



Foundation calls for award nominees

Since its modest beginning in 1925, Centralia College has maintained a strong tradition of academic excellence and opportunity. Each year since 1978 the college has honored an alumnus for his or her achievement and nominations are accepted continuously throughout the year. The award is given to an individual who attended Centralia College for at least one year and who has made significant contributions to his or her profession or society in general. All past nominees are reconsidered each year; however, we are continuously soliciting nominees. Please send your nomination to the Centralia College Foundation Office or by email to: foundation@centralia.edu or on our web page at <http://foundation.centralia.edu>

She's hooked on education and appreciates that the foundation supports her habit

She's among the first bachelor's degree scholarship recipients

Julie Lind of Rochester started attending Centralia College five years ago. When proposing some changes at work, her supervisor at Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU) challenged her, and told her that she could make the changes if she would take an accounting class. She took that challenge, and as Lind puts it, this was the beginning of her love affair with education.

"I was hooked after that," Lind says. And though it took her five years while still working 40 to 45 hours a week, she finally earned her Associate in Arts degree from Centralia College in 2012.

She is among the first to receive a scholarship that will help her reach her goals of earning her bachelor's degree and thanks the foundation for its support of her efforts.

After graduating from Tumwater High School in 1990, Lind tried to attend college but with two jobs and being on her own at 17, it was just too much. Instead, Lind entered the workforce. At the age of 19 she landed a temporary job with WSECU; 21 years later, and after a lot of hard work, she is still with that same company.

Lind's scholarship goes a long way toward bringing her goal of a four-year college degree closer to reality

Though she has been successful in her career, she wants to continue advancing, and feels that the key to that advancement is through education. In fact, as she puts it, "I want my bosses' job, and he knows it."

That's not the end of Lind's journey at Centralia College; she is now enrolled in the two year track of Centralia College's Bachelor in Applied Science in Management (BASM). When asked why Centralia College? "It's the quality of the instructors, and the quality of the classes. I looked at several other



Julie Lind

colleges. The new BASM program was a perfect fit for me with its hybrid classes, part online, and then classes a couple of nights a week." Lind is impressed with the curriculum in the BASM program at Centralia College. Students in her marketing class are creating marketing plans for an existing company, eCreamery, an online custom ice cream company recently featured on the popular TV show *Shark Tank*. The plans students create will be presented to eCreamery for review, and possible implementation. "You don't get that kind of real world application with the opportunity to present your work to an existing company for review in many educational settings", she said.

Lind is grateful for the support of her employer and her family. "They are very understanding at work when I need extra time for classes," she says. WSECU also reimburses her for tuition for up to five credits each quarter, something she feels more businesses should do. "They need to make an investment in their employees." Lind's family and fiancé Kevin have understood the constraints on her time as well. When she has to occasionally miss a family gathering due to a class, or to homework, she just tells herself, "The long term benefits are worth the short term sacrifices."

John Ford Coley to grace scholarship performance

There are songs you hear in your life that transport you to a certain time period or give you a special feeling. You associate those good times to the group that made them famous. Songs like *I'd Really Love to See You Tonight*, *Nights Are Forever Without You* and *Love Is the Answer* have that kind of effect on people. Those songs and numerous others have made John Ford Coley a singing legend. He has spent decades touring, writing, recording, and producing.

Coley is most revered as half of the Grammy nominated duo England Dan and John Ford Coley. He continues with an active roster performing the platinum and gold record hits for audiences around the world. Classically trained on piano and an avid guitarist, John loves the craft and enjoys every audience he encounters.

Coley has written or performed several movie theme songs, including *Major League: Back to the Minors* and *The Spy Within*.

Tickets for this President's Scholarship Performance are \$20 general admission, \$25 golden circle (1st eight rows), and \$30 box seats. For tickets, please call 736-9391, ext. 777 or purchase at Heymann Winery, Centralia or at Book 'n Brush, Chehalis. If you would like additional information, please contact Candy Lunke, Events Coordinator, at 360.736.9391, ext. 605.



