committee had indeed read and listened to the representatives from the college who attended the Education Subcommittee meeting on April 10, Trustees Joanna Schwartz and Jim Lowery, President Dr. Jim Walton, VP of Instruction John Martens and BASM Executive Director Larry McGee. Specifically, Education Subcommittee Chair Bill Grinsten noted Centralia College has: demonstrated a clear need for a bachelor’s program in management; designed a program that has met the rigorous scrutiny from the SBCTC; and has garnered significant community support.

The next step in the approval process is the submission of a “prospectus - substantive change” to the NWCCU. This document will be submitted the first week of May. The NWCCU has noted that there are over 50 items in their current work queue and approval may very well require 60 days, as it will not be first reviewed for a number of weeks.

While we work to speed this process (if possible) work continues on a number of important items:

- Development of the BAS 101 student orientation.
- Work continues on the “Faculty Institute” with emphasis on operating as a collaborative faculty team, use of Canvas as our online learning management system, support of the cohort model and learning the effective practices of teaching online. Development and use of a rubric to assist with the selection of students from a pool of those who meet minimum entrance requirements. Development of a rubric to select teaching faculty emphasizing depth of knowledge in a field, willingness to work collaboratively, interest in support of a student cohort model and willingness to operate in the hybrid modality with heavy use of the learning management system for delivery of lectures, tests and related course information.
- Development of a course outline and common syllabi template. The latter is an example of a small step that can help students quickly understand course content as well as expectations regarding attendance, grading, behavior and other topics that otherwise may vary significantly.
- Prospecting for students without the use of normal public radio or newspaper advertising. Meetings have been held at Braun Northwest and Providence Hospital that will probably result in two to three strong students from each organization submitting applications. These meetings were offered by the organizations. Regular communications are still taking place with close to 90 individuals who are prospective students. Three to six calls, meetings or e-mails per day from prospective students is the norm. Currently, 17 students have applied, of which eight are ready now and another four will be upon completion of courses in the next five months.
- A trip was made to Peninsula College to learn about their similar Bachelor of Applied Science in Management program. Among the important topics discussed were: an individual in the admissions department works as a full time recruiter for BASM and has been quite effective with current enrollment at 44; their careful selection process for students is effective since the first 32 students who started the program, 30 graduated; collaborative efforts using one complex case study in three different courses reinforces the real world integration and synthesizing concepts in several different ways. The faculty have responded with excitement to this form of collaboration as they see the impact on student learning.
- Another local business, Aluminite, has stepped up with a willingness to participate in the practicum and internships courses as well as facilitating a session to educate employees about BASM program and their potential fit.
The first group of faculty for the BASM has sent a strong and positive signal that Centralia College’s best will be at the heart of this new program offering. Those people are Atara MacNamara, Connie Smejkal, Sharon Mitchler and adjunct faculty member Jeff McQuarrie.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Art
- Ongoing student art from the sculpture course, ART 111, is being displayed in the front hall of Washington Hall from April 23 until May 23. The spring student art show will be held in Washington Hall May 29-June 11. Our Digital Photography, Drawing, and Art Appreciation classes will be featured.
- In recognition of Earth Week student artwork was displayed in Washington Hall. Masks of endangered species were on display in the central hall, and sculptures made from recycled objects were in the front hallway.

Engineering
- On Friday April 27 physics and engineering instructor Michael Threapleton chaired the spring meeting of WCRETE (Washington Council on Engineering and Related Technical Education) at Spokane Falls Community College. A major agenda item was developing MRPs for engineering. The council voted on changes to the electives list which Michael will present to the SBCTC for consideration. During the meeting the council also looked at the Washington State Aerospace Initiative to increase the number of seats available in engineering at UW and WSU.

History-Geology
- Pat Pringle and Jody Peterson attended a curriculum planning retreat in Federal Way April 19 and 20 where they began the initial work on a learning community studying the impacts of natural hazards on humans, their institutions and infrastructure. They will link a geology course with a history course spring quarter 2013.

