Improving people’s lives through lifelong learning.
Centralia College celebrates a year of achievement

It was just about one year ago that we set out to offer our first baccalaureate degree. This fall, a cohort of 25 students started classes in our Bachelor of Applied Science in Management Degree. This new program represents a monumental change for the college, one that broadens our mission and elevates our service to our students and to our community. Bringing about this program involved many twists and turns but staff was equal to the challenge.

The one area in which we have remained consistent has been our student success. I am profoundly proud of the fact that Centralia College is rated the number one college in graduation rates among comprehensive two-year colleges in the state of Washington, and the American Institute of Research rated Centralia College second in the state and 40th in the nation for student success rates. These facts are a tribute to the hard working and dedicated faculty and staff who make it their mission to ensure students succeed and that they have the opportunity here to recognize and work toward their full potential.

Our graduation rates have been the best in the state four out of the past seven years. Quite a remarkable feat. This is strong indication that Centralia College students are in a great position to attain their educational goals.

Our year of achievement also includes the offering of our first hybrid Associate in Arts degree. This follows the bachelor’s degree format of delivering course material and conducting student-faculty interaction face-to-face and online. We believe, and many experts agree, that this is the most effective way for most students to learn. I’m proud that Centralia College is on the forefront of this innovation.

These are only a few of our achievements. It’s obvious that there has been a lot of activity, some very good visioning, and a desire to continue to improve on and expand how we serve our students and community. We have not pulled back or waited for a stronger economy to provide a higher level of service or to implement new programs that tell the world we make a difference.

Foundation exceeds ambitious annual campaign goal

I am consistently surprised at the generosity of our donors. The support Centralia College and its foundation continue to receive from the community is exciting. Our campaign goal last year was an ambitious $445,000 and with your generous support we raised in excess of $700,000.

Part of our success was from the receipt of the Charles Littel trust. Mr. Littel, the founder of the college, thought enough of us to name the college in his will. His gift will impact many students. You too can change the lives of future students by remembering the Centralia College Foundation in your estate planning.

I joined the foundation board because I see the value of higher education and the importance of access at the local level. I am very pleased to announce that the foundation has set another record by awarding $553,500 in scholarships, tuition waivers, grants, and financial aid to 229 students for the 2012-13 college year. With the state-mandated 12 percent tuition increase this year, a full-time student will pay $4,000 in tuition; without scholarships, many of our students would not be able to attend Centralia College.

I am also excited to see the college offering a bachelor’s degree. Now, our students can continue to work locally and raise their families while obtaining their educational goals.

We have much to celebrate this year. We have exceeded our annual goal (thanks to you) and are celebrating our 30th anniversary. Our theme for this 30th year is Honoring our Past. Charting our Future. As we look back and honor those who had the foresight to start a catalyst for the community to support students, we look forward to what the future holds … for our students, for our community, for our nation, and for our world. We are changing our world, one life at a time, and I thank you for your partnership with us in that endeavor. I hope you will join with me as we work to exceed our goal of $512,000 for the coming campaign year.

Dr. Jim Walton, College President

Brian Nupen, Foundation President
Centralia College continues its perch as the top comprehensive college in state for student success

Centralia College may be among the smallest of community colleges in the state but it stands tall when measuring graduation rate and student success. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the leading publication for higher education, Centralia College is the highest rated of all two-year comprehensive colleges in the state and within the top 10 percent of two-year colleges nationwide in graduation rate.

Centralia College’s graduation rate of 40.5 percent of students who want a degree or certificate is almost twice the national average of 20.4 percent.

Centralia College’s reputation for fostering student success doesn’t end there. According to CNN Money, working with College Measures, a joint venture of the American Institutes of Research and the Matrix Knowledge Group, Centralia College compared to other comprehensive two-year colleges ranks second in Washington state in Student Success rate. Student success is determined by the percentage of students who graduated within three years of beginning college or who transferred to a four-year college. Sixty-one percent of Centralia College students successfully graduated or transferred compared to a statewide average that is under 50 percent.

Further statistical information shows that Centralia College transfer students achieve grade point averages equal to, if not better than, students who enter a four-year school directly after high school, an indication that the academic rigor at Centralia College is solid.

“These reports validate Centralia College’s commitment and dedication to providing a quality education,” Dr. Jim Walton, college president, said. Among the reasons for the high student success rate are the quality of the faculty, the advising process (which won accolades during the latest accreditation visit from the Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities), and the commitment of all staff to make the student experience as rewarding as possible.

The student success rate also has a major financial impact on students who enter Centralia College and transfer. For the most part, these students have completed all the requirements for the first two years of a baccalaureate degree without having to pay the higher tuition rate and fees charged by four-year institutions.

Corbet/Kemp statue drive continues

In 1925, Margaret Corbet, a woman who headed the Centralia High School English department, became the first principal of the freshly minted Centralia Junior College. The junior college was founded by Charles Littel, superintendent of the Centralia School District.

Seven years later, as enrollments climbed, Katharine Kemp, a language instructor who also came to serve as dean of women, joined the staff of the fledgling school. The passion these two pioneering women had for education and student success cemented their relationship with each other and served to hold the college together through some rough times.

Now, the Centralia College Foundation is undertaking a campaign to honor these two college matriarchs with a statue. Renowned sculptor Jim Stafford has been commissioned to create the life-size monument to Corbet and Kemp. Stafford created the Reach for the Stars statue gracing the north entrance to Washington Hall.

“These two leaders recognized they were starting something very special,” Johnson said. “They literally willed this college to survive through tough times. This statue will serve as a reminder of their efforts that helped this college persevere.”

No timeline has been set for completion of the statues. If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact the foundation office at 360.736.9391, ext. 290.
2012 Exceptional Faculty Award:
Nola Ormrod and Judith Aguilar honored for excellence

The Exceptional Faculty Award has, for the past 20 years, provided a glimpse into the quality of the college faculty, the men and women serving on the front line of education.

Nola Ormrod was a driving force in the initiation of the college’s nursing program and, as the program administrator for the past 13 years, works diligently to ensure that the college continues to graduate well-trained nurses.

“I take pride in my activities at Centralia College and with the nursing students and faculty,” Ormrod said.

