

2006 Report to the Community



LCC and the LCC Foundation

2006 Highlights—Progress on goals and college outcomes

Evening Degree Program—Plenty of people would like to get their college degree, but just can't work school into their schedule. So flexibility is the key in this renewed program, which allows students to earn a transfer degree (the first two years of a bachelor's) in just three years of evening classes. The new hybrid classes require just one or two classes per week on-campus, while the rest of the class activities are done online and at anytime that works for students. More than 60 students enrolled in the new program this fall.

LCC Woodland Center—LCC's commitment to serving south Cowlitz County continued last year. LCC Woodland added more college credit classes and worked closely with Woodland High School and the Running Start program. The Center offered a full slate of community service programs too, such as English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education classes, food handler card testing and computer classes. Visit us at 650 Goerig in Woodland or lowercolumbia.edu/woodland

New Music Program—The new Contemporary Musicianship and Audio Technology program has had phenomenal success. The program was nearly filled to capacity this fall with 18 students and more than half of those students were new to LCC. Students learn musical performance, audio production, music theory, form, analysis and much more. The 2-year degree can help prepare them to work in the music business, which many of the current students said they want to do.

Tech Prep—More than 800 students earned LCC credit through Tech Prep in 2005-06, and the number of Tech Prep students enrolling at LCC increased by 33%. Tech Prep links college and high school courses, allowing students to begin earning their professional-technical degree while still in high school. Take Rustee Jensen (pictured), for example. She just graduated from Kelso High School and is already an EMT and nearly halfway through her Fire Science program, thanks to Tech Prep and LCC. She transferred 27 of her Tech Prep Fire Science credits to LCC, saving her lots of money and time.



Distance Education—Flexibility is the key to college for many people and the Internet is a great way to offer classes that people can take from home, on their schedule. To meet the growing demand, LCC added 36% more distance learning classes in 2005-06 and students responded with a 54% increase in distance education enrollment.

Nursing Program—The LCC Nursing Program is growing in both stature and students. The December 2006 Pinning Ceremony celebrated the largest class ever: 23 graduates to serve the area's growing demand for qualified nurses. The LPN to RN online option has grown as well. So far, 14 students have graduated from this program, which allows students to do most of their studies online while they continue their LPN jobs. All 14 graduates passed their nursing licensure exam. An additional 30 students have enrolled in the program this year, with some students from Alaska, southern Oregon and eastern Washington.

Running Start—This program increased in popularity last year, with 327 high school students earning both college and high school credit at the same time at LCC. These students took more LCC classes than in the past, too, adding up to 209 full-time equivalent students.

Professional/Technical Programs—Enrollment increased last year in the Business Management, Chemical Dependency Studies, Early Childhood Education, Machine Trades, Medical Assisting, Paraeducator and Welding programs. The Pulp & Paper program was also successful, with 10 second-year students and 12 first-year students currently in the program.

Community Education—Enrollment in non-credit community education classes increased dramatically last year—more than 100%!

Transfer Options—In 2006, LCC became Washington's only participant in Franklin University's 230-college Community College Alliance, which allows LCC transfer degree graduates to finish their Bachelor of Science degree online. Based in Columbus, Ohio, Franklin offers online degrees in more than a dozen fields, such as Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science, Healthcare Management, Human Resources Management and Marketing. LCC also inked an agreement with The Evergreen State College to accept transfer of our professional/technical degrees in Chemical Dependency Studies, Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Computer Information Systems.



Our wish for you

There is a reason we are called a “community college.” We work hard to create opportunities for our community. We are here to serve you, but we don’t do this alone.

We are a part of a system of 34 community and technical colleges across the state that work together to serve almost half a million students each year. In our state, more than 40 percent of university graduates started out at two-year colleges and, together, Washington’s community colleges are training 80 percent of the newly prepared employees for jobs that require one or two years of college.

Despite these successes, more needs to be done. Washington State needs more workers who are better prepared for the high-tech jobs of tomorrow. More people need the advantage of college in order to succeed. Washington State’s two-year colleges are a big part of the answer.