Phi Theta Kappa
- Jody Peterson and Phi Theta Kappa officers Ross Gleason, Ashleigh Withey, Dawins Kemp and Diane Anderson attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Nashville, April 12-14. Jody received a Continuing Excellence Award for advisors from the International organization and Dr. James Walton was awarded the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for Community College Presidents.
- Dr. Peterson took prospective Phi Theta Kappa officers to Lower Columbia Community College on May 4-5 for leadership training, facilitated by LCC president Chris Bailey.
- The final Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony of the school year will be held Friday, May 25 at 2 p.m. in the Boardroom.
- As Phi Theta Kappa advisor, Dr. Peterson participated in the Honors Reception on April 25.

English
- Linda Foss, English Department chair, attended a one-day meeting hosted by Pearson Publishing. They have been developing online labs that can be used stand-alone or bundled with texts (print or ebook). There were faculty presentations about innovative ways to use these labs to supplement instruction. MyFoundationsLab – currently under development – will integrate testing/placement and remediation challenges that many students face in reading, writing, and math. Additionally, MyCompLab may be a viable alternative for the Writing Center’s English 100 course that would reduce the intensive faculty involvement for this one-credit lab course.
The Writing Center has hired adjunct English faculty member Kimberly Bennett to assist with its outreach effort, which is being funded by the Student Achievement Initiative. With her help, the Writing Center will be improving visibility around campus and updating its website.

Music
- Dr. Donna Huffman performed professionally on trumpet, April 8, for the United Churches in Tacoma.
- The Centralia College Jazz Combo performed April 18 for the student GSA Club Community Forum.
- The Centralia College Jazz Band, Rock Band, and Jazz Combo will perform at Spring Fest 2012. This will take place near the clock tower May 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Voice majors Kristina Knutson and Abigail Potter have been accepted at Pacific Lutheran University with scholarships of more than $12,000 each. They will both sing at the Centralia College Commencement Ceremony June 15.
- To major in performance in the fall of 2012, saxophone major David Hoogkamer was accepted at Western Washington University, and trombone major Spencer Nelson was accepted at Pacific Lutheran University.
- The Lewis County Community Band Concert, part of the Continuing Education Program at Centralia College, will perform in Corbet Theatre May 29 at 7:30 p.m. Several music majors will perform solos at that concert. The concert is free of charge.
- The Centralia College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Donna Huffman, will present an evening of desserts and music June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Harrison Square Presbyterian Church. The jazz band will also be assisting with the concert.

Anthropology-Spanish
- During spring break from March 23 to April 1, Spanish professor Laura Yocom and anthropology professor Greg van Alstyne took a group of Centralia College students on a class fieldtrip to Belize. They visited three major classic period Maya archaeological sites, waded an underground river for two miles to a Maya ceremonial sacrifice, broke up into pairs and stayed with indigenous Mopan Maya families in a small village for two nights and a day, hiked a trail in the only Jaguar Nature Reserve in the world, and stayed for two nights and a day at a Garifuna drumming center in the small village of Hopkins participating in Afro-Carib culture on the Caribbean coast. The students heard pidgin English, Garifuna, Mopan Mayan and Spanish, saw plenty of howler monkeys, wildlife and abundant plant life. To a person the students said it was a spectacular and life-changing experience.

LIBRARY/eLEARNING/INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
Sue Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning
- eLearning is offering a zero credit Intro to Online Learning course each quarter. Students can enroll in this course at no cost. Kathy Brooks teaches students how to use the online learning management system and how to be successful as an online student.
- Kathy Brooks presented at the annual Tegrity Users Conference held in Seattle. She was invited as a panelist to discuss approaches to adding closed captions to lectures recorded using the Tegrity system.
Assuming the state contract is finalized, Canvas will be our college’s next online learning management system (replacing Angel). While the move isn’t scheduled until next year, we are partnering with Lower Columbia College to use their Canvas system for the new Bachelor of Applied Science program. This hybrid program will rely on the system for delivery of the online portions of the courses. The benefit of this partnership is for the students in the program who will not have to switch from Angel to Canvas midway.

CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES
Cristi Heitschmidt – Associate Dean, Child & Family Studies

ECE (Early Childhood Education)
- In 2009 the Department of Early Learning convened the Professional Development Consortium. The work was guided by the mandates for the Washington State legislature and addressed the following requirements:
  - Create the Core Competencies for Early Care and Youth Professionals defining what early care and education professionals need to know and be able to do to provide quality care for infants, toddlers, and young children.
  - Develop the Washington (WA) State Career Lattice for Early Care and Education Professionals.
  - These developments increase the demand for clear pathways for advancement on the career lattice and in our statewide education system. The ECE Certificate project has created Initial Certificates, Specialized Certificates, and an ECE State Certificate.
  - Common course numbers, templates and competencies for 14 courses in the certificates have been developed.

TEEN (Teens Entering Education Now)
- Twenty Teen students and staff attended the April 17 Lyceum “Anne Frank: Through the Eyes of a Friend”. Students had studied the life of Anne Frank in both History and English classes during winter quarter. The Lyceum was a reinforcement of previous learning.

- The TEEN container gardens have been prepared and are ready for planting by the end of April. We plan to plant a variety of squash, potatoes, cucumbers and other hardy crops that will sustain as food/nutrition lab resources. Smaller containers are used for chard, lettuce greens, peppers, berries, herbs, carrots, etc. Kari Winsor of Blue Earth Farms continues to help supply us with seed and plants as a part of the community school garden project. Of special note, Kari often brings in fresh greens, chard and other vegetables from her green house for students to take home for their families. She has also brought in plants for students to take home to start a small garden of their own. We are moving in to our fourth year of this project, and students are becoming more adventuresome in their eating of organic vegetables. We are impacting two generations as they change their eating behaviors for themselves and their children!!

- As a part of our regular school day, TEEN students volunteered in children’s activities and had opportunity to bring their children to the recent Family Funfest on April 20, 2012. All students who participated received community service hours for their high school portfolios.

Passport to College Education Support Program
- The Education Support program has created a pilot mentor program. Talisa Galloway who is transferring from our campus to St. Martin’s University in the fall, has been selected to mentor a student in our program who is finishing a high school diploma. We look forward to the navigation mentor role as helpful in transitioning to the college level.

- Chris Bauer, a former CC student, presented to our current students on the legislative advocacy for foster care in 2012, which is being supported by action from the Mockingbird Society a student-led advocacy group out of Seattle.
CLS (Children’s Lab School)
- Two distributions of Page Ahead books to classrooms have taken place. This grant funded project requires classrooms to do activities around a certain book or author, include parents in the activity, and allows for each child in our program to choose a book of their own.
- Manager attended FOI (Frontiers of Innovation) meeting in Sea-Tac in preparation for a strategy planning meeting with researchers and policy advocates in Boston in May.
- Lab School and ECEAP staff were invited to attend “The Great Cross Country Race” (Tortoise and the Hare) presented by the drama department on April 30.
- Prekindergarten and ECEAP are collaborating with the art department to complete a felting project.
- Enrollment is full for spring quarter.

PSS (Parent Support Services)
- Rebecca Scott and Nancy Keaton are serving on sub-committees of the Lewis County Autism Coalition. One sub-committee is working on implementing a pilot summer program for families of children with Autism and one sub-committee is working on the Fall Autism Conference.
- Staff will be attending the Children’s Justice Conference in Seattle May 14-15.

Parenting Education
- Cristi Heitschmidt, Linda Wilcox attended the Onalaska Community Dinner April 24. The evening featured food, cultural information and activities from the Spanish, Scandinavian and Native American cultures that make up the community of Onalaska. The invitation to attend the dinner was extended to us by the elementary school ELL coordinator who had worked with the Spanish Strengthening Families Program (SFP). This was a great opportunity to celebrate community and learn more about the families who live in Onalaska.
- A Winning at Fatherhood class has begun at Greenhill School. This is an exciting opportunity to impact the lives of young men who are fathers in challenging circumstances.