While part of her time is consumed with administrative duties, Ormrod enjoys working with students, watching their professional development.

“It is student contact and teaching that brings me the most satisfaction. It is a great joy to see the light of recognition in a student’s eyes or hear a question that perfectly sums up the point you have just been trying to make.”

In addition to her nursing duties, Ormrod serves on the college’s Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) Health Advisory Committee.

Ormrod is a board member of the Western Washington Area Health Education Center, an organization that works to “assure equity of and access to health care for underserved rural and urban populations in western Washington.”

While she is active in a variety of organizations, students remain her priority.

“Providing a quality educational experience is the first step. Supporting students as they gain professional identity as registered nurses is also vital. This can involve pep talks, facilitating study sessions, accessing college and community resources, exploring career goals, or just listening,” Ormrod said.

Given her commitment to student success it is no wonder the college has such a strong nursing program.

Judith Aguilar came to Centralia College just as mandatory standardized testing for students in the English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) program began. She quickly got up to speed on the new testing and reporting system and became the trainer for Centralia College.

Aguilar came to the college recognizing a pressing need to provide ESL classes for a growing population whose first language was not English. She developed a comprehensive recruiting campaign that continues to serve as a model for reaching out to various underserved populations to bring them into the program and give them a better understanding of the English language and the American culture.

She does more than teach by going the extra mile to assist students. Aguilar brings in presenters to give talks on issues ranging from hand washing and diabetes, to immigration, combating domestic violence, and dealing with the basics of assimilating into American society.

Her command of Spanish, familiarity of the Latino culture and her desire to help students achieve have contributed to her strong connection with members of the Latino population. She serves as a translator for written documents and to facilitate interaction between Spanish and English speakers throughout the community. As an active member of St. Mary’s Hispanic Community, Aguilar assisted with baptism and marriage preparation.

Aguilar is a leader in the community’s Citizenship Day, a milestone in the lives of many members of a minority population who choose to become citizens.

Because of her work, the college has become more aware of underserved student populations and the importance of helping them achieve their educational and life goals.
Centralia College's newly minted Bachelor's of Applied Science in Management (BASM) is alive and well having come to life this fall quarter with 26 enrolled students. This is the college’s first foray into the world of four-year degrees and initiates a program that will help fill a community need.

“This is a major accomplishment for this college,” Larry McGee, executive director of the bachelor’s degree program, said. “It is something that we could not have done without tremendous support from many people. This really has been a team effort. We are excited about the potential it brings.”

The results of a needs assessment and feedback from community leaders pointed to a need to provide baccalaureate degree education in this region. Those who wanted a four-year degree would have needed to relocate or make long commutes. The Centralia College bachelor’s degree, which accommodates working adults, gives people the option of continuing to work and live locally while working toward their educational goals. To enter the program, students would need to have an associate’s degree and meet certain other requirements.

Accreditation means that the degree has met the standards required by all Northwest two-and four-year colleges and universities that are reviewed by the official accrediting agency. Now, students who move into a master’s degree program may do so with the assurance that credits earned will move with them.

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The bachelor’s degree is offered in a hybrid format on a two- or three-year track. Students will meet in the classroom as a cohort (working as a group) once or twice each week during the quarter and online for additional instruction and interaction with faculty and other students.

McGee noted that the program is the first and only bachelor’s degree program offered by any of the state’s two-year colleges that is operating without state financial support.

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The bachelor’s degree program may be an indicator of things to come as the college works to increase the number of individuals who have earned a bachelor’s degree.

Hybrid AA degree provides "preferred" learning option

What’s a hybrid, you ask? Good question.

For starters, experts say it’s the most preferred way younger people can find to learn.

The hybrid is education delivered part online and part in the face-to-face format. Students can earn a transfer associate’s degree in two years taking face-to-face classes, then engaging in contact with other students and faculty online. Students will spend less time attending classes on campus, and spend more time taking care of other activities during the day. They can connect with other students online, when it’s convenient.

This convenient delivery method began this fall with psychology, English and environmental science classes. It is expected that hybrid classes will fill.

Each of these classes meets one day each week and begins at 5 p.m.; the remainder of instruction takes place online. Those who begin this quarter and follow the hybrid plan will be in a position to earn an associate’s (transfer) degree in two years.

This up and coming educational delivery method is efficient and provides access to all the resources available to all Centralia College students. More information is on the Centralia College Website at: www.centralia.edu/hybrid.
Mawamba earns All-Washington Team status, sets his sites on returning to Africa to help make a difference

Philip Mawamba, earned a spot on the All-Washington Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team. That is just part of who he is.

Mawamba, a scholarship recipient, was selected based on his academic achievement, community involvement, and service to the college.

Mawamba was born in the African nation of Cameroon and, except for occasional visits to the U.S., lived the first 19 years of his life there. He is the son of an American missionary and a Cameroonian pastor. He grew up in a country known for poverty.

Mawamba, aware of the broader world around him, stayed focused on his educational goals. “I would say that living in America is an upgrade,” Mawamba said.

“I’ve seen first-hand how people make it on less than a dollar a day,” Mawamba said. “Now I want to impact as many people as possible by empowering people through education and helping people develop resources that will improve their businesses and their lives,” he added.

Mawamba was home-schooled before attending a missionary school with an international student body and has set his sights on an advanced business degree. He plans to eventually return to Africa to help create change, not only in Cameroon but in other emerging nations.

“Education unlocks a lot of doors. I want to learn as much as I can about business then go back to work to increase the educational levels of the people, set up schools, and expand people’s ability to succeed in business,” Mawamba said. “I want to be a part of change, to help raise the quality of life.” Mawamba moved on to a college on the east coast to study international business.

He is fluent in English and French and took Chinese language classes with plans to travel to that country to better understand how the Chinese conduct business.

Mawamba got a taste for business while in the ninth grade in Cameroon. He set up a honey operation, bringing in raw honey from the northern part of the country, purifying it, then reselling it. He later took over a bacon and ham business.

When Mawamba completed high school, the family relocated to the Centralia area. He found Centralia College, enrolled and, as is his style, got involved. He joined the International Students and Latino Unidos clubs, serving as an ambassador for the college to students in area high schools. He joined Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college honor society and ran for and was elected as the vice president of the Associated Students of Centralia College. He also tutors French students.