Locally, many organizations and individuals understand this and have stepped up in huge numbers to support the LCC Foundation’s

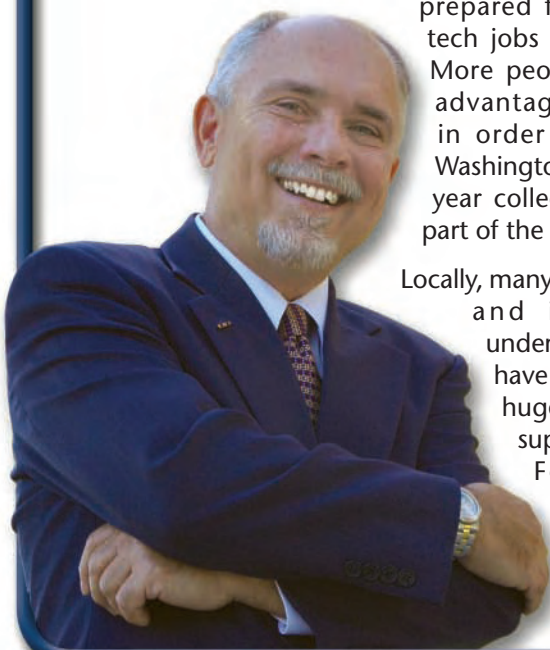
reachinghigher campaign. Take a look at page 13 for those phenomenal results. The donations have led to improved programs, facilities and equipment upgrades—all the things our students need to succeed.

On a statewide level, a budget request has been developed for the governor and Legislature’s consideration that focuses on two-year colleges meeting the demand of the economy, improving the success of students and using innovative technology.

We understand that our elected officials have difficult budget decisions to make in Olympia this year. We hope such needs as these will rise to the top of their priority list: preparing more skilled employees for the workforce; making the learning environment mirror the earning environment by keeping educational programs up-to-date with modern equipment; and making two-year colleges more affordable for low-income adults.

Washington’s community and technical colleges deliver a very good education, but our state, community and students need more. Affordable, high quality education is our wish for your future. We’ll work hard to make it so.

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Dr. Jim McLaughlin
President
Lower Columbia College

2006 LCC Board of Trustees

Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure each learner’s success. Influencing lives in ways that are individual and collective, local and global, transfer and preparatory, traditional and innovative, and personal and professional, the College is a powerful force for quality of life in our community.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be the first choice for lifelong education and cultural enrichment for the community.



From L to R: Mike Heuer; Kay Cochran; Thuy Vo, Vice-chair; Max Anderson and Lyle Lovingfoss, Chair



Grads with gumption

LCC graduates have been quietly getting scholarships and transferring to top universities for years, but our 2006 graduates got headlines too. Not only that, they showed us that the second time around can produce some first rate results. None of the students below were “traditional” students straight out of high school. Instead, most had families to support and bills to pay, but all of them had the courage and determination to reinvent themselves right here at LCC.

Roy P. Staples, a former computer programmer who returned to LCC for a transfer degree in Math, transferred to Reed College this fall on a full scholarship. He wants to teach high level mathematics—advanced high school classes, community college or even university math.

Nina Sailer was awarded a Lewis and Clark College Dean’s Scholarship as well as an American Association of University Women scholarship.

“Coming back to school has been the best thing I’ve ever done,” said the Sociology major. “The faculty have been so kind and supportive to me; I’m very grateful. LCC is the jewel of the community. This is where lives are changed.”

Tadd Wheeler received the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship—one of just 38 awarded to students at American 2-year colleges. The scholarship, which is based on academic excellence, financial need, drive to succeed, leadership, service and interest in the arts, will provide up to \$30,000 per year to help him finish his bachelor’s degree. LCC faculty nominated Wheeler for the scholarship. Wheeler transferred to the University of Washington this fall, majoring in Forest Resource Management/Streamside Management.

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Susan McNally’s picture was in *USA Today* this spring when she was named to the All-USA Academic All-Stars First Team. In March, she was named Washington’s New Century Scholar. Both honors include substantial scholarships. The single mother hopes to someday teach college math. She transferred this fall to the University of Portland.