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- ECEAP staff members have been attending trainings to prepare to make some big changes in our tracking and assessment systems for the next school year. EMS (the ECEAP Management System) is being replaced by ELMS (the Early Learning Management System) and will create a fully online more efficient tracking system for enrollment info, medical and dental follow-up info, and family information.
- ECEAP will also be adopting a new teaching assessment tool for use in student and family growth. Teaching Strategies GOLD (TS GOLD) is also an online system that will allow our teachers to track fully up-to-date and relevant student and family information.

The combination of these two new systems will allow for a tremendous increase in our ability to monitor and report on program strengths and weaknesses, and in turn, grow in our ability to better serve families.
- Trainers from ESD 113 have made a few trips to our campus to stage observations as well as provide trainings specific to our ECEAP program’s implementation of literacy strategies through our participation in the Sound to Harbor Early Literacy grant. Administrators and teachers have also participated in observations and trainings at ESD 113 and Cascade Elementary classrooms. Teachers have been implementing strategies and are seeing amazing results in many of our students.
- Confirmation has been given that there will be no changes to ECEAP funding for the 2012-2013 school year. It is very encouraging in this tough economy to know that Early Learning is highly supported by the legislature.
Micah Rose, ECEAP Program Manager, has been approved to become a certified Right Response trainer for the college and will be attending a certification course in either June or August. Right Response is a de-escalation training course that can be used to train staff, students, and parents.

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

ABE
- After a very successful winter quarter the on-ramp to IBEST project was started up again for spring quarter. Gloria Price, ECE faculty as well as Zoe Vandergrift, business faculty, are continuing as the vocational partner instructors with Kerry Trethewey, Tom Enbody, and Erin Baker as the core ABE instructors.

- Spring quarter also saw the start of the new GED refresher course facilitated by Erin Baker, ABE faculty. The course is intended to fill the gap created by the loss of the ability to benefit option for students without a GED or High School diploma, who are ready and motivated to enroll in college level classes.

ESL
- We are very proud that Judith Aguilar, ESL faculty and coordinator, is one of this year’s winners of the Centralia College Foundation Exceptional Faculty Award. Criteria for the award included evidence of a commitment to the faculty member’s primary assignment and excellence achieved in his/her area of responsibility; and participation by the faculty member in campus activities, civic organizations, community service, and/or professional organizations. Throughout her many years of service Judith has shown outstanding commitment to her students, the campus community as well as the community at large. Congratulations to Judith for a well-deserved award!

- Judith Aguilar reports that the ESL evening program has been holding special presentations once a week in which community agencies participate. The WSU Extension Office offered two presentations on “How to handle and store food” as well as “Healthy snacks and easy meals”. The Riverside Fire Authority talked about fire prevention and the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Susan Fabian from the Centralia Timberland Library helped students apply for and obtain library cards and explained what types of materials can be found at the library and what services are offered. In May, Dr. Joe Dolezal will give a presentation on eye care and will screen students. On May 10, the Outreach Coordinator from USCIS will present “Immigration 101” and also talk about Naturalization. This event will be at 6:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. Later in May, the Lewis County Emergency Management Team will talk about disaster preparedness and to finish up the quarter, the Master Gardeners will come to teach students how to do container gardening.

- The new ESL class at Villa Los Milagros is slowly growing. There is a group of very dedicated women who bring their children. They take turns watching the kids so all can study English. The word is spreading!

- Judith Aguilar and Betsy Wellings will be attending the state El-Civics retreat on Friday, May 11, representing the ESL Department.

Pre-college
- This quarter also saw the first implementation of the developmental IBEST project. Although it has been a complicated undertaking due to the collaboration of the many faculty and staff involved, it is expected that the project will lead to higher retention, course completion and ultimately degree completion rates.
WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING

Bev Gestrine – Director, Workfirst, Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) & Worker Retraining Programs

Worker Retraining (WRT)
- The 2012-13 Worker Retraining Plan has been submitted through the Online Grant and Management System to the State Board. The award amount is $849,192, which represents a performance increase of $110,664 over last year. The FTE increased from 155 to 179, which means we can serve more students next year. The Worker Retraining Advisory Committee met to review the grant and consider extending Worker Retraining to cover GED classes/testing fees in light of the changes in the Ability to Benefit process for Financial Aid. After some discussion the committee approved the proposed GED policy. The Worker Retraining Financial Aid Advisory Committee met May 2, where the GED policy change will be reviewed.