“Education and an awareness of diversity are important,” Mawamba said. “The diversity of the people in the missionary school broadened my horizons. “I’ve learned a lot about what is important and these are things I want to share.”

Margaret Corbet Endowed Scholarship winner recognizes value of education

For Anrika Barnes, opening her own chiropractic clinic is what she envisions for her future. With her start at Centralia College she knows she will eventually be able to accomplish that goal. After finishing her high school education, Barnes chose to attend Centralia College because it is close to home and is a smaller school that fits her personality.

“Education has always been very important to me, in fact it is the number one priority in my life. This scholarship is not only a gift to me, but a gift to everyone in my life who has supported me. Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation towards my future education. Your donation means more than words can really say. I know that this scholarship is helping me in so many ways, and I am extremely grateful.”

Anrika Barnes
Kovzun's family used stroke of luck to get here, now Vasily relies on his skills, attitude to make the best of every day

Vasily Kovzun, an All-Washington Academic Team member and foundation scholarship recipient, was born in Chisinau, the capital of the Republic of Moldova, and moved with his family to Centralia when Kovzun's father, blessed with a lot of luck, won that country's green card lottery.

“There’s a lottery for people who want to come to America. My father went to the lottery office with a friend who urged him to apply. It was a total surprise when he won,” Vasily said. By winning, the family was given green cards (allowing foreign nationals to live and work permanently in the U.S.) and airline tickets. Vasily, who has an older brother, was 2-years old when the family moved to the U.S. and found their way to the Centralia area. Kovzun entered the public school system and while at WF West, he enrolled in the Centralia College Running Start program. He received his high school diploma and two-year college degree concurrently this past June and transferred to a four-year university.

“I found an amazing staff at Centralia College, and it has been a great learning experience,” Kovzun said. Getting involved in college reignited his desire for education. “I was bored in high school but have really enjoyed college. The teachers are able to meet with me and help when I have questions. I’ve never had a teacher at the college tell me he didn’t have time or couldn’t help. Centralia College has challenged me.” He has risen to that challenge, reflected in his 3.9 grade point average. He also speaks two languages fluently and “can get by” in three others.

“My beginnings and the poverty my family has known makes me understand the great gift and chance I have been given to live in America. I intend to never squander that gift. Whether in life or in my education, I plan to work hard and make the best of myself every single day,” Kovzun said.

His career goal is to enter the medical field. “I know I want to help others. It may be as a doctor or as a researcher,” Kovzun said. Already he is involved in activities to help improve people’s lives. He served as the team leader that did volunteer yard work for families who couldn’t do it themselves. “We took care of lawns and did other projects around the home,” Kovzun said. During a recent summer he undertook a mission trip to Vancouver, B.C., to assist in the operations of a children’s camp. He has been a volunteer locally with Kids’ Closet, a program that collects and distributes clothing and shoes to children in low-income families.

Veterans can salute college's Military Friendly status as they work with support staff, faculty to achieve success

In recognition of its service to military personnel, Centralia College was named a Military Friendly School. The designation came from G.I. Jobs magazine, which conducts surveys of more than 8,000 colleges and universities nationwide.

The recognition is an indication that Centralia College is among the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members and veterans as students. The recognition reflects the college’s efforts to provide an informative and welcoming campus to those in the active military, reservists, and their dependents. The college offers access to state and federal programs and offers tuition waivers to those in the military or their dependents who qualify.

“Providing as much support as possible to military men and women has been and continues to be one of our prime objectives,” Dr. Jim Walton, college president, said. “We respect and honor the contributions these individuals have made to our nation and our freedom. We are proud to have them as students.”

Centralia College currently enrolls more than 200 veterans. The college’s Board of Trustees, two years ago, conducted a community scan, inviting representatives from agencies that assist veterans, to help determine services the college could offer to help vets transition into college life. Those attending the scan recognized that the college is providing a high level of service to military service personnel. For information on services available at Centralia College, visit http://www.centralia.edu/admissions/veterans.html. According to G.I. Jobs magazine, “Centralia College is among the schools that are making the grade by offering scholarships, staff, military credit and other services to those who served.” The G.I. Jobs Website at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, features interactive tools and search tools to assist military veterans with their school decisions.
Million dollar facility remodel upgrades quality of welding stations, training materials for students

The Centralia College welding program has long been a standard, training hundreds of students over the years and preparing them for great jobs. The welding lab, where those students benefit from hands-on welding training, is now benefiting from an extreme makeover.

To bring about the upgrade, which ran about $1 million, the college was able to take advantage of special funding from the state, an equipment technology grant, local funding, and money from student use fees.

“This is something that will greatly improve the facility and really benefits our welding students,” Durelle Sullivan, dean of Workforce Education, said.

For starters, the remodel improves the ventilation system making the lab a safer environment. The college will also boost the number of welding stations from 18 up to 28 and provide a larger, enclosed work space with much improved lighting, all of which create a higher level of efficiency. The added welding stations allowed the college to open enrollments to more welding students this fall.

“We are also able to add some equipment our students will be able to use during training,” Sullivan added.

The remodel will allow the college to add programs, such as industrial metal fabrication, down the road.

Sullivan said that welding students are among those who, generally, quickly find employment following completion of the college’s one- or two-year certificate or degree programs.

“Students who come through our program find a great deal of success when it comes to finding employment,” Sullivan said. “There is a strong demand out there for qualified welders.”

College founder leaves legacy to continue his dream

It is entirely possible that in 1925, when Charles Littel founded Centralia Junior College, he believed he was beginning something that would grow into the best two-year college in the state. He may have even envisioned that the school would someday offer baccalaureate degrees. Through his efforts then and over the years of his life, he has helped make both possible.

Littel, superintendent of the Centralia school system, bought into the fledgling concept of a junior college. He believed a “bridge school” would help students from areas a long distance from the states’ universities. He proved to be a true visionary.

He worked tirelessly with the state’s Legislature and in partnership with the University of Washington opened Centralia Junior College on the top floor of the high school, now the site of the college’s Heritage Court. The junior college opened with 26 students and teachers who taught both the college and high school classes. He hired Margaret Corbet to head the junior college.

Over the next few years, Littel, who was born in Nebraska in 1885, also brought junior colleges to Yakima Valley and Grays Harbor.