John Ford Coley

Your support does make a difference

Are you looking for a reasons to donate to the Centralia College Foundation? Here are two of the top reasons for you to consider supporting the foundation:

1. **Touching People's Lives:** Centralia College directly touches the lives of more people and families in our community than any other institution in our service region. With over 4,000 students (head count) each year, more students, turn to Centralia College to improve their lives and raise the quality of life in our communities.
2. **Affordability:** The state Legislature continues to raise the cost of tuition at all public colleges and universities in the state. Even with rising rates, two-year colleges still offer the best value for the students' education dollar. Your support only makes the dream of a college degree possible for growing numbers of men and women.

Without your support, college education is moving further and further from reality for deserving students attending Centralia College. Contact the foundation to see how you can make a difference.

Home for the holidays! Angela Meade on Corbet stage for December concert

Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient (2012) and international opera star Angela Meade is returning to Centralia College for a benefit concert on Saturday, Dec. 22. Meade will perform on the Corbet Theatre stage, in Washington Hall, beginning at 2 p.m.

The benefit concert she will perform at Centralia College will honor her mother, Deborah, who succumbed to cancer this past year. The net proceeds will benefit music scholarships at Centralia College. The program will feature opera and holiday selections for the whole family.

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Meade is a native of Centralia who didn't discover opera until she was a Centralia College student. She came to the college not sure what she wanted to do but thought that a career in medicine might be a suitable choice.

She enjoyed music and was encouraged to consider further studies in that field; Country-Western could have been the genre of choice, at least the one that was recommended to her.

She took an elective music class and began to take a closer look at opera. The music staff at the college encouraged her to explore her options. The fire was lit.

From Centralia College, Meade went on to Pacific Lutheran University to develop her singing talent. 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 then won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, which propelled her onto winning more than 50 additional competitions.

Meade is a rising star in the world of opera. She won the Beverly Sills Artist Award for young singers and the Richard Tucker Award, awarded to an American singer poised on the edge of a major national and international career. It is hoped that the award acts as a well-timed catalyst to elevate the artist's career to even greater heights.

Meade may have stumbled into the role that placed her on the international opera stage. In 2008, she was a last minute substitute in Verdi's *Emani* at the New York Met. She more than got noticed: Her performance was magical and her performance opened the door to a series of bookings across America and positioned her as a musical force.

She has learned a great deal about life from her experiences and passes along a very important message.

"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."

Scholarship recipient Hallie Simons lauds foundation, supporters for answering the call

(Note: the following is a post on The Chronicle's Website by first-year Centralia College student and scholarship recipient Hallie Simons. It appears here with permission.)

Last Thursday (September's Scholarship Night), I and 228 other students of Centralia College were honored by the Centralia College Foundation with scholarships totaling more than a half of a million dollars.

The foundation has never before given out that much funding at one time. To me, this signifies two things: the greater financial need of current students, and the growing generosity of the local community.

In the current economic state, it's easy to guess that students are being hit hard when it comes to finances. The cost of tuition and books is at an all-time high. We've yet to earn our degrees, and are thus compelled to work minimum wage jobs (for the most part). But that isn't enough money to live off of while attending community college full time.

That's where the Centralia College Foundation comes in, providing a central location for local students to apply for scholarships, and raising the funds from local businesses, groups, and memorials.

But this greater need hasn't left students in despair: The community has stepped up to support local learners in developing their skills, in hopes that they will use them for the betterment of Lewis County in the future. This year's scholarship funding was entirely generated in Lewis County.

Look at it as a form of insurance. By training people in the local area, we build them on a local foundation. With that as a base, as has

been demonstrated by the many donors, what student can avoid giving back to the community that raised them?

In my mind, Centralia College is the perfect place to seek higher learning if you intend to stay in Lewis County. Centralia College itself has an 87-year tradition of quality student education, with a mission to raise leaders and community members.

In my own scholarship application letter, I wrote on this very same topic: what better place to let yourself be molded into a better Lewis County community member and leader?

Throughout Scholarship Night, this theme was reiterated by almost all the speakers and was overwhelmingly apparent in the donor's reasons for giving. I believe that the Centralia College Foundation and all its affiliates sense the importance in building up the students so that someday they can build an even better community than the one we already live in.