John Lynch, a 2005 graduate and regional president of PTK, spent an extra year at LCC filling out general education classes to go with his professional/technical degree in Chemical Dependency Studies, and transferred to Texas A&M University on full scholarship this fall to finish his bachelor’s, with his eye on their Master’s in Social Work program.



From L to R: 2006 ASLCC President Donn Kirkwood presents commemorative plaques for academic excellence to Tadd Wheeler and Susan McNally; Roy Staples receives 2006 Academic Achievement Award, Nina Sailer graduates with high honors; John Lynch displays his academic achievements.



Smooth sailing to WSUV

Many people want a bachelor's degree, but don't have the time or money to go away to college. That's why the Co-Admission partnership between Lower Columbia College and WSU Vancouver is becoming more popular every year. More than 100 LCC students have taken advantage of Co-Admission, which allows LCC students to be admitted to WSUV while they finish their transfer degree at LCC.

The perks? Students get the many advantages of attending LCC for the first two years (less travel time, lower tuition, personal attention, free parking), but they are considered WSU Vancouver students too, giving them access to WSUV's library, computer labs, advisors and other services. After graduating from LCC, co-admitted students are guaranteed a spot at WSU Vancouver as long as they've followed their plan and met the requirements.

Co-admission worked perfectly for Asalie Groff, a 2006 LCC graduate who transferred to WSU Vancouver this fall.

"It seemed like I didn't really have to do much to get started at WSU. You're already in, so when you graduate (from LCC), you're ready to go," she said.

Groff grew up in foster homes, and later struggled to support her own children on minimum wage jobs, never thinking college was an option. Finally, realizing she couldn't get a better job without college, she tried just one course and did fine. The next quarter, she made the Dean's List and it was full speed ahead. Now, she's set her sights on a bachelor's in Human Development from WSUV.

"I liked starting my degree at LCC," Groff said. "The convenience of being here and not having to travel was great and you also get a lot more hands-on help."

Faculty, staff and LCC president James McLaughlin followed through on that personal connection, nominating Groff for the WSU Presidential Scholarship, which she received.

While attending LCC, she met with a WSUV advisor once, and called a couple of times to ask about requirements, but she mostly worked with Educational Planner Terrence Green in the LCC Transfer Center. "The Transfer Center advisors were very helpful," Groff said. "I felt I was prepared for WSU; well-advised on classes to take that would apply to my degree."



Running Start to Whitman

Transfer students at Whitman College are as rare as, well, Adam Daggy. In fact, there's nothing "usual" about Daggy. He took his first college class at LCC the summer after ninth grade; then spent the next school year in the Slovak Republic. He returned to the US and his junior year at Kelso High School, finally old enough for Running Start.

He graduated with high honors from both KHS and LCC in 2006.

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"I enjoyed the familiarity with the people and the environment that can only come in a small school like LCC," he said.

Daggy loved Dennis Shaw's Cultural Anthropology and Critical Reasoning classes, "primarily for his introductions to epistemology, Occam's razor and the logical fallacies; well-presented and well-received." He's majoring in anthropology at Whitman.

Shaw says Daggy "was a wonderful student who was able to surmount every intellectual challenge I threw at him and always came back for more. He had a genuine passion for knowledge and always went well beyond what was required of him in class."

Daggy and his family also appreciated the money he saved with Running Start. "I saved about \$80,000; enough to buy a sandwich or two." Nearly all of Daggy's LCC credits transferred, and he started at Whitman as a junior.

"I'm quite used to being one of the youngest people I know...It's a joke among my friends that I'll graduate from college before I'm old enough to drink."



CEO program changes lives

The Career Education Options (CEO) program at Lower Columbia College is a second chance at high school. In 2005-06, 196 students took that chance, using CEO to get their high school diploma or prepare for the GED test, learn life and study skills, and take college courses.

"CEO is an awesome program," says Associated Students of LCC Vice-President Zach Parson, a CEO student himself. Many CEO students have major challenges and have difficulties sticking with the program, but "for those who stick with it, it changes their lives."

When Parson was in high school, his family situation wasn't good and he got into drugs. "I never went to class, I didn't do the work, and I got all F's." When he and his mother moved up from Los Angeles to be with her family, he didn't want to leave his friends behind, but now he's glad he did. "Most of my friends from L.A. are either dead or in jail."