Littel left Washington state in the early 1930s and ventured to the east coast where he started another two-year college, the Junior College of Bergen County, in New Jersey. That college has since become the Teaneck campus of Farleigh-Dickinson University, the largest independent university in New Jersey.

Littel believed so strongly in Centralia’s new junior college, he bequeathed $320,950 to establish an endowment for scholarships that has come to the college through his heirs.

This year, the foundation awarded $20,000 to Centralia College’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Management Degree students with funds from the Estalla Littel Korsgen (Littel’s daughter) and Bernice Warner Littel (his wife) endowment.

"Mr. Littel would be very proud of what his work has produced and very honored that his legacy is helping make the dream of higher education possible for Centralia College students," Julie Johnson, director of Donor and Alumni Relations, said.
Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, rising opera star, Angela Meade urges students to follow their dream

Angela Meade, a native of Centralia and a 1998 Centralia College graduate, is a rising star in the world of opera. She has won the Beverly Sills Artist Award for young singers and the Richard Tucker Award, given to an American singer poised on the edge of a major national and international career. Already to her growing list of credits is her impressive debut at the New York Metropolitan Opera and critical acclaim for a range of subsequent roles. And now she adds the Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award to her growing list of accolades.

“I can’t tell you how delighted and honored I am to receive the award. It was totally unexpected,” Meade said. She joins 34 other former Centralia College students who have excelled in their careers and are Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients.

Meade credits Centralia College as the springboard for directing her into opera. “It’s where I found my singing voice,” Meade said. She came to Centralia College thinking she’d go into the medical field. Because she enjoyed music and singing in the church choir some thought she might have a future as a singer. She took an elective music class. “It was there I found my passion. Because of that I knew what I wanted to do with my life,” she said. Her passion for music narrowed; her strong soprano voice was a natural for opera.

From Centralia College, Meade went on to Pacific Lutheran University. After earning her master’s at the University of Southern California, Meade was accepted into the Academy of Arts in Philadelphia, the dream of a lifetime. She won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in 2007, and was the first singer ever to take first prize in the opera and operetta categories of Vienna’s prestigious Belvedere Competition as well as the International Press Prize and the La Scala Prize, extraordinary honors for opera singers. Meade also garnered the largest cash prize in the world of opera, the $50,000 first prize of the Jose Iturbi Competition. Her big break came in 2008 when she was a last minute substitute in Verdi’s Ernani at the New York Met. She more than got noticed: Her performance was magical and opened the door to a series of bookings across America. It positioned her as a musical force.

“I really love what I’m doing. I enjoy the singing, being around music, seeing the world, learning languages, and working with such wonderful people,” Meade said. She did note that there are times when her chosen career can be difficult. “But there is nothing more important to me than what I’m doing. I want to do this forever.” That kind of passion keeps her at the top of a crowded field.

Meade does offer some advice. “You need to follow your dreams. Explore the fields you enjoy and find your passion,” Meade said. “If you’re not being fulfilled then look around and find something that excites you. It’s important to be doing what you are passionate about.”

Dave Sherwood Memorial & Hoa Vu scholarships recipient gets a great boost from financial support

Gerardo Gomez’s family migrated from Mexico when he was very young. After graduating from Mossyrock High School he made the decision to attend Centralia College to become a public accountant. Receiving both of these scholarships, Gerardo has this to say: “I am very thankful to you for the donations that made this scholarship possible. Your help has brought me closer to reaching my educational goals. Thanks to you, I am able to set my studies as my first priority. I thank you for this generosity and for giving me this opportunity to expand my education.”
200-year-old book auctioned for $110,500, serves as seed money for new student book loan program

Centralia College’s newly established student book loan program is off to a great start. A 200-year old book that had been sitting on a shelf unused for years in the college library was auctioned at New York’s Christie’s Auction House, selling for $110,500.

*The Pomona Britannica, A Collection of The Most Esteemed Fruits,* is an annotated compilation of etchings of fruits that were grown primarily in England’s Royal Gardens at Hampton Court. It contains 90 pages that depict fruit still in rich, mouth-watering colors. This edition still has Centralia College library tags on it, placed there before the college knew what it had. A similar book, without library tags, sold at auction for nearly double what the Centralia College book sold for.

“This is simply amazing,” Dr. Jim Walton, college president said. “A book that we were going to give away will now fund a program that will provide a great benefit to our students. All because it wouldn’t fit in the box.”

The box refers to the package of books that was being taken to the University of Washington for its use. Because the book didn’t fit in the shipping box, it was left wrapped in cloth on a shelf in the Centralia College library for later shipment to the UW. Library staff then thought the book might have value and researched the possibility. Once it was determined that the book could be sold, staff contacted several auction houses and decided to work with Christie’s.

Proceeds from the book’s sale will endow the Mary Chenoweth Student Loan Fund, accessible to students who need to borrow money to purchase textbooks. The loan fund was named in honor of the book’s donor.

Chenoweth, who died in 1975, purchased the book in 1907 for a little over 12 British pounds while attending Oxford. Her husband Arthur was a Rhodes Scholar, who later served as president of the Miss America Pageant. The family later moved to the Silver Creek area.

Chenoweth donated Pomona, along with others in her collection, to the college in 1964. The collection mostly collected dust for over 40 years before the library staff decided to give the books to the University of Washington.

Alice W. Forth gave a lifetime of service to the college

Alice (White) Forth, the "pretty lady" of the Centralia College campus, who died this year, certainly deserves her place among the matriarchs who led the school through its difficult periods. She belongs in the hallowed halls with Margaret Corbet, Katharine Kemp, and Minnie Lingreen. Alice came as a student, an early Margaret Corbet scholarship winner, a ranch girl and top student from Boistfort High School. Then she returned as a secretarial science teacher and worked as a teacher and administrator for the college for the next 32 years. Soon her quiet charm made her a natural for chairman of the business department. Her retirement years had her working on connections with the college, including the college foundation.

Her was a lifetime of service to the college.

It is nearly inarguable that the White family is the number one family in service to Centralia College.

Alice’s younger brother, David, was student body president and presently is the faculty member with the longest tenure. David and Mary Anne’s three children all were students at the college. Their son Neal also was student body president, making him and David the only father/son Centralia College student prexies.

