A Rock-Solid Return …

One-life Gift Annuity Rates

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In Turbulent Financial Markets

You can depend on your Centralia College Foundation’s gift annuity to provide payments that are:

Fixed with High Payout
Whether the markets rise or fall, your high payout rate will always be the same

Regular
Whether by direct deposit or check, your payments will be delivered on time

Enduring
Whether you live to be 100 or more, your payments will continue for life

Going Strong: The Capital Campaign

The New Science Center (NSC) and remodeled Health & Wellness Center (HWC) are both now in near-full operation, but the Capital Campaign is far from finished. The Capital Committee will step up effort this summer to complete needed funding for the TransAlta College Commons—and the work continues.

Just recently the venerable Lingreen Hall was demolished (years beyond its expected useful life!) and the site re-graded and sod laid for the new outdoor amphitheater. We’ll see it first at commencement in June and many times thereafter at a host of campus outdoor events.

Work, as you can see, continues on our various capital projects. Landscaping, artwork, further capital planning—they are all necessary and many are underway. Thus, the Capital Campaign continues.

We are confident the continuation of this year’s Capital Campaign will be successful. Despite national economic downturns, you and your counterparts around the community have responded so generously.

Art “Joe” Staeger—A late 1920s Centralia College graduate, Joe Staeger, has stepped up to the plate with a bountiful donation to the Capital Campaign. He and his family have been staunch supporters of Centralia College since the very outset. His sister, Katherine Staeger was in the first graduating class and his cousin Margaret Staeger Woods was a Distinguished Alumnus of Centralia College.

Now, Joe Staeger has donated $50,000 to the Capital Campaign, earning the naming rights for the Chemistry Wing of the NSC. We are delighted that the Staeger name, associated with Centralia College since its inception, will occupy an important place on our growing campus.

The Capital Campaign is supported by people from different eras and different backgrounds, as it should be. We hope you’ll think of your place in our family when a campaign volunteer calls on you.

“I can proudly say my time at Centralia College laid the groundwork for further success at the UW and Harvard University. It has been my pleasure to give back to Centralia College by dedicating the entrance lobby of the renovated Gym/Health and Wellness Center to my brother Mike, A Centralia College alum and Sports Hall of Famer in basketball in 1962-63.

“Please join in supporting the Centralia College Foundation Capital Campaign. Our gifts will help current and future students and assist the college’s efforts to meet the needs of our community and beyond.”

Orin Smith, Centralia College Class of 1963
Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus 1987
Retired CEO/ Starbucks Coffee
When David Mauel left high school in Chehalis to come to Centralia College, he was admittedly unfocused on his future, but had a great incentive to succeed. “A high school counselor told me I ‘just wasn’t college material,’ he recalled. “I don’t know if he was using reverse psychology on me or just underestimated my stubbornness,” Mauel laughed. “Whatever it was, it worked; I spent four years at Centralia College, building credits I would need for a college degree.”

Mauel grudgingly admits he might not have done so well except for the mentorship and encouragement of two faculty members in particular. “I really loved music,” he explained, “and Dr. Donna Huffman recognized that spark in me.”

“And then Dr. Greg van Alstyne spent a lot of time encouraging me when I struggled with some academic subjects. Between them, they proved my old high school counselors wrong,” Mauel added with a quick grin.

Mauel also entered the Centralia College electronics program, earning high grades and solid skills. He quickly credited the electronics program faculty for continuing to support his electronics degree studies. That phase of his education would have a profound effect on his later career.

After leaving Centralia College, Mauel entered the ROTC program at WSU and upon graduation was commissioned into the US Navy. His electronic background got him appointed Electronics Officer on the troop vessel USS Trenton.

David Mauel’s next assignment, and one of the most exciting imaginable, was as Damage Control Officer on the USS Mason, a modern missile-equipped warship. The crew’s mission was Maritime Intervention; the young officer was now chasing pirates off the coast of Somalia! One of the targets he and the Mason’s crew rescued from modern piracy was a huge cargo ship filled with tanks, missiles, and other implements of war.

Details of the anti-piracy skirmishes are still classified but it was clearly the stuff of warrior’s dreams and statesmen’s nightmares!

As he recounted his military successes and encounters, Mauel continually recalled the important part Centralia College played in preparing him for such a challenging and important career. “My most lasting image of Centralia College,” he confided, “is of a truly incredible faculty that stays here because the professors and teachers want to make a real difference in people’s lives.”

