



STTACC CHAT

Winter 2018

Letter from the President

Hello All,

I hope all of you enjoyed your holiday season and that you are off to a wonderful New Year!

I can't believe we are almost at the halfway point of Winter Quarter. If you have not heard, Micki Wells from Green River College is now President-Elect. Welcome Micki! The Winter Board Meeting is scheduled for March 27th at Pierce College. If there is anything you would like to have discussed at this meeting, please contact your Region Coordinator or any one of the Board Members.



SAVE THE DATE: REGION A (Grays Harbor College) is hosting a one day conference on April 11th from 9:30am to 2:30pm with guest speaker Helen Thayer.

Upcoming STTACC activities:

- Exemplary Staff Award Nominations
- Opportunity Drawing for the Annual STTACC Conference
- STTACC Board Elections
- Annual STTACC Conference@ Wenatchee Valley College August 16th & 17th

The new STTACC Website is up and functioning. Thank you Will & Shelly for all your hard work! If you have not visited the STTACC site in a while, please go to www.STTACC.net and send us your feedback.

Did you know that 2018 marks the **40th** Anniversary of STTACC? Your current STTACC Committee is busy planning something special for this year's conference. I would like to see the largest college member turn out for the Annual STTACC Conference this year!

STTACC is here for you, to listen to you, to consider various suggestions from you and to assist you in any way that we can. Please feel free to contact anyone on the STTACC Board and we will listen!

Sincerely,

Paula Boerner

STTACC President
Grays Harbor College

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STTACC is looking for past conference materials. If you have materials from a STTACC Annual Conference, please email communicationcoordinator@sttacc.net to make arrangements for items to be copied or picked up. We are trying to create a resource for future conference hosts.

Word Search Fun

See the back page for answers

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Are you creative? Do you like games? How about submitting a game for the next issue or STTACC Chat? Email communicationcoordinator@sttacc.net by April 13, 2018.

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Start Planning Now!

The STTACC board will help fund (up to \$200) for a training event for the colleges in your region. Contact your [Region Coordinator](#) for more information!

Website Update

Have you seen the new website yet? William Frankhouser, STTACC Webmaster, has been working hard to transfer all the files over from the previous website. Is there something missing? Do you have any suggestions or ideas for content? One thing we are looking to add, is a page with a list of all the member college's classified staff professional development committees. If your college has a classified staff training program/committee or you have any suggestions or comments about the website, please email webmaster@sttacc.net.

STTACC Chat

STTACC Chat is published quarterly. The Communication Coordinator, currently Shelly Scanlan, also acts as editor. If you see any errors or omissions, please contact Shelly at communicationcoordinator@sttacc.net. STTACC welcomes the opportunity to share training workshops, classes, conferences attended, certifications obtained, and other professional development opportunities geared toward classified staff. Email your STTACC [College Contact](#) by 4/13/18 to be published in the spring issue of STTACC Chat.

Training Opportunities

STTACC would like to enhance the [training resources page](#) on our website. Please send an email to webmaster@sttacc.net if you have any training opportunities that you would like to share with other classified staff. Maybe you have a list on your college website or have participated in a class or attended a conference that was really beneficial to you as a classified staff person. Talk to your classified development committee or human resources staff. We are seeking presentations, workshops, classes, books and other professional development resources to share. We are also looking to build a list of keynote speakers and trainers and provide scholarship resources. Please be mindful of copyrights.

Winter 2018 CTC Leadership Development Association Conference

March 2, 2018 - Kirkland, Washington

CTC is honored to have keynote speaker, Michael Horn, the author and co-author of multiple books, white papers, and articles on education, including the award winning book [Disputing Class, How Disruptive Innovation Will Change the Way the World Learns](#) and the Amazon bestseller [Blended, Using Disruptive Innovation to Improve Schools](#). Horn is an expert on disruptive innovation, online learning, blended learning, competency-based learning and how to transform the education system into a student-centered one. To register go to [CTC Leadership Development Association website](#).

3rd Annual Mentoring Conference

April, 6, 2018 - Everett Community College, Everett, Washington

The 3rd Annual Mentoring Conference theme is "Relationship Building. Registration will open on Friday, February 16, 2018. This conference is open to classified staff, faculty, administrators and students. Are you interested in presenting? Proposals are being accepted until February 16, 2016. For more information please go to the [Mentoring Conference webpage](#). The early bird registration fee is only \$50!



Take a Walk on the Wild Side!

August 16-17, 2018 - Wenatchee, Washington

The Annual STTACC Conference will be held at Wenatchee Valley College on August 16-17, 2018. There will be a focus on the outdoors, health and wellness, ctLink and other interesting software sessions. Make a weekend of it and see the sights! If you have any questions about the conference, please [contact Conference Coordinator, Wendy Glenn](#).

UNM Mentoring Conference

October 22-26, 2018 - Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Mentoring Institute at UNM is pleased to announce its 10th Annual Mentoring Conference, A Decade of Cultivating an Inclusive Mentoring Community: Developmental Networks for Innovation, Achievement, and Transformation. The Mentoring Institute's Annual Mentoring Conference features a total of 13 plenary sessions, 1 round-table session, 3 pre-conference workshops (master sessions), 1 poster session, and over 200 individual/panel presentations. We aim to host a broad constituency, including divisions of higher education, academic researchers, educators, community leaders, administrators, non-profit partners, government agencies, and other professionals. See [UNM Mentoring Conference](#) for more information.