Of Mrs. Forth’s many contributions and long service to Centralia College, whatever she did, she did with grace.

Forth earned a B.A. in Business Education from WSU and her M.A. in business and education at Pacific Lutheran University and did further graduate studies including time at Cambridge College in England.

Forth was a strong supporter of the foundation and believed that students needed to be rewarded when they worked hard to achieve excellence. Her friendship will be missed.
Nothing fishy about this lady's goal of running a business with skills she will learn in the new bachelor's program

Just running a business is one thing, doing it successfully may be something else. Erika Katt, who knows that education will help her manage the family business, will be armed with the tools that can help ensure success.

Katt, 30, is among the first group of students enrolled in Centralia College’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Management degree program. She recognizes the value in the college’s new bachelor’s degree program.

“Obtaining this degree will give me the knowledge to manage my father’s business. I’ve been working with my dad and his company since day one and understand what we are doing,” Katt said. “This bachelor’s degree will go beyond that by giving me the skills to successfully run a business and provide the information I can use to improve where it’s needed for growth,” Katt said. “I didn’t realize there was so much detail to running a business.”

Katt’s father, Jerry, started Northwest Fish By-Products when he recognized an opportunity to convert the offal (fish waste) into usable products. His company picks up offal from sites throughout the region. Most of the offal goes through processing and is sold for pet food. So far the company, which is still run out of Jerry Katt’s Rochester home, has gone from zero to processing about 10 to 12 million pounds of offal annually. And the expectation is that the number will only get bigger; the product list will also expand. Katt’s leadership will help position the company for that growth.

Katt said she learned a lot by taking business classes but realized that there is so much more to running a business. She will now look to acquiring skills on how to manage people and processes, what’s involved in expansion, how to be efficient with transportation, and other topics that are core to the college’s bachelor program.

Now, with her two-year degree under her belt, she turns to Centralia College and it’s bachelor’s program.

“I want to get going on this and be done, ready to apply the lessons I have learned,” she said. “I’m excited. I want to be on the road with this.”

“The hybrid approach will allow me to continue working while I’m working on my degree and I can still have interaction with the teachers to ask questions directly and get clarification. It’s perfect,” she said.

Given the fact that she’s planning to run the family business, she has no doubt that her investment of time and money in the bachelor’s degree program will pay big dividends.

(Note: Katt is a Centralia College Foundation scholarship recipient.)

Record set for contributions to scholarship funds

A host of Centralia College students are benefiting from a record-setting Centralia College Foundation annual campaign.

This year 229 students received at least one scholarship. Recipients are sharing more than $553,500 in awards for tuition, books and fees for the coming college year, marking the highest dollar amount ever given by the foundation.

“This is really the purpose of the foundation,” Julie Johnson, director of Donor and Alumni Relations, said. “Scholarships reward students for high academic achievement, service to the community, and for having a vision that education does make a difference. This is why we are here.”

Johnson praised the overwhelming generosity of donors, who this past year “raised the bar significantly.”

The awards this year, as in past years, includes scholarships to high school valedictorians and salutatorians, who chose to begin their higher education at Centralia College. Also receiving financial aid were students enrolled in the Centralia College Bachelor of Applied Science in Management degree program. During the Scholarship Night ceremony the students who received scholarships met with the donors who helped make the students’ dreams of college a reality. Students this year have enrolled on the heels of state-mandated tuition hike of more than 12 percent per year for the past two years.

Funding for scholarships comes from established endowments, gifts and contributions from organizations, and from the individual donations of hundreds of people who help students achieve their career education goals.

Scholarship Night is more than just students and donors meeting each other, according to Johnson. “It’s a moment when both students and donors realize they have a link with each other. Scholarship Night is a means of recognizing what an important part the community plays in this effort,” Johnson added.

For more information about making donations or engaging in structured financial support, please contact the foundation at 360.736.9391, ext. 290.
Willard E. Abel (1906–1991)  
Established in 1996 by Hazel Abel in memory of her husband who was a member of the original graduating class of Centralia College in 1927.

Alan Allie (1942—1996)  
Established in Alan Allie’s name by former Centralia College basketball teammates.

Colleen Allison (1928–1983) Memorial  
Served as a bus driver for the Centralia School District for 10 years.

Altrusa Club  
Altrusa is an international service organization founded in 1917. The Centralia-Chehalis Club was chartered in 1948.

Margaret Alvord (1907–1986)  
Was an accompanist for the college's music department for 20 years.

American Legion, Post #17  
National organization founded in 1919; created in memory of long-time member Ted Massey

American Legion, Post #22  
National organization founded in 1919 by a group of veterans working for veterans.

Long-time residents of Lewis County and owners of the Barner-Swenson Fuel Company for 30 years.

Rachel Bartlett Memorial (1971–1988)  
Centralia High School student who planned to pursue a career as a dental technician.


He was the biology instructor at Centralia College from 1940 to 1972 and Dean of Instruction from 1965 to 1967. She followed a career in banking.

William A. Batie Health and Science  
Established in 2002 in memory of William A. Batie, to support and promote physical life programs.

Lloyd (1899–1968) & Bertha Baumgarten (1900–1993)  
They owned and operated Baumgarten Hardware and Plumbing Company from 1944 to 1958.

Glenn (1928–1996) & Marjorie Bennett  
Created in 2005 for scholarships to Lewis County students.

Big Band Scholarship  

Thelma Brooks (1907–1976)  
Centralia College English teacher from 1958 to 1972.

Dr. Ralph O. Carlson (1923–1996)  
Established in 1996 by Janet Carlson in honor of her husband, Ralph, who was a longtime psychology instructor at Centralia College.

Centralia Advanced Education Assoc.  
Established in 1984 to provide scholarships for graduates of Centralia High School.

Centralia College Board of Trustees  
Established in 1996 by the Board of Trustees.

Centralia College Booster Club Athletic Scholarship  
Comprised of individuals in the community who support the Centralia College athletic program.

Centralia College Council  
Established to help further student success at Centralia College.

Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus  
Established in honor of Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients.

Centralia College Exceptional Faculty  
Established in 1991, annually recognizes outstanding faculty members.