He was so far behind in high school that he lost hope of graduating. He dropped out and got his GED; then heard about CEO. Soon after joining the program, he gave up drugs to try to keep a loved one off drugs.

"I didn't really care enough about myself to do it, but then I realized I liked how I felt without the drugs. Then it was for me."

An articulate young man who wants to make a difference, Parson is interested in the Humanities and youth drug counseling, but he's still exploring other fields, which is possible since CEO pays his college tuition. For the first time in his life, he says he is enjoying school and is motivated to succeed.

"If it weren't for CEO, I never would have gotten back into school. I never thought I'd be able to go to college, but CEO gave me goals, something to look forward to."



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Kids & parents learn together

Enrollment in Basic Skills—Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes—increased 38 percent last year. That's a remarkable increase, considering the challenges the program faced last year.

For example, when Basic Skills enrollment suffered after the state required a \$25 per quarter fee, LCC staff lined up scholarships for those who couldn't pay. Since many potential students have transportation problems, staff took the classes to where the students are: workplaces, churches, Head Start classrooms, south Cowlitz County and more.

Classes in conjunction with Head Start were especially important because Head Start supports the parents in their role as their children's first teachers. At the Head Start Broadway Center, regular ESL and GED classes are offered to the parents and community, with childcare provided. LCC Head Start also began offering daytime ESL classes at La Casa de San Juan Diego, housing for Woodland's Hispanic agricultural population. The classes there attracted 18 students this fall, mostly mothers who attend classes while their little ones learn the songs and games they'll sing and play at Head Start preschool.



Bright smiles and minds

Last year, LCC Head Start became one of just three programs in the Northwest to receive a \$300,000 federal Head Start Oral Health Initiative grant. With the four-year grant, LCC Head Start hired its own hygienist and is providing dental screenings, fluoride applications and oral health education for the children and their families.

Head Start children, their younger siblings, and pregnant mothers needing treatment are referred to local dentists. The grant helps pay for transportation to the dentist, interpreter services, and dental treatment too. Local dental hygiene students volunteer to screen the children and their families.

The results: 96% of Head Start students received dental exams; 46% were diagnosed as needing dental treatment; and 88% of those needing treatment got it. In general health efforts, 96% of the children received physical exams and 98% ended the school year with up-to-date immunizations.



Grad gets jump on career

At 21, Jessica Wendling, RN, was the youngest in her graduating class at LCC. A Toutle Lake High School graduate, she saved time and hundreds of dollars thanks to Kelso High School's Health Occupations Tech Prep program. Through the program, Jessica was able to get the required Certified

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Nursing Assistant credential, plus nearly 10 college credits out of the way before she even entered the LCC Nursing Program. This head start also gave her an edge over other applicants to the LCC Nursing Program.

Today, she's working in a Portland allergy, asthma and dermatology clinic, where she's getting experience, learning a lot and saving money for her next step: a bachelor of science in nursing. She got a jump on her transfer degree too, earning 30 credits through Running Start. Finishing her BSN should take just a year.

An added bonus? She really enjoys her work. "You get to do quite a bit: skin testing, challenge tests, biopsies...I'm still learning new things every day. It's a lot of fun."

Wendling enjoyed her LCC Nursing Program instructors and speaks highly of the program. "School was hard, but it's definitely one of the better programs around."



2005-06 Student Profile

Total students	7,258
Full-time	37%
Part-time	63%
Male	36.5%
Female	63.5%
Average age	33
Caucasian	84.5%
Of color	15.5%

Students Taking Classes

English as a Second Language	368
Distance Education	2,296
Senior Studies	876
Community Education	976