Grays Harbor College

Submitted by Kristi Daniels

Latina Youth Summit

We hosted the Latinx Youth Summit for an all day long event which went off as smoothly and as successfully as one could possibly imagine. There were 35 workshops with 42 presenters. We had 485 students attend with counselors, teachers, and parents. The feedback was very positive overall both from attendees and presenters. According to some of our veteran staff that this was the largest event ever hosted by Grays Harbor College. This was the 15th Annual Latinx Youth Summit and the first one we have hosted, but Jim Minkler was told by the Hispanic Roundtable of South Sound who sponsors the event that this was the best organized event they have ever had. It really was an all-hands on deck with everybody from across the college and student government stepping up to help. Lindsey Coulson did a phenomenal job in event planning, and Jennifer Barber also needs to be recognized for her coordinating efforts. The number of volunteers were truly amazing and the whole event was very well organized. Well done to those that helped make this event such a success!

Holiday potluck in December

We tried something new to get others involved. We invited EVERYONE (Faculty, Exempt too!) to join in the fun. To participate, we asked for them to submit a baby picture of themselves and made a Power Point presentation (thank you Matthias Holder) that scrolled through and repeated during the potluck. We passed around voting sheets so while everyone enjoyed the great food, they viewed the Power Point on the big screen and tried to guess who everyone was. Stephanie Gibson (one of our newest board members as Treasurer) hand knitted a scarf in Seahawks colors for the winner with the most correct picks! We had 26 baby pics submitted and it seems everyone had fun with guessing.

Quarterly award winner: Lisa Krause, Human Resource Consultant 2

The HR office recently took on much of the work related to student employment that historically has been handled by the financial aid office. This has resulted in significantly more work being added to Lisa's plate and she's taken this on with a great attitude and is helping the HR office improve the experience for students. The College has also seen a significant increase in the number of position openings in the past year. Lisa has taken on this increase in an organized and efficient manner helping search committees with their work and candidates with their questions. Lisa engages with employees of the college in a professional manner and helps to make GHC a great place to work. KUDOS Lisa!

Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights Holiday parade has been ongoing for 30th years in Montesano. This year was a great success for GHC thanks to students and staff who came together as well as many members of the GSA club to participate in promoting our college, and providing candy canes that shared our information on them. We had a great time passing these out but ran out very quickly! We probably only made it ¼ of the way through the parade before all of them were gone! We had asked the CDL instructor to drive for us, and decorated one of the semi-trucks from the course in white and blue dancing lights in the shape of GHC's ship logo on both sides of the container on the back of the truck. Charlie Choker made an appearance at the front of our spot in the parade to guide our group through the frosty and cheerful crowd of onlookers lining the small streets and sidewalks of the parade route. The sky was clear though, so despite being very cold outside, it was still dry and bearable and continues to be a harbor event that everyone looks forward to every year and is attended by many! Thanks to Ivy Moyer, Vanessa Escobar & Phil Slep for helping light the way for the GHC to shine in this community wide annual event!

Commercial Food Prep Program

Our new Commercial Food Prep Program is underway winter quarter. This is a certificate of completion program that prepares student to go to work in the food industry and their first step towards a career that is very much in demand. It also can give them a starting point towards furthering their education in the culinary field.

There are currently 7 students enrolled in the program and expect the program to grow. The maximum class size is currently 12. They would like to have a once a year start date and next year they will plan to start in the fall. Classes are currently being held in the Aberdeen High School culinary classroom after school hours between Monday – Thursday from 3:30 – 8 pm. This allows students to do coursework on campus in the morning and early afternoon before attending class at the high school. It also gives flexibility for those individuals who are trying to work during the day or weekends. This program qualifies for Running Start and financial aid. Great opportunity for students!

GHC Foundation Scholarships

Forty-seven GHC students received a big boost towards achieving their academic dreams on November 9th when \$101,000 was awarded. Although the Fall Scholarship Awards Ceremony held in the HUB pales in comparison to the spring awards ceremony held in the Bishop Center, it is still a wonderful experience to see the appreciative faces of our students who are grateful to all the wonderful donors who give to the Grays Harbor College Foundation!

TRANSFER FAIR

Julie Skokan, Assistant Dean for Student Support Services, coordinated a transfer fair in December. Trio has been doing this event for about 7 years & continues to grow since it began. We started with 2 schools and now this year we had over 10 colleges and universities represented. They talked with and assisted over 27 students in applying for four year colleges and programs. In addition, we were visited by approximately 30 members of the North Beach Gear up program. These students listened to presentations from each of the schools and received lots of information on the steps necessary to prepare for college and applications. We plan on hosting a similar event in the spring.

The event was promoted and advertised through local radio stations and spread the word in our high schools through our new Outreach Specialist Vanessa Escobar and Lori Christmas our Running start coordinator. This really was a campus coordinated effort and it's a great opportunity for local students to explore their options by reaching out to many different colleges in one location close to home.

GHC REGION A CONFERENCE

Grays Harbor College will be hosting a Region A Conference featuring Helen Thayer as our guest speaker. We are excited to have Helen, who at age 50, was the first woman to travel alone to the Magnetic North Pole without dog sled, snowmobile, resupply, or support to share her stories of perseverance. She has climbed some of the world's highest mountains and is an award winning author. For those of us that attended the STTACC conference at Skagit Valley and got to hear Helen, we thought it would be great to have her here for our conference and share with other because of the value she brings from her experiences! Classified staff from Centralia, Clark, Lower Columbia, South Puget Sound, and the State Board will be invited to join us on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. There will be a couple of mini workshops including team building and soft skills, and lunch will be provided for a bargain price of \$15/per person. Look for more information to come via your college contact in the next few weeks. For additional information, please contact Marjie Stratton marjie.stratton@ghc.edu or 360-538-4011.

Retirement & Moving On

It seems 2017 was the year of retirement at GHC, 11 people total! Of the many retiring we had 2 longer term classified staff retiring who had 50 years combined : Linda Smith retired after 31 years and Chuck Funk after 19 year. With this brings new faces and changes. Sometimes change can be scary! I think it's always good to be reminded: "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new" ~ Socrates

Regional Conference for Region A

Grays Harbor College

April 11, 2018 9:30am-2:30pm

This conference is open to all colleges in [Region A](#). There will be two workshops and two presentations by Helen Thayer. Helen was the keynote speaker at the Annual Conference this year. She is truly “one-of-a-kind.” If you have never heard Helen speak before, you don’t want to miss this! Read about [Helen Thayer](#).