Centralia College Faculty  
Established in 1989 to provide scholarships for students of Centralia College.

Centralia College Foundation  
Established to provide tuition for students who demonstrate academic excellence.

Centralia College Library  
Established in 2005 by CC Library personnel for the betterment of the CC Library.

Centralia Rotary Club  
Established in 1988 by a Centralia Rotarian and expanded in 2010 by the Centralia Rotary Club for scholarships to Centralia High School students.

Bob Fuller Memorial Endowment  
The first of three Fuller stores was opened in Chehalis in 1941 by Ed and Bill Fuller, Jr.

Claire E. Fuller (1912–1967)  
Employee of the educational system for 12 years and a strong believer in higher education.

George Gablehouse  
Physical education instructor and athletic director at Centralia College from 1958 to 1979.

George Godding/EDC  
In recognition of George Godding, the first president of the Lewis County Economic Development Council. Scholarship sponsored by the EDC.

John V. Griel (1917–1995)  
Foreign languages instructor at Centralia College from 1941 to 1973. Charter Foundation board member.

Helen R. Jaeger (1929–1991)  
An artist; well-known for her pottery design, and a teacher of art and elementary children.

Jack R. Kalmbach  
Centralia College Dean of Administration from 1986 until he retired in 1993.

John & Donna Karvia  
He is a retired Chehalis police sergeant and she served as Lewis County Clerk. Both are Centralia College alumni.

Katharine Kemp (1899–1978)  
Foreign language instructor at Centralia College from 1932 to 1968. In 1975 she wrote the history of the college.

Kenneth Kimball (1928–2003)  
Music director at Centralia College from 1955 to 1990.

Dr. Henry P. Kirk Scholarship  
Former president of Centralia College, having served from 1968 to 2002.

Dr. Henry & Jenny Kirk Endowment for the Fine Arts  
Established in 1997 to promote arts and humanities in the community.

Mattie Kirk (1936–1998)  
Music Scholarship Established by former Centralia College President Dr. Hank Kirk and his wife Mattie prior to her death, in recognition of her love and devotion to music.

Thorlea Peterson Kirtz  
Centralia College class of 1968. Teacher at Maple Lane school.

Rufus Kiser (1907–1995)  
Forestry division chair at Centralia College and zoology and physical science instructor from 1941 to 1973.
Kiwanis Club of Chehalis
International service organization established in 1915. The Chehalis club formed in 1922.

Created through the Charles Littel Trust, founder of Centraria College.

Established in 1996 by the family of Al and Marge Kuder whose five daughters attended Centralia College on scholarships and have all gone on to establish themselves in careers. Susan Kuder Quinn is a Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

Lewis County Demolition Derby
Formed in 1980, provides recreation for Southwest Washington residents.

Lewis County School Retirees’ Association
Established in 1950 and affiliated with the Washington Retired Teachers Association.

Minnie Lingreen (1901–1995)
History and social science instructor at Centralia College from 1939 to 1971.

C.L. Littel (1895–1966)
Established Centralia College in 1925 while superintendent of the Centralia School District.

Todd Lovington (1892–1998)
Centralia timber man who founded Mayfield and later for private companies.

John H. Markham (1892–1980)
Washington residents.

John Markham Athletic (1892–1998)
Created in memory of John Markham to benefit athletes

Chehalis couple who owned and operated Mac’s Athlete at Centralia College.

Earl Schwiesow (1932–1996)
Formerly Centralia Mining Co. that operated the Ellis Oliver (1920–1997) Memorial
Established by the Centralia Junior College Reunion Board in 1985.

Mildred Proffitt (1900–2000)
A life-long farmer who raised cattle and sheep.

Barbara Proffitt (1906–2007)
Paulus Trust
Established in honor of their parents by siblings and later for private companies.

Helen O’Connor (1905–1994)
Established in 1988 at the same time that her husband established scholarships and the Harold O’Connor Endowment fund.

Ellis Oliver (1920–1997) Memorial
Established by family members to honor Ellis and his commitment to education. Promotes and supports business programs.

Robert Harold O’Neill (1890–1981)
Co-founder of Hemphill-O’Neill Lumber Company in 1947; was in the lumber business for 67 years.

Pacific Cataract & Laser Institute
The largest eye surgery center in the Pacific Northwest. Founded January 1985, by Helgi Heidar, M.D., and Robert O. Ford, M.D.

Graduates of Centralia College, retired and lived in Centralia. Francis was employed by the railroad and Alice worked for the telephone company.

Performing Arts Society
Created to benefit programs/equipment/students in the performing arts

Thor was a teacher and coach at Centralia High School. Helen was a retired pharmacist.

Phi Theta Kappa
Centralia College Honors Society for students pursuing an associate degree. Dedicated to the memory of Timothy Scott Kirk (1957–1992).

Arthur Plummer (1911–1978)
Owned and operated Twin Cities Sand & Gravel, and later, the Lakeshore Motel.

Mildred Proffitt (1900–2000)
Established through her bequest to Centralia College, a life-long resident of Lewis County.

Bob Reimer (1935–1997)
Established as a memorial to the former Centralia College Athletic Director.

Ruth Reynolds (1926–1983)
Nurse at the former Centralia General Hospital and St. Helens Hospital in Chehalis.

Esther Robinson (1917–1984) Endowment Fund for Art Scholarships
Art student and librarian in the Centralia School District.

Jerry Robinson
A long-time Centralia School District teacher and administrator.

Earl Schwiesow (1932–1996)
A quality contractor who believed in the importance of educating people for positions in communications.

Security State Bank
Established to provide business scholarships to Lewis County students. Long-time banking institution with great community support.

June M. (Lake) Sippola (1917–1993)
Founder and director of the LPN program at Centralia College – 1954 to 1977.

Delford M. Smith
Centralia College class of 1950; Distinguished Alumnus in 1991. Founder and owner of Evergreen International Aviation, Inc.

Fay Benjamin (1898–1964 & Mary Burcham Smith (1900–1970)
He taught school for over 40 years, many of those years in Chehalis. She was a nurse at the former Chehalis St. Helen’s Hospital.

Society of American Foresters, SW
Washington Chapter Memorial Scholarship Memorial to Joseph M. Jackson, a Native American, who died in 1988.