- The new Medical Assistant, Associate of Technical Arts, was added to the state’s Eligible Training Provider List, Career Bridge. The program staff are actively marketing to prospective students.

- A third quarter Power Plant student stopped by the office to thank staff for our service and to inform us that “he has worked in many businesses and has owned a few and knows good businesses practices when he sees them”. He said “the business model used by our office is exceptional”. While we often have students’ thank us for service, they usually aren’t that specific.

WorkFirst
- Margret Fridley and Connie Robertson served as readers/scorers on the 2012-13 WorkFirst grants. They welcomed the opportunity to see how other colleges’ prepared their plans and to gain more information about the scoring process.

- Lesona Hartman and Connie Robertson are still very involved with the Options Program. Both DSHS and Employment Security have been collecting data. It confirms our belief that participation is up; participants are excited about the next path they choose; and that they are completing the training they start. Even though the job market is very tough out there right now, our Options people are finding jobs. Our Options program has been acknowledged by the administration of both the Department of Social and Health Services and Employment Security Department as an approach that works and worthy of emulation by other counties. It is very exciting.

- Lesona and Connie are also keeping up with all their duties at the college; sometimes scheduling can be challenging. They cover each other while teaching at Options, so that works well. They also have a very good work study student that fills in when they need him.

- WorkFirst is coming up on the GAP activities soon, and Lesona and Connie are developing a new curriculum for GAP that expands concepts taught in Options. Most of the participants taking GAP activities will have already completed Options so they want to build on that if they can.

Basic Food Education & Training (BFET)
- The BFET grant is due to the State Board through the Online Grant and Management System on May 17. The State Board asked Bev Gestrine to increase the request by 30%, which of course staff are happy to do. Bev and staff have built a very successful BFET team with our agency partners, the business office, financial aid and our office. Currently, Debra Caviness has 207 BFET students spring quarter.

- The spring quarter BFET newsletter has been sent to participating students. The letter contains up-to-date information, such as, campus events, graduation information, the job fair, and help from staff person, Lanny Blanksma. Lanny will be helping BFET students with course assignments on Thursday afternoons.
Other

- WorkFirst and Worker Retraining staff Michelle Hylton and Joan Meister have been posting information for students on the new Facebook page titled Centralia College – Worker Retraining, BFET (Basic Food) and WorkFirst. They have been sharing information to help students regarding Financial Aid and reduced prescription sites.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

- The month of May will be extremely hectic with all the end of year activities and the removal of everything in the Welding shop, Dean’s office, and Workforce conference room. Combine that with the preparation and refiguring of the Nursing Assistant classroom for the fall start-up of Medical Assistant and you have quite a flurry of activity. If we look a little under dressed for work it is because we are putting together shelves & cabinets and hauling furniture! The Diesel Club is going to help clean the Welding yard of materials that can be recycled. They will be using the excavator and forklift to crush things into movable sizes!

- We hosted two information sessions for Medical Assistant and we were very impressed with the students who attended. We also appreciate the staff from the college who attended and provided answers to some of the questions asked by potential students. We have worked on getting this program in place for at least two years and look forward to our first graduates next spring. Once the program has officially started, we will seek national certification. All courses and skills are being prepared to meet the certification standards.

Welding Technology
Submitted by Mike Driscoll and Ken Cotton

- According to the April issue of Welding Journal, topping the list of ten most difficult jobs to fill in the U.S. was skilled trade workers – a category that includes welders, fabricators, and metalworkers. The article went on to say that the bright spot was the work being done by community colleges around the country to equip future workers with the skills they need to succeed in the competitive 21st century economy.