Grays Harbor College

Submitted by Sarah Alvarez

Why I Love My Job

I can honestly say I have fun at my job. I oversee the media center at Grays Harbor College and get to work with students, artists, musicians, and community members. I have opportunities to both teach and learn, to design and problem-solve. But you know what makes me truly love my job? My coworkers. They are incredible.

I’ve been at GHC for nine years; I was young, timid and cautious- I didn’t see how I would ever fit in. But so many staff members went out of their way to welcome me and ensure that I knew the resources available to me, from the WPEA to our Staff Development and Training Committee. With the help of my coworkers, I came out of my shell and found my voice.

And their help has gone well beyond helping me with my job; I recently experienced some health issues and found myself with a need for shared leave. I received an overwhelming amount of support in my absence, from leave donations to words of comfort. I felt so blessed to have such amazing coworkers, and will forever be grateful for them.

Like all colleges, Grays Harbor has experienced a great deal of adversity, with increased workloads being placed on our employees. Even while being stretched thin, I witnessed so many folks going above and beyond to help our students. The staff here are some of the strongest, most hard-working people that I know. Their passion and commitment to the college is admirable and inspiring, but all too often goes unrecognized.

So, to the staff at GHC- please know that you have helped me more than you will ever know, and that I look up to so many of you. To the rest of the folks reading this, you never know the extent of the impact that you make on your coworkers!

Keep being awesome, everyone.

Do you know someone who works at Clark College?



Clark College in Vancouver, Washington is currently not a member of STTACC. If you know someone who works at Clark College, please encourage them to contact their college administrators and inquire about becoming a STTACC member. Our goal is to have all the community and technical colleges of Washington state be members of STTACC. Membership provides classified staff the awareness of the professional development opportunities available to them, including the annual STTACC Conference which provides great opportunities for learning and connecting with other classified staff in the state.

Upscale Dining Delights at Percival Restaurant, South Puget Sound Community College

Retrieved from <https://spscc.edu>

On November 16, the Culinary Arts program at SPSCC in Olympia hosted their first of many wine paired dinners in the college's Percival Restaurant. In attendance were nearly 50 college and community members, including SPSCC president Tim Stokes.

The menu featured a triple cream brie, fresh wild king salmon, pomegranate key lime granita, Snake River Farms wagyu striploin, and a chocolate cream tart.

While the Percival Restaurant plans to continue its quarterly wine paired dinners (next dinner scheduled for Valentine's Day), they are also open to the community for lunch from Monday to Thursday and offer special reservations, catering, and event and meeting space.



See Culinary students at The Experience on [YouTube](#).

Centralia College Open House

Retrieved from www.centralia.edu

Centralia College is opening its doors to the community for an Open House from **4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8**, in the new TransAlta Commons building. This event is free and open to everyone. Childcare will be provided.

The college will be showcasing its programs and services, and welcoming members of the community to get a taste of life as a student. As part of the celebration, the college will be offering 15-minute sample classes in a variety of subjects, including math, business, biology, and IT, and a host of workshops aimed at answering the questions most would-be college students have before they start.

The free workshops will feature topics such as financial aid, worker retraining programs, student jobs, preschool, childcare, and much more. In addition, representatives from the college's bachelor's degree programs and student clubs will be available to answer questions and provide information on campus opportunities, and the college's new Makerspace (Electronics, Robotics, and Automation Studio in TAC 332) will be open to provide opportunities to explore college technology.

For more information, call 360-623-8428 or email events@centralia.edu.

The Lower Columbia College Foundation has named James and Marianne Mitchell as the 2017-18 Benefactors of the Year.

Retrieved from <https://lowercolumbia.edu/news/internal/2018-01-02-mitchells-named-foundation-benefactors.php>

Jim and Marianne (Peters) Mitchell both graduated from LCC in 1951. Jim was one of nine founding members of the school's spirit organization, known as the Stella Birdhikers Club.

The Mitchell's have provided more than \$200,000 in support to the college over the last 20 years, including the establishment of two scholarships. The Jim and Marianne Mitchell Scholarship, established in 2005, provides full tuition scholarships to two business students annually. The Eric James Mitchell Memorial Endowed Scholarship, established in 2017 in honor of the Mitchell's grandson, supports computer science majors.

Jim and Marianne also played an integral role in the Foundation's Building Healthy Futures Campaign by actively participating in the feasibility study and leadership awareness sessions.

Cascadia College

Submitted by Erin Pankow

Cascadia College staff participated in the 2nd annual Winter Wishes gift giving program this past Holiday. We partnered with the Northshore School District to provide household items, gift cards, grocery cards, bulk candy, candles, toys, decorations, kitchen items, fleece blankets, and more. We are excited to report that Cascadia employees provided a total of 14 families (80 individual tags) with these gifts. Staff and Faculty look forward to continued partnership with the Northshore School district in future years!



A photo featuring classified staff at our monthly meeting. At our most recent assembly, we gathered with President Eric Murray to view a TED Talk and share reflections, observations, insights, and conversation. The theme of the talk was [Generational Differences](#) with conversation following on ways to remain open even when generational differences arise. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtDxPcQ8GJq>

Do you need a massage?

Retrieved from www.rtc.edu/massage-clinic

The Massage Clinic at Renton Technical College offers massages from their Massage School students. A doctor or nurse practitioner is on staff and supervises the student. This Prices for massage are very competitive. Call 425-235-2352 ext. 5305 to set up an appointment.

