The newest member of the Centralia College Foundation’s board of directors is Dr. Brandy Mauel Fay. She is a Centralia College alumnus, a former Washington State Dairy Princess, and is a practicing veterinarian in Chehalis.

Because of her connection with the dairy industry, Dr. Fay—who always dreamed of being a veterinarian—felt her specialty would be in large animals. During her internship through the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine, she worked in a local animal clinic, mostly treating dogs and cats. She found that she was working closely with both the patient and the family in which the pet belonged; it was a perfect fit.

“As it turned out,” she smiled, “I found that small animals are really my passion. Instead of simply treating commercial animals, I was becoming sort of a ‘second family physician.’ It was the most rewarding work I could imagine.”

Dr. Fay had high praise for Centralia College and the Foundation. “I got an amazing education,” she explained, “and the faculty gave me enormous guidance and support. At the same time,” Dr. Fay continued, “through scholarships and other help, I only needed to pay for three of my seven college years. It was phenomenal.”

During her internship, Chehalis veterinarian Mark Giffey asked her to join his practice after graduation. “Because of my love for small animals and my close ties with Lewis County I was happy to accept,” Dr. Fay said. “And because Centralia College and the Centralia College Foundation both played such a huge part in my success, I wanted to be a part of the process.”

Foundation Pushes Excellence

The Ellis Oliver Speaker’s Series is an example of the many community services provided by the Centralia College Foundation. The foundation generates and administers hundreds of scholarships for deserving students, helps fund buildings and improvements on the campus, and extends academic programs in the classrooms.

The foundation is also instrumental in selecting students for major scholarship programs including STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), providing financial assistance to high school students, and helping older, returning students work toward a new career.

Businesses, individuals, and families are invited to join the foundation in these critical endeavors. You may choose to help during the annual campaign for scholarships, play a role in capital growth at the college, or make Centralia College a part of your family heritage through a lasting gift or memorial from your estate.

Please call the foundation to learn how your gift can help future generations realize their dreams and how easy it is to become a force for good in our community. You know how important your support is, now check us out online to see how easy it is.

Connect to the Centralia College Foundation: http://foundation.centralia.edu/ or call 360.736.9391, ext. 290.
Scottish-born Al Stewart has been a prolific and successful musician for more than 40 years. The best-selling balladeer will star in the 2010 edition of the “President’s Scholarship Performance” on January 23 in fabulous Corbet Theatre.

His mega-hits *Year of the Cat* and *Time Passages* lifted Stewart to the top of the charts as early as 1975, by which time he was established in the UK as a major artist.

During his early years in Great Britain, Stewart collaborated with many future stars of the folk and rock genres, and was a roommate with Paul Simon.

When Al Stewart comes to Centralia College for his 7 p.m. performance, lead guitarist Dave Nachmanoff will accompany him in an all-acoustic evening of the best of Stewart’s unique and innovative style.

Corbet Theatre is just the kind of venue where Stewart can best be experienced; it is large enough to provide splendid acoustics, but small enough for the intimate atmosphere Al Stewart—and his audiences—enjoy the most.

Tickets for the President’s Scholarship Performance are on sale now, and may be reserved by calling the Centralia College events line at 736-9391, ext. 777. Tickets are $20 for students and seniors, $25 adult, $30 for the down-front Golden Circle, and $35 for box seats.

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**College Facilities Named**

As part of the ongoing face-lift at Centralia College, it was necessary for some of the older facilities to disappear. Among the casualties were the Batie Science Center, Ehret Hall, Lingreen Hall, and the Kiser Native Gardens.

The college’s Name Retention Committee recently recommended new facility names to perpetuate the memory and community respect for these four early leaders of Centralia College.

The recommendations approved by the Centralia College Board of Trustees include:

- To name the space on the west side of Washington Avenue between Walnut Street and Centralia College Boulevard as Kiser Gardens to honor Rufus Kiser
- To name the large tiered classroom in the college’s new multi-million dollar Science Center in honor of Minnie Lingreen
- To name the college’s specimen preparation area and microbiology lab complex in honor of William Batie
- To name the main lobby of the new Science Center, a place where students and visitors gravitate, for Arthur Ehret who served as a chemistry teacher and registrar during his 37-year tenure.

Receptions are being planned to honor the relocation of these named facilities and will take place during the spring of 2010. Please check our Web page for additional information.

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**Audit Report**

The foundation completed its annual audit as of June 30. The auditor, N.R. Smith and Associates, noted that the foundation’s financial statements were presented fairly in all material respects, and the financial position of the Centralia College Foundation conforms to accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., showing net assets of $7,088,975. The foundation was commended for the investment and spending policies that it has adopted for endowment assets. Those policies ensure the foundation attempts to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs support by the endowments while seeking to maintain, preserve, and protect its endowment assets.
Clay Loges, a legend among modern American business leaders, will share his successful philosophy and practices with local businesses. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to hear this giant among American business leaders on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., at Centralia College.