Lt. Mauel is now a surface warfare officer, a job he believes to be the backbone of American naval effectiveness. These are the “warriors of the sea” that actually guide the ships and command the crews in the most demanding of world situations.

One cannot help but be impressed with the character of a young alumnus deemed “not college material,” who was determined to learn everything he could—and use that knowledge to reach for the loftiest of ideals.

Charlie’s Piano

Charlie Albright Piano Fund

You’ve probably already heard the exciting news: the Foundation Board this year decided to conduct a separate fund raiser in association with our annual campaign to secure a top-quality nine-foot concert grand piano for Corbet Theatre.

The fund is called the “Charlie Albright Piano Fund,” and the piano will be dedicated to our illustrious alum and a once-in-a-lifetime genius virtuoso. Charlie is presently studying at Harvard University and at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Just recently, Charlie was asked to join Yo Yo Ma, the world’s pre-eminent cellist, for a special evening at Harvard to honor U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy.

The Board has committed to raising $100,000 for a piano of a stature equal to our theatre and the caliber of students—and invited virtuosi for special concerts—we expect to perform on it in the future.

The campaign has already reached $30,000 or nearly a third of that goal and efforts will continue through the summer. And here’s an exciting bit of news: foundation staff is working with Charlie Albright in hopes of having a special benefit concert on campus sometime in the future.

No promises, of course, but what a wonderful way to enjoy the unmatched skill of one of our outstanding graduates—and contribute to an extraordinary instrument that will lead us through the years ahead.

You may contribute online at www.centraliacollegefoundation.org
Top engineer gets top honor

Jean L. DeSpain

A celebrated civil engineer and national leader in public works administration is Centralia College’s 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient. Former Lewis County resident and 1948 graduate of Centralia College Jean L. DeSpain was selected to receive the college’s highest award and will speak at commencement in June.

A product of the Boistfort school system, DeSpain graduated from Centralia College and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Washington in 1951.

As his career unfolded, DeSpain would hold increasingly responsible assignments in the Northwest and around the world.

Among his most notable achievements were presidency of the American Public Works Association in Washington; president of the Institute for Municipal Engineering (APWA); and in 1976 was named one of the top ten public works engineers in America.

After a short stint with the Washington Highway Department and engineering assignments in South America, DeSpain was named city engineer for the city of Olympia in the mid 1950s.

“I took over in Olympia just as I-5 was becoming a reality,” DeSpain recalled. “After a plan to run the freeway east of the city was completed, politics reared its head and the route was relocated to where the capital buildings could be seen by travelers. For the next few years I had to redesign much of the street and cross-town road access system for Olympia.” In 1967 DeSpain became County Engineer and Director of Public Works for King County. His was an enormous challenge in the toughest of times.

“I was responsible for 2,400 miles of roads and streets, managing Boeing Field International Airport, overseeing solid waste, “DeSpain recalled, “and establishing flood control and river bank maintenance along the county’s five major rivers and hundreds of smaller streams.”

His greatest challenge, however, was changing the long established system of political patronage in the public works into a modern, civil service employee accountability model.

“Even the lowest hourly employees owed their allegiance to some political figure,” he said. It was DeSpain’s leadership in building new, accountable personnel resources that gained him national attention, and his models are now in place throughout the country.

DeSpain is the college’s 32nd Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

Exceptional Faculty

Science and Business lead Exceptional Faculty choices

A pair of extraordinary faculty veterans, greatly respected by colleagues and students alike, has captured the 2009 awards for Exceptional Faculty at Centralia College. John Fasler, associate professor of Business, and Patrick Pringle, associate professor of Earth Sciences, have captured the college’s most prestigious faculty recognition for this year.

John Fasler—In his tenure at Centralia College, Fasler has expanded the Business program from just four advisees to a current level of over 70. To better serve his large student base, Fasler has worked extensively on curriculum development and met with representatives of several four-year institutions to develop programs consistent with baccalaureate transfer requirements.

Most of all, Fasler has developed a strong connection and rapport with students from diverse academic, cultural, socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, and all levels of ability and expertise. He has taken the time and effort to tailor individual programs of study, schedules, and work plans that will meet each student’s needs—and will work for them.

Patrick Pringle—Pringle brought over 26 years of geology-related professional experience to his classrooms, providing him a great deal of on-site practical knowledge. He is able to use humor and even drama in the classroom with a narration style that includes stories and lots of rhetorical questions. His Earth Sciences classes are very popular.

