



LWTech President, Amy Goings, greets everyone at the STTACC Conference.

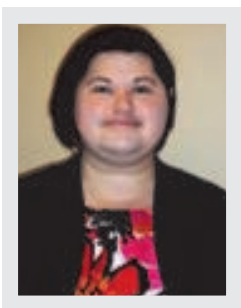


STTACC CHAT

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Dear STTACC Members,

Thank you for allowing me to be the 2016-2017 STTACC Board President. I am very proud to be a part of such a rewarding organization. Please join me in welcoming the new members to the Board and thanking those who served on the STTACC Board last year!

My plan for the 2016-2017 year is to continue the work of recent STTACC Boards, continuing to promote STTACC, improve membership and making STTACC a resource for all classified staff.

The first Audit Committee is being formed to review the financial records for 2015-2016. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact me at president@sttacc.net.

Are you interested in improving your leadership, organizational and networking skills? Have you thought about hosting the Annual STTACC Conference? Well now is your time! We are still looking for a college to host the 2016-2017 STTACC Conference. Please contact the STTACC Board if you are interested.

Thank you in advance for all your support to the STTACC Board this year, we are very excited to be working with you and seeing where we can take STTACC in the future and how to best serve our members.

Paula Boerner

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2015-16 STTACC Board

MISSION

"STTACC supports innovation, training and leadership by providing resources and connections to our Classified Staff members throughout Washington State."

2016 - 2017 Board Meetings

- November 3-4, 2016 - Trollhaugan Lodge
- February 24, 2017 - To Be Determined
- May 5, 2017 - To Be Determined
- August 2017 - To Be Determined

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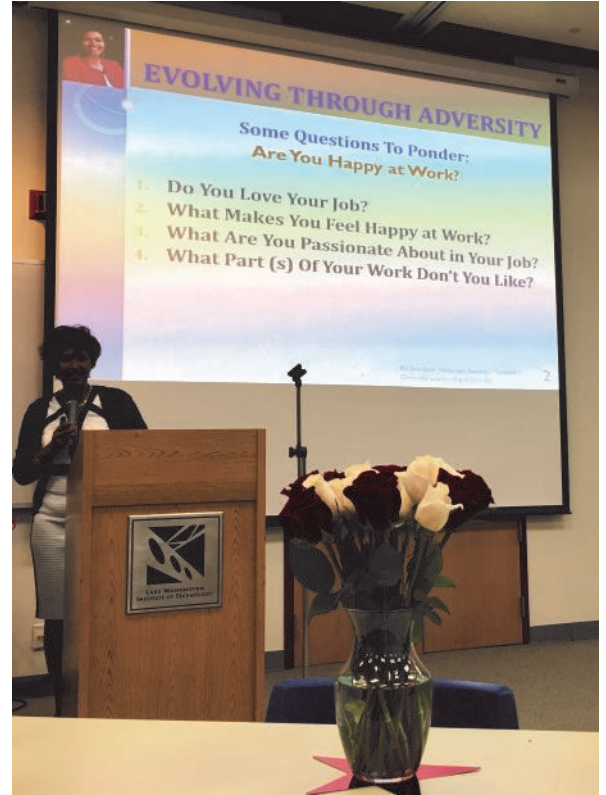
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2016 STTACC Conference Photos



Keynote Speaker, [Seconde Nimenya](#), gave an inspirational speech about her struggle for education in Burundi and motivated the audience to discover what is important in their lives.





2016 STTACC Conference Photos



I enjoyed this conference immensely and hope to attend again in the future.

The “Effective Communication Skills” presentation was very helpful, especially when addressing questions from non-supporters of community and technical colleges. The main point I took away from this session was how to turn around a negative question with a positive response.

The Transitional Veteran Student presentation was very engaging and had many good ideas that I plan to use, i.e. how to engage with veterans from different time periods or how to support the different genders as well as checking in with the Vet throughout their time at your college.

Sheila Walton, Director of Student Programs was a delight. Her presentation of “Student Engagement” was on point! I really enjoyed it. She had examples on how to deal with many different comfortable and uncomfortable situations that front line staff could relate to and learn from.

I only wish the sessions were longer. Many of the presenters were rushed in trying to deliver a 3 hour presentation in 45 minutes

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2016 STTACC Conference Photos



Thank you attendees for bringing in raffle prizes! A special shout out goes to Green River College for their fifty bags to commemorate their 50th Anniversary.





2016 STTACC Conference Photos

Congratulations to our 2015 Exemplary Award Winners

STTACC Exemplary Staff Awards have been established to provide annual recognition of Community and Technical College Classified Staff. These distinguished awards will serve as an accolade to recognize one of the most critical attributes to successful institution.



Joanie Meister (left) receiving award from Region A Coordinator, Barb Crowell (right).



Region C Coordinator, Jan Beatty-Adams (left), presenting award to Kimberly Crombie.

Region A:

Joanie Meister
Centralia College

Region B:

Brion Gamboa
North Seattle College

Region C:

Kimberly Crombie
Everett Community College

Region D:

Randy Fish
Big Bend Community College

Region E:

Sharon James
Olympic College



Region E Coordinator, Eric Corp (left), presenting award to Sharon James (right).



Barbara Collins (left) announced the Region D winner and Robin Arriaga (right) accepted it on behalf of Randy Fish, who was unable to attend.





2016 STTACC Conference Photos



Awards Banquet Entertainment by Hokulani's Hula Studio



Members learning the Hukilau.