- \$30 for 60 minutes
- \$45 for 90 minutes
- \$50 for 90 minute hot stone massage

Seattle Central College

Submitted by Ruth Gordon



A Unique Professional Training Course

This last August I was able to take advantage of a unique training that helps me with my job and will save the college money. I am the clinic coordinator for the Seattle Central Dental Hygiene program. I am responsible for the maintenance and minor repairs of the dental equipment utilized in our labs. We have a twenty four station dental simulation lab, a 20 station dental materials lab and a lab with 12 complete dental operatories that the students work on each other prior to their clinics with actual live patients.

A-dec, the company that makes most of our dental equipment, hosts a three-day technical training class on equipment maintenance, with the majority of the course being a hands on portion for minor repairs, designed specifically for those working at educational institutions. The company does this course free of charge and even pays for the hotel, all meals, and transportation to and from the airport. The only cost was getting to the airport in Portland, which CDAC (Classified Development Advisory Committee) at the college gave me a mini grant to cover.

With the knowledge I gained at the course, I can save the college money. The school gets a discount on parts so I can order what I need to make the repairs. Calling in a dental equipment repair technician would cost the school (even with the school discount) \$155.00 for the first hour and \$150.00 for each additional hour. Needless to say, this can add up fast. There are still times we need to have an "expert" called in, but that is greatly reduced with the training I received.

It occurred to me that there may be opportunities with other companies that higher ed employees work with that may have similar situations that could be taken advantage of. It might be a good idea to keep your eyes open for offerings from places you never thought of before.

Attention Classified Staff at Lake Washington Institute of Technology!

Do you work at LWIT? There is a vacancy for a STTACC College Contact. This person acts as a liaison between STTACC and their college. Don't want to tackle this by yourself- team up with a colleague.

The responsibilities of the College Contact include:

- ⇒ Provide accurate and current contact information to the Region Coordinator
- ⇒ Forward emails from the Region Coordinator and/or STTACC board, to classified staff at his/her college within two business days of receipt; cc the college president, administrator of human resources and the Region Coordinator; these emails may be personalized
- ⇒ Compile and/or collect articles for STTACC Chat and submit to the Region Coordinator by the submission due dates

Does this sound like something you would be interested in? It is a great way to get to know the other classified staff at your college, plus it looks great on a resume! Please contact your Region Coordinator at regionb@stacc.net if you are interested in being a STTACC College Contact for Lake Washington Institute of Technology.

REGION C



Everett Community College

Submitted by Chayuda Overby,
BRIDGES Director

BRIDGES and Volunteer Literacy program's Developmental English workshops are **FREE** and available for students and community members. Workshops in BRIDGES cater specifically to non-native English learners, but everyone is welcome. Students will learn basic/advanced grammar, conversational class, and pronunciation.



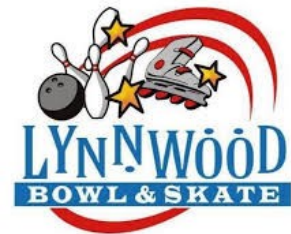
We also encourage all levels non-native English learners to participate in our resources who still need to brush up on skills in English. Please help us spread the word about our FREE resources and services for students and the community. We have over 70 volunteer tutors to help!

For more information and a list of workshops offered please go to the [BRIDGES website](#).

Edmonds Community College

Retrieved from www.edcc.edu

Students, staff, faculty and families are all invited for a fun night of bowling and skating at Lynnwood Bowl and Skate on February 6 from 6-8pm!



Do you know someone who works at Peninsula College?



Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Washington is currently not a member of STTACC. If you know someone who works at Peninsula College, please encourage them to contact their college administrators and inquire about becoming a STTACC member. Our goal is to have all the community and technical colleges of Washington state be members of STTACC. Membership provides classified staff the awareness of the professional development opportunities available to them, including the annual STTACC Conference which provides great opportunities for learning and connecting with other classified staff in the state.

Everett Community College

Submitted by Shelly Scanlan

Turkey Trot

More than 70 people braved the rain for Everett Community College's 13th annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 21. The event was open to all students, EvCC employees, and friends of EvCC. Participants brought food and cash donations to the EvCC food pantry.



360 Tour of EvCC Student Housing

Take a [virtual tour of Mountain View Hall](#), one of Everett Community College's student housing buildings, in EvCC's first 360-degree video.

Digital marketing specialist Derek Walker created the video as part of the college's student housing marketing efforts. It quickly became EvCC's all-time most popular Facebook post, reaching almost 10,000 people.

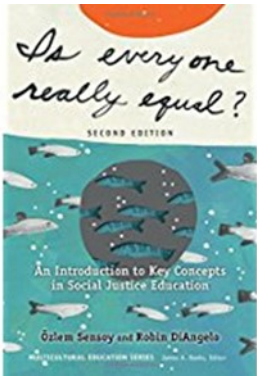
Mountain View Hall isn't EvCC's only housing; take a peek into [Cedar Hall](#).



Whatcom Community College

Submitted by Linda Compton-Smith

The Equity Project



The Equity Project was created by members of the *WCC Campus Diversity Committee* to explore issues of equity and inclusion through a OneBook program and related events. The 2017-2018 theme is "Introduction to Social Justice". The OneBook: "Is Everyone Really Equal" by Ozlem Sensoy and Robin DiAngelo provides discussion topics for the many faculty, staff and students who choose to participate in this timely project via workshops, films, guest speakers, group discussions and more...

Is Everyone Really Equal?: An Introduction to Key Concepts in Social Justice Education (Multicultural Education Series)

By Ozlem Sensoy and Robin DiAngelo

Bento Box Workshop: What would your sign say? January 24th

Create your sign, your symbol of action, and your commitment. In a seemingly divisive climate, we are all taking a stand in one way or another. When we bring our strengths, vulnerabilities, and energy together, we become a stronger community. Join us for a thoughtful conversation on current social issues, including the Womxn's March, race relations, and whatever else arises.