Loges, international business leader and founder of the business that grew into Jiffy Lube, will bring you up to speed on the growing world of Social Media marketing. Learn how you can tap into the burgeoning tools of electronic connectivity to reach potential customers and increase your customer base. This presentation will demonstrate how you can use the powerful tools of electronics in your marketing efforts. Loges will open your eyes and your business to a world that can grow your business by reaching new customers and current customers in new ways! He has a proven track record that demonstrates the power of his techniques. The event is open to the public and is offered without charge thanks to the Centrailia College Foundation.

Loges began his business career with IBM. He quickly discovered his talents lay in business conception and entrepreneurship and set out on his own. Since then, he’s been a one-man wakeup crew for cutting-edge business concepts.

He founded a chain pioneering in quick-service car care in the Puget Sound area, and soon expanded to California under the banner of Speedi-Lube that grew into the franchise chain, you know as Jiffy Lube, the nation’s leader in the market.

Loges is international in scope, building 800-plus employee telecom businesses in Russia, Belarus, and Uzbekistan; he founded a commercial radio station in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Today, Loges counts among his enterprises the Yodio brand—short for “your audio”—a web-based service that allows people to record and match voice comments and other rich audio to their digital photos. The concept has proven to be a big winner among Social Media users.

Loges’s presentation will be in room 121 of the new Science Center on the Centralia College campus. Please call the Centrailia College Foundation at 736-9391, ext. 290, for further information.

The acclaimed Ellis Oliver Business Series brings one of the nation’s most respected serial entrepreneurs to Centralia College on Dec. 15.
This thing we call Lyceum began with Aristotle in ancient Greece. Returning home after being teacher to Alexander the Great, Aristotle would walk daily through the gymnasium—the “Lyceum”—surrounded by a throng of students as he lectured and allowed them to ask questions.

It was the world’s first faltering steps into democratic rule and perhaps the best idea to be conceived in all history. Some 2,335 years later it’s still a great notion.

The winter Lyceum is held 1-2 p.m. each Wednesday in Room 103 of Washington Hall on the Centralia College Campus. Lyceum is free and open to all.

Each year since 1978 Centralia College has chosen a former Centralia College student to receive the college’s highest honor: the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Each of the award recipients has achieved success in their chosen field of endeavor, in the larger community they serve, and among their contemporaries and colleagues.

### Recognizing Successful Alumni

Our list includes captains of industry, scientists, teachers, artists; men and women who have left an indelible mark in their chosen field and society in general.

Each year as well, we ask that former students, friends, families, and graduates nominate a candidate for this singular honor. The nominee must have attended Centralia College for at least one year and earned a level of respect through his or her accomplishments in business and industry, community service, career achievement, philanthropy, or other life success.

If you know of a likely candidate you would like to nominate, please visit us at: <http://foundation.centralia.edu/distalum.html>. Those nominated are considered each year by a committee of college faculty, staff, students, and a representative of the community.

We’ll send you a brochure that includes a nomination form. The brochure lists all past recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. We hope to hear from you soon.

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**Alumni File**

Janet Rusin (nee Hasselman) graduated with the class of 1963. “I rode the free bus from Lacey to Centralia and back every day,” she recalled, “or I probably wouldn’t have been able to attend college. I went on to WSU and got a BA in Education in 1965. I taught for a couple of years in California and then got hired in the Seattle School District where I stayed for over 30 years!

Since retirement my husband and I enjoy traveling and we both have lots of hobbies.”

Note: Classmates or friends can contact Janet through the foundation; send us an e-mail and we’ll forward it with your address for a reply. And please send us your story—we’d love to know what you’re doing these days!

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**WINTER LYCEUM PROGRAMS**

In the weeks following, learn about Willapa Bay, Aurora, Oregon, and other utopian community experiments; Rosie the Riveter in the Twin Cities; Women Environmental Icons; Twain’s runaway slave Jim’s wife Sadie; and more.

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**JAN. 13** “The Right to Dream.” The Living Voices recreate the story of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his struggle for civil rights against entrenched prejudice.

**JAN. 20** Centralia College Honors program. Graduate Lori Taylor will read from her coming-of-age novel, Elements of Change. Honors student Michael Duffy will show scenes from his independent film, The Forgotten: Armistice Day 1919.

**JAN. 27** Honors Program Part II. Graduate Kate Cushman will explain how she developed her own Small Business Plan and student John Heller will describe his work on Family Financial Literacy.

**FEB. 3** “Finding Nutrition in Lewis County” Marie Tucker, from Lewis County Health asks why fast food joints outnumber places where we can buy healthy food.

**FEB. 10** “Finding Real Food.” Experts talk about another food subject: the availability of nutritious, wholesome food from local sources.