“I believe students get pulled in by a story or more closely connected if they feel a sense of relevance about the subject matter,” Pringle explained. He combines labs and fieldwork to achieve lab science outcomes such as developing quantitative and spatial reasoning skills.

Commencement

With the opening of the New Science Center, the next college capital project is underway. The Minnie Lingreen classroom building, long past its useful life, has been removed. Landscapers have re-graded the site for the long-awaited campus amphitheater—and that will be the site of the June 12, 2009 commencement ceremony.

The outdoor commencement has become a staple of the Centralia College schedule, and this year’s event will finally be nestled in its new home. The ceremony begins at 4 p.m.

Over 480 students will complete their degree or certificate studies this year, and nearly half plan to don cap and gown to take part in the graduation ceremony.

As you watch the ceremony this year from the new amphitheater, give yourself a pat on the back, too. Over half of our graduates received some form of financial aid during their time at Centralia College—and that is partly because of hard work by the foundation and your support and generosity. Thank you!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please make note—and mark your desk calendar—for these upcoming Centralia College Foundation events. Each is an opportunity for members and supporters to enjoy a practical social gathering, new understanding, and a lot of fun:

The STP Seattle-to-Portland bicycle classic  July 11-12
Centralia College is the official midpoint of the Northwest’s grandest mass bicycle ride. Come, view the weekend rest-over stop by as many as 10,000 riders in this 30th running of the famed STP. Free and open to the public.

Hispanic Festival, celebrating community and diversity  July 24-25
The campus hosts the third Hispanic Festival on Friday and Saturday. Enjoy Latino music, dancing, storytellers—and our first “Hispanic Bite of Southwest Washington” as skilled chefs, cooks, and homemakers prepare the finest of South and Central American cuisine. Free and open to the public; you may buy classic food from a host of vendors.

AKITSA High Tea  Sunday, September 13, 2-4 p.m.
This summer the area Akitsa group will sponsor an afternoon High Tea on the observation deck of the New Science Building. Join us for conversation, tea and sweets, entertainment by the Voetberg family, and a scholarship fundraiser fashion show. Call the foundation for reservations.

Scholarship Night at Corbet Theatre  Thursday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.
Meet the students and donors who make this a singularly special occasion, the fruits of which may last many lifetimes. The foundation expects to award about $375,000 in scholarships under our “Future Leaders” initiative. Last year more than 170 students received scholarships in this program.

Annual Campaign Kickoff  Saturday, October 10, 6 p.m.
It will be a new format, new activity, more social mixing, and lots more fun as the annual Campaign Kickoff moves into the newly remodeled Gymnasium in the Health & Wellness Center. This year it’s a no-host bar and hors d’oeuvres, silent auction (better than ever!) and at 7:30 a new “Growing Our College” program. Call the foundation office to make your required reservations.

For further information about any foundation event, please call the office at (360) 736-9391, ext. 290

Goals—2009-10

After listing the accomplishments for the Foundation and the Board of Directors for the past year, it seems appropriate to also outline some of the goals the board has set for the coming year. Your comments and suggestions to the board are always appreciated.

• We will seek new avenues to reconnect with students and alumni to broaden our communications. We believe we will strengthen the foundation and our community by maintaining a regular contact with our corps of former students.
• We intend to refine and expand our Professional Training and popular “Advantage” workshops. We will also refine and update our links between the community and our Legacy Society, Annuity, and Planned Giving initiatives.
• Work with college and area high school staff to promote scholarship and outreach enrollment from our district.
• Refine the online scholarship application program to become an easy one-step process better understood by prospective students and parents. A single application will be effective for all but special needs/special qualification financial aid or scholarship submissions.
• Refine the STEM scholarship promotion and selection process to effectively consider an anticipated high volume of applications.
• Review committee structure within the foundation to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
• Refine and develop more community outreach activities for the foundation.

The board believes introducing new activities such as “Foundation Night at the Oly Club,” as well as new, free theatre and sporting events—and participation in community events sponsored by others—would greatly promote new lines of communications and understanding with diverse individuals and groups in our service area.
Meet the board
President-elect Vicki Pogorelc

President-elect of the Centralia College Foundation board is Vicki Pogorelc, a transplant from the Yakima Valley who came to Lewis County back in 1976. She brought with her a king’s ransom of energy and enthusiasm that has been hard at work for nearly a decade.

Pogorelc has very strong values regarding students and the institution they will attend. She has worked tirelessly to create the best for both. “I think a good student is an asset to the community,” she explained, “and an educated person will continue to be positively involved.” She insists that helping a student in need not only creates a new, strong citizen base, but equally helps reduce the number of negative factors the community produces.