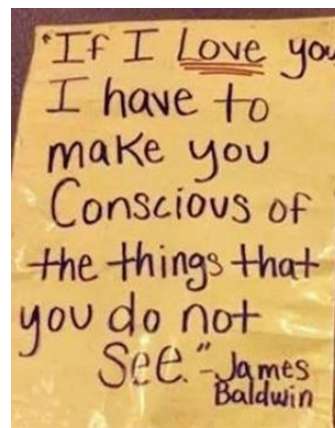
In addition to the Equity Project, WCC has been focusing on **ACCESSIBILITY** for all of our students. I wanted to share the following info just in case you missed it:



ACCESS-WA: Educate. Advocate. Celebrate

Registration for the February 12 – March 11 session of Accessibility 101: The Basics of Inclusive Design is now open. This 4-week, online, asynchronous course is designed for faculty and staff who want to learn simple and quick steps to make materials accessible for people with disabilities and better for all users. Participants do not need to be tech savvy to take this course, but familiarity with MS Office applications and Canvas will be helpful. Participants will be introduced to basic accessibility concepts, practices, and inclusive design standards. The time commitment for this course is approximately 25 hours. Want to see what this training is all about? Check out the lessons: <http://bit.ly/sbctcaccess>

The course is free for faculty and staff in the community and technical college system. Link to register: <http://tinyurl.com/sbctctraining>



Skagit Valley College

Submitted by Aaron Kirk

Skagit Valley College's (SVC) Community Integration Program (CIP) is a program that works with students coming to SVC from jail or prison. The program has a student club, the Breaking Free Club, and a peer navigator group pairing new students on campus with second year students. This program at SVC is a part of the larger reentry navigator program organized through the SBCTC. Currently there are nearly 50 students enrolled at SVC in the CIP. Additionally, Skagit and Island Counties are starting a Community Partnership for Transition Solutions group (CPTS) that started in King County and has since expanded around the state. These groups coordinate service providers, groups and agencies that work in the reentry field. SVC students have been involved in collaborating in starting this group and the first Skagit-Island CPTS meeting was January 25, 2018 at SVC.



David Evans is the CEO of Fidalgo Coffee Roasters and Sophia Arellano is squad recruiter from Mod Pizza they were representing businesses that hire formerly incarcerated individuals.

Steven Simmons and Kyle Von Stroberg represented individuals who were formerly incarcerated that have turned their lives around. They are both Skagit Valley College graduates. Steven graduated with high honors earning an ATA in Human Services, Chemical Dependency. Kyle graduated with high honors earning an ATA in Marine Maintenance Technology. Steven is currently a full time student at Western Washington University and Kyle is currently employed full-time at Tom-N-Jerrys Boat Center Inc.



Pictured left to right– Steven Simmons, Kyle Von Stroberg, David Evans and Sophia Arellano.

REGION D



Welcome Back to STTACC – Yakima Valley College

Submitted by Barb Collins, Region D Coordinator

I am happy to say that Yakima Valley Community College rejoined STTACC this year. I had an opportunity to visit their staff development team and see if they would consider their membership renewal. They have 143 members in their classified staff, and a college contact is also assigned. We are excited and looking forward to seeing some of the YVCC members at the 2018 conference.

As Region D Coordinator and a STTACC Board member, my goal for 2017-18 was to reconnect with colleges and see what reasons contributed to a gap in membership. In my findings, one of the primary reasons a college is not a current member is, a lack of understanding about the benefits STTACC can offer to classified staff personnel. Also included in our discussion were past budget cuts, and changes in college policy how a membership fee is paid.

I cannot express enough the importance of administration support on every college campus. Strategic planning to keep membership fees affordable, offer leadership opportunities, and build a networking system are some of the reasons why the STTACC Board exists. If you are serving as a Region Coordinator I encourage you to continue to build relationships and strengthen your ongoing communications with your college contacts. And if necessary, take some time to visit a college or schedule a training meeting to help educate them about STTACC. I guarantee, you will not be disappointed.

Yakima Valley College

Submitted by Heather Newman

In October, 2017 Yakima Valley College professional development team voted to rejoin STTACC. We have 143 classified employees and are looking forward to building a network with other Washington State Community and Technical Colleges.

At YVC we recognize an employee each quarter. The Fall 2017 Employee of the Quarter is Ashley LeRoue. She is a Fiscal Technician 3 in the payroll department. Ashley has been employed at the Yakima campus since December 2015.



Do you know someone who works at Columbia Basin College?



Columbia Basin College is currently not a member of STTACC. If you know someone who works at CBC, please encourage them to contact their college administrators and inquire about becoming a STTACC member. Our goal is to have all the community and technical colleges of Washington state be members of STTACC. Membership provides classified staff the awareness of the professional development opportunities available to them, including the annual STTACC Conference which provides great opportunities for learning and connecting with other classified staff in the state.

Wenatchee Valley College

Submitted by Amy Smith

During fall quarter we have been busy planning the STTACC conference scheduled for August 2018. On our committee is: Maria de Jesus Alvizar, Nancy Barett, Michelle Cannaday, Jennifer Cawdery, Ran Cho, Maggi Fletcher, Wendy Glenn, Beth Hayes, Ben Honsinger, June Johnson, Tony Rosales, and myself.

Our theme is **Walk on the Wild Side**. This committee meets once a month to share ideas. We already have our keynote speaker and the location for the awards dinner! It is going to be a great time and hope you are putting August 16 & 17th on your calendar! If you have ideas and/or breakout session suggestions please contact me at asmith@wvc.edu. Would love to get your ideas!

WVC is on board with the new CtcLink trainings that have been offered throughout the State. Several people from WVC have attended Common Core Process training and have brought positive feed back!