David Spogin (1931–2001)
A life-long advocate for education and dedicated to promoting students in vocational callings including diesel technology.

Arthur Freeman Staeger & Katherine Staeger Kimball (1907–1967)
Freeman graduated from Centralia College in 1932, Katherine in 1928.

Sterling Savings
Providing continuous service to the community since 1921.

Gary & Neena Stoskopf
Gary is the owner of The Housing Mart, Inc. Neena is a former employee of Centralia College.

Eva Knight Swartwood (1887–1964)
Lewis County Auditor from 1918 to 1923; operated the Edison (First Street) Grocery in Centralia.

Gordon Sweany (1913–1986)
First Distinguished Alumnus (1978) and former CEO and chairman of the board at SAFECO.

Dorothy Talley (1929–2002)
Established by the Centralia Junior College Reunion Committee to provide tuition support for a student athlete at Centralia College.

Takana Family
Created as a memorial by Takana family members.

The Chronicle
Local newspaper staff members who recognize the importance of educating people for positions in communications.

Founders of Lincoln Creek Lumber and West Coast Mills.

Art student and librarian in the Centralia School District.

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Dr. A. R. Twiss (1912–1994) Memorial
Established to provide business scholarships and to support the performing arts

Dr. A. R. Twiss (1912–1994) Memorial
Established by the Centralia Junior College Reunion Board in 1985.

Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation
Weyerhaeuser has a long and productive history in Lewis County. Weyerhaeuser established the Clemons Tree Farm in 1941, the first in the nation.

Owen C. Wicks (1903–1995)
Economics and forensics instructor at Centralia College from 1947 to 1969.

Phillip Wickstrom

WIDO
Formerly Centralia Mining Co. that operated the Centralia coal mine.

Donald Widell (1931–2002)
Mr. Widell, a 1953 graduate, excelled in sports. He was inducted into the Centralia College Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Winlock Alumni Association
Established in 2000; this endowment was created by past Winlock high school graduates to support their current and future alumni as they further their education at Centralia College.

Bert Woodland
Established by Bert Woodland in 1996 to assist students with specific financial needs. Bert was a long-time Centralia College Geology Instructor well-known for geology field trips.

Walter Wuerth (1925–1993)
A member of the Centralia College class of 1947 who was a local self-employed accountant.

George Calvin Yackley (1914–1991)
A life-long farmer who raised cattle and sheep.
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In-kind (in support of college programs and Foundation activities)

### Centralia College Foundation Balance Sheet

Unaudited Statement (As of 6/30/2012)

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| Liabilities & Equity |                      |                   |            |            |              |                  |
| Liabilities         |                      |                   |            |            |              |                  |
| Accounts Payable    | 348,570.47           | 38,304.11         | 1,469.85   | 109.89     | 308,008.00   | 678.62           |
| Due To Other Funds  | 127,752.10           | 0.00              | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00        | 127,752.10      |
| **Total Liabilities** | 476,322.57           | 38,304.11         | 1,469.85   | 109.89     | 308,008.00   | 678.62           |
| **Equity**          |                      |                   |            |            |              |                  |
| Beginning Fund Balance | 11,141,450.42       | 344,449.06        | 655,858.97 | 7,776,842.80 | 1,137,039.08 | 1,227,260.51 |
| Current Year Excess (Deficit) | 648,294.92       | 73,812.34         | 205,683.94 | 209,738.17 | 83,199.27 | 75,861.20 |
| **Total Equity**    | 11,789,745.34         | 418,261.40        | 861,542.91 | 7,986,580.97 | 1,220,238.35 | 1,303,121.71 |
| **Total Liabilities & Equity** | 12,266,067.91         | 456,565.51        | 863,012.76 | 7,986,690.86 | 1,528,246.35 | 1,431,552.43 |
## Lifetime Donor List

Since its inception, the Centralia College Foundation has been blessed with generous and loyal donors. Our accumulated giving records reflect those donors who have reached the following significant milestones:

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### Members include:

- Howard and Anita Bate
- Brigitte and Ron Burger
- Caterpillar Foundation
- Centralia Rotary Club
- Community Foundation
- First Interstate Bank of Washington
- Bill Fuller
- Louise Goldberg
- Harold Mutual Plywood
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- Council
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- Pacificorp Foundation
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- Uhlmann Motors
- Union Bank of California
- West Coast Bank - Centralia
- Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation
- Zonta Club of Centralia-Chehalis
- Mt. Washington Club - ($10,000.00 +)
- AALW
- John Alexander, Jr.
- Chuck & Cheryl Althauser
- Aluminate Northwest/Alumco
- Bruce & Ann Alves
- Darlene Bartlett
- Richard and Janice Batie
- Robert and Sandra Batie
- Marjorie Bennett
- Rose and Leon Bowman
- Bill Brummsickle
- CAFTA
- Dennis and Tammy Calkins
- Janet Carlson
- CC Federation of Teachers
- Centralia Advanced Education
- Centralia College Center of Excellence
- Centralia College Diesel Tech. Program
- Chehalis Rotary Club
- M. Jane Chytil
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- Pete and Janet Convin
- Dowden Associates, Inc.
- Enbody, Dugaw & Enbody
- Brad and Lynn Ford
- Donald and Jeanette Fowler
- Anne Marie Garrett
- Rudy and Beverly Gideon
- Judith Greeley-Hendrickson
- Hemphill O’Neill Co.
- Estate of Harry Hill
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- Intel Corporation
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- Victoria Poporec
- Port Blakely Tree Farms LP
- Providence Centralia Hospital
- Puget Sound Energy
- Phyllis Schwesow
- Seafirst Bank
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- Catherine Shaw
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- Rose Spogen
- Florence Steffensen
- Kati Steffensen
- Sterling Savings Bank
- Steve Buzzard & Mike O’Connell
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- Tacoma Power
- Gail Tichnor
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- Tires, Inc.
- Mai Vu
- Jim and Pam Walton
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- Washington Federal Savings
- Washington Orthopaedic Center
- West Coast Savings
- Lorris and Dorothy West
- Mary Wile
- Jayne Wuerth
- Yard Birds Merchants Assoc.