- This spring the Welding Department has been awarded $128,000 dollars for welding machines and specialty equipment to expand the curriculum. We are excited and ready to get the remodel underway. We will begin cleaning out the surplus scrap in the next couple of weeks with the help from the Diesel Club and then empty the shop after May 26.

Nursing
Submitted by Nola Ormrod

- Nursing students are demonstrating true Team Nursing by collaborating in the classroom, SIMulation lab, and off-campus clinical experiences. Sixth quarter RN students (who will graduate at the end of this quarter) are joining 3rd quarter (first year) RN students in clinical settings to assist and guide them in their first acute care and team nursing clinical experiences. The 2nd year students are also organizing and conducting SIMulation experiences for small groups of 1st year students. Today in SIM lab a stroke was identified and much needed emergency care was obtained in a timely manner. One day this week, both classes met together to review Neurologic testing and CVA (CerebroVascular Accident-Stroke) care.

- Following commencement on Friday, June 15, Nursing graduates will hold a Pinning Ceremony in Corbet Theater on Saturday, June 16 at 2pm. You are all invited to come and share the proud celebration. Formal announcements will be sent to you closer to the date.
Diesel Technology
Submitted by Jake Conrad

- We are happy to say that almost half of our second year students will be gone next week into co-op positions. Pape’ Machinery was here last week and hired two for summer positions that can turn permanent after they graduate from MSUN. One has been hired by General Electric for their locomotive shop in Havre. This will be full time for the summer and part time while attending MSUN. One student will be working for Weyerhaeuser PeEll in their truck shop and another will be with Intercity Transit in Olympia. Two others have moved to North Dakota and secured employment their first day in town. Several others are employed locally. It looks like we will be transferring seven students this year to Northern. Our Deere 160LC excavator arrived and the loaner Komatsu PC25LC-6 from Weyerhaeuser PeEll also showed up. We recently put decals on our lab vehicles. They are all licensed and do get driven around town to fetch parts and supplies. The red Dodge and white Ford dump truck were purchased from state surplus and the blue and white Ford was donated by a local man.

Center of Excellence for Energy Technology
Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director

Department of Energy Smart Grid Project Montana partners meetings hosted by Northwestern Energy, Attendees represented Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Utah partners, April 18/19

- Curriculum Development Committee - Chaired by Jay Pickett, Centralia City Light: Jay Pickett announced his transition from Centralia City Light Operations Manager to Pend Oreille PUD General Manager effective May 7. A newly developed Smart Grid module was presented by Pacific Northwest National Labs entitled Substation and Distribution Automation: Module 1 Introduction and Evolution of Electric Distribution Systems – module submitted to committee for final approval; will be hosted on PNCECE website:
  - Part 1: History of electrical distribution in North America
  - Part 2: Distribution system design characteristics
  - Part 3: Operational and planning considerations
  - Part 4: Simulation and analysis

Smart Grid Manufacturing Taskforce – Chaired by Dave Sorenson, Utah WestCamp

- Meeting focused on overview and goals of taskforce. Potential members representing all five states were asked for a commitment to the taskforce. The taskforce will be identifying small manufacturing companies that are developing new smart grid technologies.
Education Taskforce – Chaired by Ryan Fedie, BPA

- Northwestern Energy presented an overview of their Smart Meter installation program funded under the BPA $180 million Smart Grid Demonstration project. To date 180 meters have been installed and are being tested in Montana. Montana State University presented an overview of their Energy Efficiency program. MSU is the newest of the partners in the project and will be developing a series of consumer based videos to be hosted on the PNCECE website. Anchor university partners have now been developed in each state and contracts have been completed; Montana – Montana State University, Oregon - Portland State University, Idaho - Idaho State University Energy Systems Technology and Education Center, Washington – Washington State University Energy Program, Utah – Utah Valley University. Each university has a significantly different role in the project. Barbara Hins-Turner presented an update of grant activities to date - Training Target: 1215 at application - trained to date 2,814; Job Placements Target: 234 Hires at application - to date 127 placed (54.3% placement).