2006 Graduate Profile

Degrees

Transfer	195
Professional-Technical	176

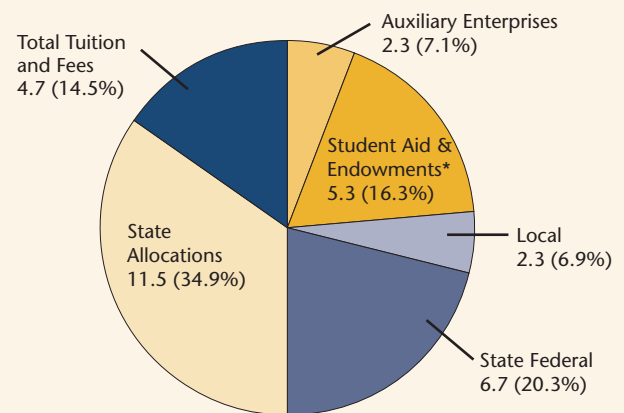
Students in Programs (05-06)

Running Start	327
Career Education Options	196
Worker Retraining	89
Certificates/Completions	199
High School Diplomas/GED	287

2005-06 Funds – Sources and Uses

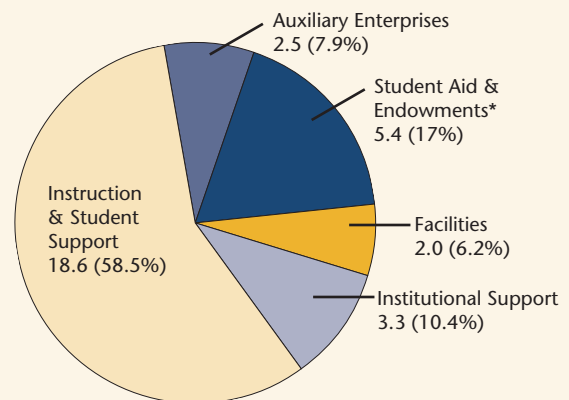
Revenues

(\$ in Millions) Total \$32.8



Expenditures

(\$ in Millions) Total \$31.8



*Includes federal and state financial aid grants, plus income from scholarship and faculty excellence endowments.



Learn the basics; go to work

It's hard to train for a better job if you don't get the math, or don't speak or read English well enough to understand the books or the instructor. However, a new program, Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) tackles that obstacle by combining job training with Adult Basic Education and/or English as a Second Language.

What makes it different? Rather than a student learning basic skills and then moving on to learn a job skill, adult literacy and vocational instructors work together to develop and deliver instruction so students learn the basics while learning a trade. The ABE/ESL teacher attends the classes with the students, helping out as needed.

This fall, LCC offered I-BEST in two certificate programs: Health Occupations and Manufacturing Occupations, which prepare students for entry-level jobs in the healthcare industry and manufacturing. The classes attracted 11 students, including two Hispanic and three Russian students.

I-BEST success is already evident, especially for those who don't speak English. Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges research found that I-BEST students are 15 times more likely to complete workforce training than traditional ESL students.

Both LCC I-BEST programs are accepting more students this year and ABE/ESL Manager Marilee Hertig hopes to expand I-BEST to other training programs this spring.

Machine Trades Instructor Kam Todd (pictured) enjoyed the collaboration, enthusiasm and extra help of the ABE/ESL instructor assigned to his I-BEST class. By the way, the lathe he's using was donated to LCC last winter by The Boeing Company Portland Division.



Worker Retraining—It Works!

Kricket Jansen and Kandi Colwell-Roberts were both laid off when Sinnett's Market Place closed in January of 2006. They considered applying for new retail jobs, but both qualified for Worker Retraining benefits because of the layoff, and they wanted to take this chance to improve themselves.

Jansen set her sights on the LCC Nursing Program and Colwell-Roberts looked at the Dental Hygiene program at Clark College in Vancouver. Both enrolled at LCC to take the pre-requisite classes they needed to apply for admission to their specific programs.

"We were very pleased to be able to help them."

However, neither woman qualified for federal financial aid. Since they weren't yet enrolled in their professional-technical programs, they didn't qualify for WorkSource educational funding for dislocated workers, either.

Thankfully, the LCC Worker Retraining office was there to help. The office helps laid-off, dislocated and underemployed workers get and coordinate financial assistance to train for a new career.

There are so many different sources of funding and varying qualifiers, that it can be daunting and difficult for someone who was recently laid off to understand what they qualify for and how to access the aid to pay for classes or other expenses. Joe Hobson, LCC's Worker Retraining Educational Planner, helped Jansen and Colwell-Roberts find funding to cover their pre-requisite classes.