The following are recognized for their participation in fall quarter training:



Rodolfo Ramos has had computer training called VMWare vSphere Training. He learned to update WVC's vSphere environment. When he went to look at Omak's campus, he realized that it could cripple Omak campus if they had with no connection to Wenatchee's campus; they would have no Wi-Fi, no printing and no computer logins! With this training, he has built two Hosts that he is taking to Omak to keep them up and running in the event that the tunnel between us is compromised! Obviously, Rodolfo works in our IT Department.



Erin Williams was awarded funds to go to the Project Management Institute. She is scheduled for this training in March 2018! This class will take place over 4 days and include managing funds, projects and timeline on campus projects. She is with the Facilities Department and we will revisit her in Spring after her training.



Ben Honsinger received funds to do an on-line course for Certified Associate in Project Management. This is a highly respected and recognized credential in Project Management. Ben is with our Technology Department and believes this will help him better his position and advancement within his department.

Community Colleges of Spokane

Submitted by Carrie Kirby-Dietrich and Paula Truman



SCC participated in the Pend Oreille County Fair, Aug. 16-19, in Cusick to promote our educational presence in the northern counties Rural centers. Classes, covering both credit and non-credit ACT 2 personal enrichment classes, are offered in centers located in Colville, Inchelium, Lone, Newport and Republic, with combined services for approximately 400 students quarterly, including students in a new USDA grant-funded welding program in Newport.

The booth was manned by Rose & Sam Starnes, Lori Hunt, Paula Truman, Jaclyn Jacot, Suzy Reasoner, and CCS mascot, Skitch, who was a big hit, garnering attention from numerous kids and adults.

On November 9, 35 SCC and SFCC staff attended the quarterly Classified Staff and Development training at SFCC. The topic was Veteran's Day, and the agenda included a flag ceremony that, unfortunately because of the rain, was omitted from the schedule. A tribute slideshow highlighting our veterans, represented by staff, students, and family members, was shown followed by guest speaker Reggie Eans, HR Consultant 3. Reggie shared his story of leaving his dangerous inner-city neighborhood and finding purpose and discipline in the military.



The leadership lessons he gained throughout his years in service are ones he applies at CCS every day. As a fellow classified staff member, he is honored to work with colleagues who support the mission of improving veterans and others' lives through education. For questions and comments regarding Veterans Services at CCS, contact staff representatives Lane Anderson (SFCC) or Deana Sleep (SCC). The next CSTD event is scheduled on Feb. 9.

Spokane Community College

The Magnuson building hosted the annual Soup Day on Nov. 18. Twenty three building staff and faculty, representing SCC ACT 2, SCC Parent Education, SCC ABE, and SFCC PTA/OTA programs, provided soups, breads and desserts for an all-you-can eat fundraiser.

Ticket sales resulted in 125 diners, who raised \$462 to be split between three scholarship funds supporting SCC ACT 2, SCC ABE Project Self-Sufficiency, and the SCC Parent Education Jean Payne fund. A big thank you to everyone who participated in this well-loved and popular annual event.

Photo on left – Cynthia Cobb, Paula Truman, Joyanne Lincks



Big Bend Community College

Submitted by Abby Simonson



STAR (Staff Training and Recognition) Committee Training Update

From September to December 486 hours are reported for classified staff who have completed training opportunities for professional or personal development through campus training, online webinars or by attending statewide conferences and meetings.

The committee completed the training calendar for winter quarter. The annual Local and Global Issues, a Program Learning Experience, and training for serving on campus hiring committees are all planned. An all campus in-service in February will cover accreditation and strategic planning.

Community Service Projects

BGCC employees are very generous in participating and giving towards a need. Three options were available starting October 1. The Viking Food Pantry celebrated one year and was in great need of restocking their freezers and protein items before the cold weather in December. The Daze of Camelot, an animal sanctuary, needed manpower to help move 10 ton of hay before the first snow. The annual Holiday Toy Drive collection ended on December 15 for the Moses Lake Food Bank.

Other Happenings

After the initial rush and start of fall quarter, the ASB hosted a staff and student Spa Day. Classified staff as well as faculty and students lined up to receive hand and oxygen treatments that included a 10-minute massage.



Abby Simonson contributed her talent as assistant director when the music department featured their first drama, *Wonderland*. Tana Richins and CarlaLouise Christian participated as a variety of characters in the play. Planning has already started for the next one. Watch for more pictures in future issues of STTACC!



As we finish out 2017 year, everyone, including retirees enjoy the annual holiday luncheon. After enjoying amazing food, many staff members participated in the ugly sweater contest. The HR and Payroll team made a clean sweep taking away 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize.

We closed out the afternoon with a friendly game of Family Feud prize drawings and of course, a photo booth to commemorate the event with a festive photo!



REGION E



Green River College

Submitted by Judy Brenden

Fall quarter was very busy for Green River. We started with Opening week which introduced our new President – Dr. Suzanne Johnson (pictured below, with Slater the Gator) and there was a wide range of learning opportunities for and provided by staff and faculty and coordinated by HR.



New Website

Green River College is pleased to welcome you to the new GREENRIVER.EDU website! The new website is the culmination of work done by the Web Team, the Web Advisory Committee, and Green River College students that took place over the last seven months. The new website launched on October 11, 2017, replacing the previous, five-year-old, Green River website. –www.greenriver.edu – Check us out!

Kudos

Heather Cornelius, an Instructional Tech in the Ceramics Dept., received two local art awards from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. She was awarded the Foundation of Art Award and the People's Choice Award. The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is a non-profit started in 1981 with the mission of fosters a thriving Pierce County through Stewardship, Collaboration, and Leadership.

International Programs

Green River College's International Programs is amazing. Green River is #8 in the nation for International Enrollment (from the 2017 Open Doors Report).