Center of Excellence Directors Meeting – Renton Technical College, April 25

- Barbara Hins-Turner and Monica Brummer attended the quarterly Directors meeting. Monica presented the PNCECE website and led a discussion on joint marketing for the centers. A marketing taskforce was formed with an invitation to Monica to participate.

KNOLL Smart Energy Lab Project

- John Hofman, Engineering student and Centralia City Light intern is leading the development of a Clean Energy Lab as part of the KNOLL project. PNCECE teamed up with Centralia City Light to bring this example to our community. Each and every component is produced within Washington State and brings a special rebate that is returned to the college through net metering of the power that is produced within the solar/wind turbine system. The power that is produced here is sent back into the local power grid and is used mostly by those closest to the system, which happens to be the college itself. The project is funded through the Mark and Laura Johnson fund, Centralia City Light, Lewis County Economic Development Council/Dept of Commerce grant and the U.S. Dept of Energy Smart Grid grant.

7th Annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit

- Panels and guest speakers are being confirmed for the main summit day, June 21, which will feature two panels: The Challenges of Educating America’s Workforce and How Consumers will Drive the Workforce. Breakout sessions will focus on building greener construction (Build it Smart), WSU - defining the customer service representative in the utility industry, and smart grid manufacturing. Summit registration is open at http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- CCEast is excited to welcome Lisa Wilson to our campus. Starting May 16, Lisa will provide weekly advising, including Running Start, and counseling services for the students at CCEast. Additionally, she will continue offering an annual CCEast Running Start Orientation to meet the need for and at the request of local high school counselors, students, and their families. This year’s CCEast Running Start Orientation will be May 23.

- Centralia College East Organization of Students (CCEOS) have a busy spring quarter planned. Their quarter goals include fundraising for the summer musical, a social event to build community among the students, a leadership activity on the Cispus Challenge Course, and a community service project supporting Relay for Life.
▪ Terry Burres finished installing five new computers that were awarded to CCEast via the Student Use Fee Application process. Thanks to the students and the committee CCEast added a computer to the ITV classroom as well as replaced the computers in the two large classrooms and in the commons area.

▪ One of our goals is to provide our students with services and events similar to those offered on main campus. Thus far, spring quarter has been an eventful one.
  ○ CCEast participated in the Earth Day Food Drive. Students donated three cans of food, which will be donated to a local food bank, in exchange for a fabulous Earth Day t-shirt.
  ○ Dennis Hatch proctored eleven GED Tests for seven CCEast students and members of the community. Thanks to Lindsay Harjo and our Literacy Council for providing testing scholarships to qualifying CCEast students.
  ○ Mary Myhre has scheduled frequent visits to answer questions and provide assistance with FAFSA and financial aid for new and returning students.
  ○ We celebrated Student Worker Appreciation Day with cake, certificates, and goodie bags from Joan Rogerson in Student Employment. CCEast provides flexible employment opportunities for a courier, computer lab assistant, front desk assistants, math tutor and maintenance aid.
  ○ Congratulations go out to 29 CCEast students who were among those recognized for a GPA of 3.74 or higher at the Honor Student Recognition Reception.
  ○ Students and community members flock to both the International Film Festival and the Lyceum Lecture Series. Award winning movies such as Brothers, the Danish version, and The English Patient have been shown already this quarter. Lyceum has featured “At Mount St. Helens the Unimaginable Happens” and “An Update on Lewis County” with over half the audience comprised of community members each week.
  ○ Our young at heart students are enjoying Terry Burres’ Computers for the Fearful and April Doolittle’s Better Bones and Balance classes.

CEDAR CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER (CCCC)
Sarah Sytsma – Education Director

▪ Faculty and staff at CCCC attended the Washington Correctional Education Association conference that was held at the Alderbrook Resort April 15-17. The conference provided several professional development sessions and important networking opportunities.

  A big thank you to Stuart Halsan who presented a wonderful session titled Politics 101. Stuart was also our dinner keynote speaker on Monday, April 16.

▪ Graduation is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2012, in the evening, in the visit room at Cedar Creek.