### Legacy Society

“Legacy Society” is a gathering of those who have chosen to include the Centralia College Foundation in their planned giving, estate plans, and other future plans. If you’re thinking about estate planning or if you wish to update an existing estate plan, call Julie Johnson at the foundation at 360.736.9391, ext. 516, for details. Legacy Society members include:

- Estate of Thelma Baxter
- Marjorie Bennett
- Rose & Leon Bowman
- Ron & Brigitte Burger
- Joyce Butkus
- Patricia Clark
- Susan & Pat Dunn
- Paul Fagerness
- Ross & Patricia Galvin
- Nels Hanson
- John & Donna Karvia
- Audrey Kimball
- Henry & Jenny Kirk
- Willard Latimer
- Charles Littel Trust
- Larry & Becky McGee
- Estate of Annie McSwain
- Nadine Murphy
- Brian & Vicki Nupen
- Robert & Doris O’Neill
- Ralph & Bonnie Olson
- Stanley Ozbolt
- Janet Hasselman Rusin
- Marie Sareault
- Jim & Lanette Scapillato
- Roy & Julie Seiber
- Joe Sidoriski
- Bob & Vondean Thompson
- Jim & Pam Walton
- Steve & Kathleen Ward
- Bill & Helga Watterson
- Doris Wood
Centralia College served as guiding light that helped this young man reach his career goal as a student counselor

Centralia College provides a well-rounded college experience in and out of the classroom. In some cases it’s those out-of-the-classroom experiences that set the stage for success in life. For Ben Smith, who worked part-time as a tutor, it was the recognition that his experiences helping others in the Centralia College math lab as a tutor was something he really enjoyed. He turned that experience into a career.

Smith, a 2003 Centralia College graduate, was a Running Start student from Toledo High School. He is now the Tutoring Coordinator for Student Support Services at Binghamton University (New York) where he manages a staff of over 30 people. He coordinates and provides tutoring, supplemental instruction in math and the sciences as well as academic, personal, and career counseling. His work is essential for guiding students and also one that brings a lot of personal satisfaction for Smith.

“It was my time at Centralia College that helped me decide to enter the field of Learning Assistance. Before Centralia College, I had never tutored,” Smith noted. He stepped into the position anxious to help others. “After I got my bachelor’s degree I looked back on the things I had most enjoyed and realized that starting with the math lab, tutoring was something I had embraced and wanted to always do. I started my own tutoring business, and eventually wound up running a tutoring center at a university,” Smith said.

He is another in a long line of individuals who credit Centralia College with its great track record of helping men and women find their calling.

Centralia College set the standard for his expectations of a college experience. “And it set that bar high!” he said.

“Members of the Centralia College faculty were the first to show me that there was more to education than just memorizing factoids and regurgitating them on tests. I first learned to truly study at Centralia College,” he said. Smith added that Centralia College was the perfect launching point for his academic career as well as his adult life. “I enjoyed knowing that people truly cared about my well being.”

Centralia College prepared him well to take on the challenges of a larger university and also life, and taught him lessons he wants to pass on to people who might not recognize the value of Centralia College. “Without Centralia College, I might not have completed college. As the first person in my family to graduate from college, I know that poverty and lack of experience with college are stumbling blocks. Centralia provided the perfect environment for learning about college level academics and what it means to be a good student,” Smith said.

“My experience at Centralia College expanded my thinking and opened up my perception of the world,” he said.

Centralia College Expenditure Statement (Unaudited)

**June 30, 2012**

**Operations:**
- Salaries ......................................................... $12,895,180
- Benefits .......................................................... 4,523,661
- Goods and Services .................................. 3,715,577
- Travel ................................................................. 270,437
- Equipment .................................................. 563,844
- **Total Operations............................................... $21,968,699**

**Capital Projects ........................................... 1,151,317**

**Student Employment ........................................ 244,976**

**Scholarships and Financial Aid ................................. 6,751,143**

**Total Expenditures ........................................ $30,116,135**

**Employees** – During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the college employed 233 full-time and 330 part-time faculty and staff. Of the total faculty and staff, 387 resided in the college’s service district, which includes all of Lewis County and the southern portion of Thurston County.

**Local Government** – Included in the expenditures listed above are payments to the county and city governments of $374,682. These payments are for services, fees, permits, and utilities.

**Taxes** – The college is exempt from property tax. However, the college is not exempt from sales tax. When taxable items are purchased in Washington State, the college pays sales tax. In addition, if the college purchases taxable items outside Washington State, it must pay use tax. For 2011-12 we paid $16,683 in use tax to the State of Washington. It also operates a food service and bookstore that generated $1.14 million of taxable sales revenue, which resulted in sales tax collections of $90,854.
Centralia College to honor all vets with Boots-to-Books monument

United States armed forces veterans, past, present and future, will receive special recognition on the Centralia College campus thanks to the efforts of Rob Saarela, a former Marine and Army veteran and the Veterans Corps representative on campus. The monument was his vision several years ago and recent fund-raising efforts have now made the monument possible.

The monument is expected to be in place this fall, tentatively set to be installed before Veterans Day in November. The memorial will be located between the flag poles near the north entrance to the Hanson Building.

“When I started working at Centralia College there were minimal services for veterans and I thought a lot about what would be important to veterans,” Saarela said. He knew that educational services would top the list for those making the transition from military service to higher education but that there needed to be something more to honor the men and women, past, present and future, who served and will serve in the Armed Forces.

“A Boots-to-Books monument was part of other college campuses and I believed a monument needed to be a part of this campus,” Saarela said. He started the effort to make it happen.

Various groups, including the Leadership Group, Student Government and the Rotaract Club are among the campus donors; The American Legion, VFW, and Centralia Monument are among the off-campus donors.

“There have been some private and anonymous donations,” he added. He is still actively seeking contributions for the project.

The monument, which is made up of bronze cast from Saarela’s service boots and college textbooks he used, will sit atop the stone base. The monument itself cost more than $8,000. All funds above the cost of the monument and the setup of the area around it, will be used to provide equipment and furnishings for a Veterans Center, a room to be established on campus.

“It is important to have a safe zone, a place were veterans can come where they’ll feel safe and be able to share their experiences with those who have lived through what they have,” said Saarela. Saarela is a combat veteran having served with the Marine Corps in Iraq in 2005 and 2006.