C Region C College Update



Ex Libris Alma Training

Submitted by Alyssa Jones

The BTC library belongs to a consortium of sixteen community and technical college libraries in Washington state: The ORCA Consortium and all ORCA libraries are in the process of transitioning to a new automation system called Ex Libris Alma. This is a system that manages all of the library operations such as acquisition of library materials, cataloging the resources, circulation services and generating data for reporting purposes. The preparation for the migration of our data, from the old Voyager system to the new Alma system, has been in the works for about six months. After a considerable amount of daily training during the month of June, Lynn Robinson, Library Specialist, completed requirements to become an Ex Libris Alma Certified System Administrator.

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D Region D College Update (Continued)

Big Bend Community College

Submitted by Barbara Collins



Summer is over and the last 6 months have been busy. BBCC is still under construction in the administration building. However, it does not look like the renovation will be completed before students return in September. New student registration sessions are filling up class enrollments for fall quarter, including the 2016 approved programs for criminal justice, SIM Tech, and Unmanned Aerial Systems. Students are encouraged to attend a Viking Orientation. BBCC staff and clubs are also invited to Viking Orientation to introduce students to campus opportunities. ASB will bring back Dion Jordan as a motivational speaker. There are three options available to choose from; September 14 from 5-8 p.m., September 15 from 8-11:30 a.m. and September 16 1-4:30 p.m.

The Human Resource office is busy filling faculty and staff positions. The M&O department gets the gold medal award for the most recent hires; (3) including the addition of James Saucedo as the new director of facilities who continues to share weekly updates and photos of the renovation project.

The STAR Committee Update

The STAR Committee has been very active at BBCC. The purpose of the committee is to provide workshops and trainings specific to professional development that could help move classified staff into a leadership role. We will expand from 10 members to 12 for the 2016-17 academic year. Key leadership roles are past chair, lead chair, co-chair, secretary/treasurer and marketing/publicist. These are one year terms with a succession plan included in the roles and responsibilities.

The STAR Committee established a Buddy System for newly hired classified staff. One committee member was assigned to welcome the new hire and be a face-to face contact as they adjusted to the BBCC campus. We will now expand this to include other classified staff personnel who will be assigned to a new hire as needed.

Staff Training and Professional Development

On August 18th, Heidi Summers, Director of Workforce Education Services, presented; Leadership at all Levels. She shared with us the five practices of exemplary leadership based on Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner's, The Leadership Challenge. The BBCC Leadership Development Team will bring back Ben Messner to campus on September 14th.

The committee will have a draft of the 2016-17 schedule soon. Professional development and personal enrichment training(s) are reported monthly and shared in the Board of Trustees meeting packet. This training is in the form of campus webinars, online courses, and 1-2 day trainings throughout the state. Classified staff who attend the most trainings during the academic year are then recognized at the year -end celebration.



Big Bend
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Big Bend Community College (Continued)



Community Service Projects

Our summer community service projects is collecting school supplies for the Foster Care Program of Grant and Adams Counties. Collection boxes are in three locations on campus and the donations will be delivered after September 30th.

Staff Recognition

Three classified staff attended the STTACC conference at Lake Washington Technical College. The keynote speaker, Seconde Nimenya, and workshop facilitators had valuable information participants could use in their workplace and everyday life. Included in the agenda was elections for the 2016-17 STTACC Board. Barbara Collins was elected as Region D Coordinator. Her role on the Board is to be the primary contact for STTACC communication to all other Region D colleges; Big Bend, Columbia Basin, Spokane, Wenatchee, Walla Walla, and Yakima.

As incoming 2016-17 Region D Coordinator, Barbara announced Randy Fish as the Exemplary Staff Award winner at the STTACC awards dinner. His nomination follows the BBCC award he received in June. Randy was unable to attend the conference, and Robin Arriaga accepted the award on his behalf. He will officially receive the award at BBCC from one of the Board of Trustees members.



STTACC Chat Deadlines

Your input to the STTACC Chat publication is critical to the mission of this organization. Below are the quarterly deadlines to submit news about the professional development opportunities available at your campus. Articles may also include interesting facts about your college and photos. This your chance to share what is happening at your college.

Articles are due to Region Coordinator

Please see page 2 for your region contact information.

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Include the following in the subject line of the email:

1. Your college name

2. The words "STTACC Chat Article"



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Region E College Updates

Bates Technical College

Submitted by Amelia Fortuno

This year's kick-off event for employees (before the fall quarter started on September 26) includes professional development trainings such as: How Quality Customer Service Leads Toward Institutional Success and Understanding Human Diversity for Student Success. It is the first time this event has been extended to two days (September 19-20).

The newly formed Professional Development Committee has been working diligently on streamlining processes and increasing opportunities for Classified staff to attend trainings. An electronic form (through Outlook) was created to increase efficiency for staff to get pre-approved, by their supervisor and HR, to attend professional development trainings. A grant application form has also been made available to help cover costs for professional development training, any long-distance travel required for the training, and books/supplies that would be required. The grant fund is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Future plans for the Committee, possibly include offering training on October 21 during the Faculty's Professional Development Day (since there would not be any students on that day). The Committee's goal is to get as many Classified staff to attend trainings with minimum disruption to serving our students and community.



A Letter from the Past President - Kristine Horndt



Hello!

It was wonderful to see many of you at our Annual Conference at LWTech last month. I hope that those whom were able to attend found the experience to be rewarding and enriching both personally and professionally. I am excited to work with the STTACC Board in the coming year, to assist in any capacity needed. We are always here for all of you and look forward to hearing your thoughts. Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the year. I will be here to listen. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve on the STTACC board for one more year. It has definitely been, and will continue to be, a very gratifying experience for me. If any of you are considering becoming more involved with STTACC, I would highly recommend it and would love to chat with you about all the benefits I've gained from being on the STTACC board. I wish all of you a good start to the 2016-2017 school year!!

Kristine Horndt

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