In closing, I would just like to say "thank you" once again to the scholarship donors, especially to the Rob Fuller Memorial Endowment and Centralia Advanced Education Association funders, for giving me and my fellow students the opportunity to build on the community that you have invested in. I and my fellow students will do our best to become everything that we can, in hopes that in the future we will make Lewis County a more wonderful place than it already is.

(Note: To view the lineup of Scholarship Night photos, visit: foundation.centralia.edu/galleries.html.)

Foundation Scholarship Night features highest levels (so far) of donor support and dollar amount awarded

This is the opportunity for donors to take a heart-felt bow. A record number of scholarships were awarded to deserving Centralia College students during the foundation's annual Scholarship Night.

Scholarship night was held in Corbet Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 13. Donors were invited to attend and personally present the recipients of their scholarships a certificate and have their picture taken together. The theatre was packed at capacity (500) as over \$553,500 in scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, and financial aid was awarded to 229 students.

Students Stevie Abbott and Lauren Wiley shared how receiving a scholarship has impacted their lives; and donors Mai Vu and Dr. Earl Nordby shared why it was important for them to support student success through scholarships at Centralia College. Pictures of the event and a listing of scholarship recipients can be found on our website at <http://foundation.centralia.edu>.

Dr. Jim Walton, college president, noted in his remarks that scholarship recipients were not only receiving a scholarship to help pay their way, but that they were benefiting from attending the comprehensive two-year college that boasts the highest student success rate, measured as graduation and transfer rates) in the state. This is a standard that Centralia College has held for four out of the past five years.



Foundation marks 30th anniversary of service

The Centralia College Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary at their annual kick-off event on Saturday, Oct. 20 in the college's Health and Wellness Center (gym) – "Honoring our Past/Charting our Future." Donors and friends of the foundation were invited to a

tuition being raised by more than 24 percent over the past two years by the state Legislature, the foundation has increased its goal to keep in step with rising tuition costs. This year's campaign goal is \$512,000 and campaign chair Christine Fossett expects this campaign to be a "champagne campaign" – meaning she expects to exceed our goal once again this year, thanks to our faithful supporters. Pictures of the kick-off event can be found on our web page at <http://foundation.centralia.edu>.



Brad and Lynn Ford served as table leaders during the kick-off celebration.

complimentary dinner where they heard student testimonials, an update on the college, information on the bachelor's program, and the foundation, and were offered an opportunity to support the foundation and its efforts in the upcoming year.

Union Bank sponsored the annual event along with TransAlta and the Lucky Eagle Casino. Dr. and Mrs. Keith Anderson donated a three-night stay at their beach house for the raffle and many wonderful items could be found on the silent auction table. With college

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Scholarship applications are available online

The Centralia College Foundation is pleased with the number of applications for scholarships it receives each year. This past year about 550 individuals applied for a scholarship, an all-time high.

One of the keys to the increasing number of applications is that the form is online which makes an application much more efficient than the paper forms. Again this year, the form will be available online beginning Dec. 1 at www.centralia.edu/admissions/finaid/scholarships.html



Using a Smartphone, scan the barcode to visit the Centralia College Foundation Website and see all the features we've got listed.



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Invest in the Centralia College Foundation through a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, and you'll help to sustain Centralia College and ensure that the foundation can continue to have a favorable impact on deserving students.

By donating, you can receive income payments for life, some of which may be tax-free. Also, your charitable donation could earn an immediate federal income tax deduction.

Giving something away has never felt so good.

One important option that allows individuals or families to make a difference in the lives of Centralia College students is the Legacy Society. 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.

Visit <http://foundation.centralia.edu/trusts>, or call the foundation at 360.736.9391, ext. 290.

Foundation presents your opportunity to mix sanity into economy's volatility

With the volatility in the economy, you may be looking for better ways to secure and increase your future income. We can help you reach your goals, while also furthering the mission of the Centralia College Foundation, with a charitable gift annuity. If you transfer cash, stock, or other assets to the Centralia College Foundation today, we can create a fixed stream of future income for you. While you may wish to begin receiving income upon retirement or at a future date, you can take a charitable deduction for your gift this year. The longer you wait to begin receiving income, the higher your potential payout.

For information please contact the foundation office by calling 360.736.9391, ext. 290, or connect via email: Foundation@centralia.edu.

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