Lyceum is free and open to the public.
The Caterpillar Company and NC Machinery of Chehalis combined to donate $20,000 to the Centralia College diesel program. Shown at the presentation of the gift are; (from left) Julie Johnson, CC Foundation, Dr. Jim Walton, CC President, Don Linn and Karen Bell of Caterpillar, and Myles Folks of NC Machinery. $5,000 of the grant is earmarked for scholarship assistance while the remainder is unrestricted funding to meet other diesel program needs.

The renovated Health & Wellness Center and the Science Center are facilities of which the community feels justly proud. The Centralia College Foundation reports the capital campaign that helped make those dreams a reality reached nearly half of its $3 million goal and remains in full swing.

The continuing campaign will help provide expanded learning resources for students in the sciences. The capital campaign will also help bring the TransAlta College Commons (TACC) closer to reality.

All this success has come during a serious economic downturn. Foundation leaders recognize the willingness of the community to continue its strong support of the college despite the recession.

“The Health and Wellness and Science centers are in nearly full operation,” observed Ralph Olson, campaign cochair, “but we still need to secure cutting-edge equipment for the critical sciences, technology, engineering, and specialized mathematics programs.”

Much of the state funding for the future construction of the TransAlta College Commons, which includes many student services and new computer-supported classroom facilities, has been approved by the legislature.

An important gifting opportunity allows donors to purchase or contribute toward the purchase of items that are essential for student use in science classes. Those items include: Laser Range Finder/Hypsometer, $439; Global Positioning Devices, $399; Micropipettors, $225; Digimelt Melting Point Apparatus, $790; Stereoscopes, $185. Check out our Web site for more items that you may purchase online.

Donations or gifts to the capital campaign are welcome. Visit us on the Web at: <http://foundation.centralia.edu/>. Your support is critical to student success.

Bev Elloway of the area Akitsa Club presents a $1,000.00 unrestricted funds check to Julie Johnson, foundation director of donor and alumni relations.

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**Legacy Society Continues Growth**

The Centralia College Foundation conceived The Legacy Society to welcome donors who have committed to a future gift through a will or bequest. Such generosity will help the college change lives and brighten the future through innovative facilities, program initiatives, and especially scholarships for deserving students.

Legacy Society donors support the dreams of coming generations through bequests, life insurance policies, annuities, and other long-term giving plans.

Our generous charter donors include Marjorie Bennett; Ron & Brigitte Burger; Joyce Butkus; Pat & Susan Dunn; Dr. Ross & Patricia Galvin; Nels Hanson; Audrey Kimball; Hank & Jenny Kirk; Larry & Becky McGee; Brian & Vicki Nupen; Ralph & Bonnie Olson; Bob & Doris O’Neill, Jim & Lanette Scapillato; Roy & Julie Seiber; Joe Sidorski; Jim & Pam Walton; Steve & Kathleen Ward; Bill & Helga Watterson; and Doris Wood.

The heritage of these gifts will echo down through generations, touching young people we don’t yet know in ways we can only imagine. That legacy will mean the fulfillment of dreams, an elevation of spirit, and the intellectual prosperity of our community.

If you have questions about a lasting legacy to serve future generations, contact Julie Johnson, Centralia College Foundation director of alumni and donor affairs. You may call the foundation at 736-9391, ext. 290; by e-mail at: <foundation@centralia.edu>, or visit us on the Web at: <http://foundation.centralia.edu/>.

**Rose Bowman Garners Blazer Bill Award**

During the Centralia College Foundation 2009 annual campaign kickoff, Rose Bowman, long-time college and foundation supporter, was honored with the **Blazer Bill Award**, given annually to recognize an individual who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the foundation and the college. Rose was honored for her tireless efforts in raising money, leading foundation programs, and volunteer work that helps make so many programs successful. Bob Thompson received the initial **Blazer Bill Award** last year.

The foundation will continue to push forward on fund-raising efforts to help assist students who will face a state-mandated tuition hike at two-year community and technical colleges by seven percent this year by the same amount for next year.

The foundation set a campaign goal of $393,750 that will allow the foundation to award more scholarships and provide other assistance to deserving students to help them reach their educational goals.

The modest increase in the 2010 campaign goal, foundation leaders believe, will prove achievable and will provide financial support for more students than ever. There was a solid spirit of optimism from supporters at the campaign kickoff held in September and a belief in the importance of raising funds to help support a growing number of Centralia College students.

While student scholarships remain the core of the annual fundraiser, the foundation hopes to increase the percentage of unrestricted funds available this year. Those monies are important for providing program support, academic and workforce development, and could help pay for unfunded equipment needs for classrooms and laboratories.

For further information, to send a pledge, or to take an active part in the 2010 campaign, please call the foundation office at (360) 736-9391, ext. 290.

And if you want to take a photo tour of the kick-off celebration, visit us at: <http://foundation.centralia.edu/>.