As a member and current chair of the scholarship committee, Pogorelc has continuously sought out program elements that allow the reviewers to consider need and ability on nearly equal footing.

Pogorelc has been a strong and active force on the Capital Campaign committee as well. She’s been the co-chair of the sub-committee studying the new TransAlta College Commons.

The third in the current capital plan, the TransAlta College Commons will offer the best interactive classrooms, academic learning facilities as yet unknown, a central point for all student-related activities, and a very large cafeteria/group facility that will serve many college and community needs.

“Beyond that,” Pogorelc said, “I think the new TransAlta College Commons will become the place that ties students, faculty, and graduates into one big, cohesive group. It will be the central focus of the campus and a place alumni will relate to for the rest of their lives.”

2008-09 Report Card: Our Key Successes

The foundation was licensed this year to offer annuities—the first was issued in December. The Legacy Society was formed to recognize donors who have included the foundation in their wills. Eight inaugural Legacy members were recognized.

The foundation received a single donation of $640,000 from the Driscoll Estate to bring the Annual Campaign up to $927,000. This year’s initial goal was $375,000.

The foundation raised some $44,000 in unrestricted funds, a priority for this year. Over $183,000 in scholarship funding was raised, compared to about $165,000 a year ago. We had 79 first-time donors this year, compared to fewer than 45 a year previously.

Foundation scholarships averaged $1,246 per award.

The STEM program was realized as over 80 applications were reviewed in the selection process. Three outstanding science-based area students were chosen for STEM scholarships.

The foundation has raised about $30,000 in gifts and pledges toward the piano project. A very generous recent pledge is expected to significantly increase the total. The committee will continue to review piano selections until funding is complete.

The foundation Web site has added the capability of receiving online donations with 14 such gifts received so far. Activity on the Web has increased substantially.

Over 10,000 alumni have been added to our database and are now receiving updated information about the foundation on a regular basis.

The foundation hosted 16 events this year, including five capital campaign gatherings. A total of over 2,750 members and supporters joined us.

Activity continues to increase at the foundation office. Our mail count went over 117,500 bulk pieces this year—and that’s not counting daily donation acknowledgements, thank you letters, and individual letters to alumni, members, and supporters.
Not long ago the nation’s educational and science leaders realized the U.S. was not producing enough college graduates in the essential sciences to meet future needs.

Centralia College was among the leaders in preparing for this exciting new adventure, and the Centralia College Foundation among the first to begin a search for the brightest and best of our high school students.

Three students have been chosen from area high schools, recognition given, and the scholarships awarded. Here are our three special science students for the Centralia College Foundation’s first-ever STEM awards:

Molly Yoder is a second-year Running Start student who attends Centralia College and Tenino High School. “This scholarship is a financial blessing,” Molly said. “It means I can go in the direction I want for my college studies. Without it, I probably would have stayed only with my math studies and not considered engineering.”

W.F. West High School senior Josh Miller said the scholarship has provided him the opportunity to study at Centralia College for the first two years, which he considers an academic benefit. “I will continue my engineering study while living home,” Josh explained. “I wasn’t sure I was ready to move to the big city yet, and this STEM scholarship made a big difference in my decisions. My plan has always been to study physics.”

Justine White, also attending W.F. West, sees the STEM award as a big honor. “It’s a recognition I appreciate very much,” she said. She said she would have come to Centralia College for the lower cost and convenience, and for the college’s reputation for exceptional educational success.

This fall the Foundation Kickoff unveils a new kind of get-together where folks will have more time to chat, get to know one another over drinks and hors d’oeuvres, look carefully at wonderful silent auction offerings, and enjoy our positive program for “Growing Our College.”

Our past kickoffs have been pleasurable and productive, but a recurring suggestion has been to provide more time for attendees to talk with others, foundation staff and leadership, and other supporters of Centralia College. Being cloistered around a dinner table with a handful of people simply didn’t provide that opportunity.

This year we’ll begin with the no-host bar and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. and the silent auction underway up until 7:30 p.m., when our overview program begins.

As in the past, there is no admission charge to attend the Annual Campaign Kickoff, but reservations are required. This is a very popular annual foundation gathering so it would be wise to call the foundation office early to request your invitation and reservation. We think you’re going to enjoy our new program format.

It would be a shame to miss it—save this date for the Annual Campaign Kickoff.