Pizza with the President

At the Mel Lindbloom Student Union on Monday, November 13th, students and President Dr. Johnson shared the first "pizza with the president" event. It was very well attended! It seems bringing pizza to the fireplace area in the Student Union from 12:30 - 2:30 is a good idea!

Harvest Fest

Classified Staff Training and Development Committee put on the annual Harvest Fest with lots of costumes and plenty of food donations to support Northwest Harvest! Everyone at Green River really enjoyed the Thriller performance and zombie photo booth in the SU! Even President Johnson was spotted joining in on the spooky fun!



Afternoon with the President



November 17
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Emerald City Room
Student Union



Please drop in to visit with Suzanne during this two hour window for informal conversation, sharing and questions of any kind.

All are welcome and encouraged to visit.

Afternoon with the President

On Friday, November 17th Dr. Johnson held the first "afternoon with the president" here on Green River campus. Many staff and faculty came to visit during the two hour gathering. Many things were talked about ranging from state funding, professional development, climate and culture on campus. Dr. Johnson plans on holding the 'afternoons with the president' every month.

Best Christmas– Ugly Sweater Day

On December 8th, Green River had “Best Christmas-Ugly Sweater Day”. There was quite a wide range of options! And to go along with ugly sweater day, Jazz Voices (A select group of 16 singers performing jazz, gospel, pop, blues, and Latin jazz styles) were caroling that day throughout the campus and they joined in and everyone had a wonderful time!



2017 Outstanding Classified Staff Awards

Akiko Sakurai (right) – Cashiers

Akiko exemplifies Green River's Core Values of Student Success, Equity and Stewardship. She fosters student success thru her willingness to help every student understand their charges and accounts. Akiko is always so cheerful and willing to help students in any way possible. Akiko justly deserves the Outstanding Classified Staff Award for 2017.



Lyuda Zadneprovskaya (left) – Workforce Education

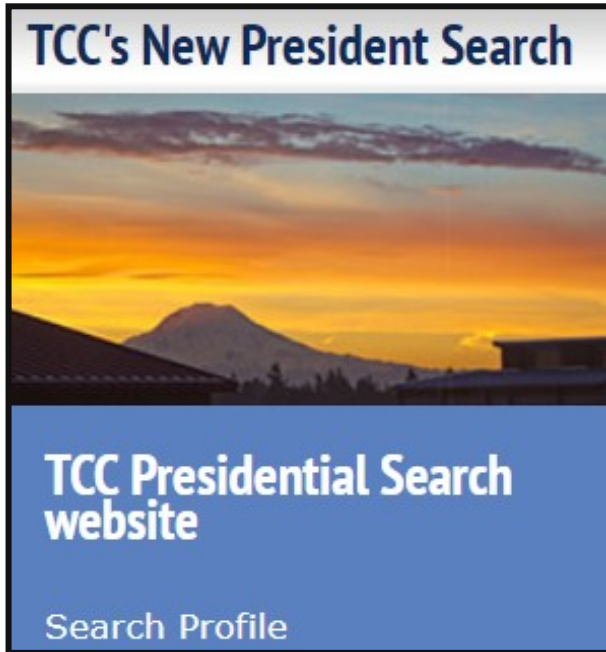
Lyuda embodies the Green River motto – “Think Student, then Decide” by always putting the needs of the student as her first priority and breaking barriers to achieve their goals. Lyuda sees the best in our students, when they are unable to see it themselves. Lyuda truly deserves the 2017 Classified Staff Award.

Upcoming

In-Service day in February - Classified staff are looking forward to a workshop on focused on equity, diversity and inclusion issues in the workplace, hosted by Debi Jenkins! More info in the next STTACC Chat!

Have a great 2018!

www.tccpresidentsearch.com/search-process.html



TCC Classified STAFF Breakaway

Date: May 31, 2018
Location: C.I. Shenanigans, Tacoma, WA
Theme: HIDDEN TREASURES OF TCC


(This year we are utilizing our internal resources by accessing the talented skills of our valuable staff and faculty)

This Professional Development event is held for and put together by the Classified Staff Council of TCC every year during Spring Quarter. It is an wonderful opportunity for TCC Classified Staff to enhance their Professional Development in Leadership, Teambuilding, Mindfulness, and more. This off campus event is a chance to boost moral and provide an outlet from the everyday workplace.

Bates Technical College

Submitted by Amelia Fortuno

It has been an exciting winter for our professional development committee. We began offering in-house training in December. Kimberly Pleger (Director of Admissions, Marketing and Recruitment) did a training session on how to create a fillable form using Adobe Acrobat. The training filled up quickly with a long waitlist. This month we are offering FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) training with Jaime Lujan, Director of Enrollment Management and Admissions. Participants will also get a chance to play the "Bates Urban League" game show. A fun activity using mobile voting to decide where to direct students based scenarios such as problems with their registration, performance, etc. At the end of the month, Michelle MacElvain, one of our IT Systems Administrators, will be holding multiple training sessions on Outlook tips and tricks in the Inbox, Tasks and Calendar to meet the demand of our staff at our different campuses. Our current endeavor is working collaboratively with faculty to plan our shared Professional Development Day on March 16.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- FACULTY
- CLASSIFIED STAFF
- EXEMPT STAFF


Office 365 Training Series Summer Workshops

- ❖ **OneNote**
January 11th, 1:00-2:00pm, 13-227 (*Deb Padden and Shannon Hight*)
- ❖ **Word**
February 6th, 1:00-2:00pm, 13-227 (*Deb Padden and Shannon Hight*)
- ❖ **Excel**
March 7th, 1:00-2:00pm, 13-342 (*Deb Padden and Shannon Hight*)

Please register at: http://bit.ly/TLC_PD_Reg

Come learn about the many features and capabilities of Office 365 in our monthly O365 Training Series!

Each session will be held in a computer lab (13-227) where you'll have support navigating the many features of O365. The sessions are geared towards beginner to intermediate users who want support in improving their skills. You'll have time to ask questions, learn new skills, and meet others from across campus!



Division of OLE contact: Melisa Ziegler
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Email: mziegler@tacomacc.edu

Once a month workshops:

- **January**
Learn how OneNote works and how it can streamline your work.
- **February**
Learn some basic and intermediate features of Word, including tabs and spacing tricks.
- **March**
Learn some basic and intermediate features of Excel.

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[Highline College Classified Staff Training Committee](#)

The Classified Staff Training Committee is made up of the following representatives:

- Five classified staff representatives, elected by the WPEA
- One non-bargaining unit staff member, appointed position
- Director of Human Resources, Ex Officio

What does the committee do?

- Approves Classified Staff Training Funds Requests
- Processes President's Education Funds Requests for Classified Staff
- Sponsors and coordinates on-campus professional development activities

Types of funds

Types of funds or activities available to classified staff include:

Classified Staff Training Funds

Classified staff training funds are available throughout the fiscal year to pay for tuition, books, conference fees, and some other charges. Food, travel and lodging costs are not covered by this fund. There is a total of \$10,000 budgeted annually for this purpose, with funds renewal on July 1.

Current guidelines state that each individual may utilize up to \$400 from this fund per fiscal year, which is awarded at 100% of cost for covered items.

In addition to individual requests, the committee may elect to provide training events during the year, some of which may require usage of these funds.

President's Education Fund

The President has generously set aside \$10,000 to help classified staff employees pursue educational degrees and certificate programs. The CSTC will send out a request for proposals via email near the beginning of fall, winter, and spring quarter. One third of the annual budget will be available each quarter, with any unused funds carrying over into the next quarter.

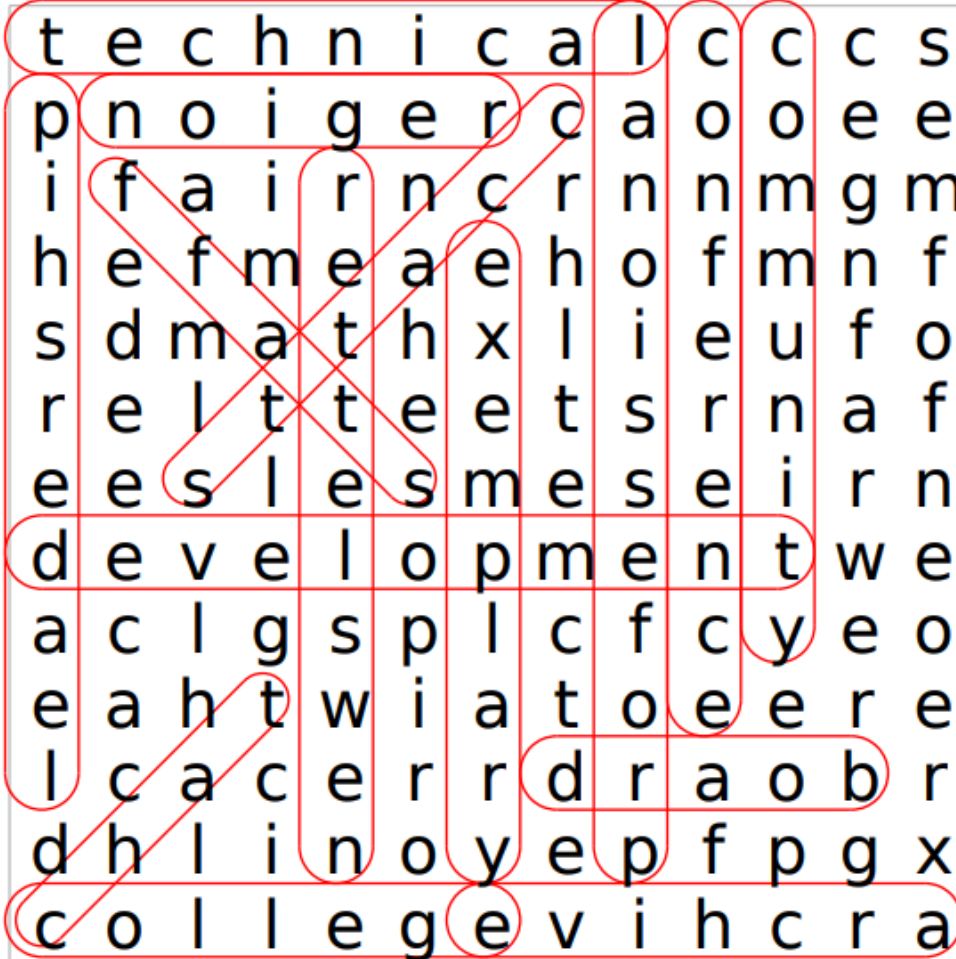
This fund is awarded on a reimbursement basis only upon successful completion of the class or course. Costs associated with attending in-state public schools are reimbursed at 50% of the out-of-pocket expenses; costs associated with attending all other qualifying schools will be reimbursed at 40% of these costs.

There is no annual limit as to the amount of funds that one individual can receive.

Other Training and Development Resources

- Highline Technology Passport
- Professional Development Day
- [Space Available Tuition Waiver](#) (form available in HR)

STTACC CHAT



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If you would like to contribute to the next STTACC Chat, we would love to hear from you!

- Submit an article about an informative conference you went to.
- Tell us about the types of training or classes you have participated in.
- Who is retiring? Who was just hired? Who received a promotion?
- Highlight a unique department or program on your campus.

Email your [Region Coordinator](#) submissions by April 13, 2018 to be published in the spring issue of STTACC Chat!

STTACC Mission Statement

STTACC supports innovation, training and leadership by providing resources and connections to our classified staff members throughout Washington state.