"Both of these women are very motivated, hard-working, good students," Hobson "We were very pleased to be able to help them."

When she isn't attending class, Jansen works as a biology tutor at LCC. Colwell-Roberts, who had a baby in July, still earned an "A" in her challenging Chemistry 111 class summer quarter.



Kricket Jansen and Kandi Colwell-Roberts are happy that Worker Retraining funds helped them pay for college.



Thanks for the great employees!

When Equa-Chlor developed a plant that manufactures industrial water purification products on Longview's waterfront last year, the new local employer asked for help to recruit and train its workforce. The local Workforce Team—LCC, the Economic Development Council, Workforce Development Council and WorkSource—stepped up. The result: 45 employees, many with no prior experience in the field, got the job skills they need to succeed at their new family wage jobs.

LCC faculty and staff helped develop and design the curriculum, and provided extensive training in maintenance and manufacturing methods and tactics. With help from industry experts, they developed a hands-on training lab for parts of the manufacturing processes that, until then, were only available as computer simulations. They worked with Washington Manufacturing Services to train the recruits in team and interpersonal skills.

Trainer Greg B. Welch of The Learning Fellowship was so impressed with the teams of recruits he worked with in early 2006 that he wrote to Equa-Chlor management about them. "I have been working with teams for over 16 years and these two groups of people were among the most remarkable (and fun) that I have ever worked with."

He praised the teams for their "unusually high degree of willingness, curiosity, accountability, bias toward action, caring, commitment and cohesion."

Equa-Chlor Vice President Jim Sims attributed the consultant's experience to the Workforce Team's earlier efforts.

Grant updates LCC technology

Technology is changing the way people learn, communicate and store information, and Lower Columbia College is keeping pace thanks to a \$2 million federal Title III "Strengthening Institutions" grant. The past year saw major technology changes and growth:


LCC's online course management system was upgraded. More than 2,400 LCC students and faculty actively use ANGEL for online chat, instruction, turning in homework and papers, taking quizzes and more.

A document-imaging system was implemented, making records easier to store, locate and share in both Financial Aid and Registration.

Faculty updated their technical knowledge, sharing new teaching techniques and how to use the online course management system and new equipment purchased with Title III funds, including:

- Smart Boards--white boards that allow the instructor to display information from a computer and the Internet, use computer programs, and enter information with a touch or special marker
- Ceiling-mounted computer projectors
- Document cameras, DVD players and recorders, technology carts and more.

LCC has a new website, lowercolumbia.edu. Thanks to plenty of research and planning, it's organized according to what different groups of people need and want, whether they are high school students, business owners, community members or LCC students.



Train for a Great Career!

Last year, Lower Columbia College made extra efforts to get the word out about its professional/technical programs. Joe Hobson (pictured) serves as both a professional/technical educational planner and the Worker Retraining program coordinator. Hobson guides students in their career training decisions and has helped dozens tap into Worker Retraining funding (see story at left) to train for a new career. An LCC Foundation grant made this award-winning display (see page 11) possible.





Students put the “community” in community college

The Associated Students of LCC and Multicultural Student Services combined efforts in 2005-06 to provide concerts, plays, lectures, entertainers, family fun, and health-awareness and club activities for the college community. The students served the community’s basic needs too, contributing volunteers for the Red Hat Thrift Store, food for Community House and Thanksgiving food baskets, Coats for Kids, funds for the Emergency Support Shelter, and volunteers and funds for Habitat for Humanity.

Kids of all ages enjoyed the Oct 6th Harvest Fest, sponsored by ASLCC. Families participated in many learning activities, including making “flubber” with the assistance of the LCC Chemistry Club. Apparently, “flubber bubbles” are possible.

Red Devils Delight

It was another great year for Red Devils Athletics. The Lady Devils Softball Team won their seventh Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championship in eight years. In addition, LCC teams collected four division championships in 2005-06: for men’s baseball and basketball, and women’s softball and volleyball.

Our LCC sports teams did us proud in the classroom too, with an overall team GPA of 2.86—which we will compare with anyone! But our athletes didn’t stop there. Many have moved on to four-year schools or even professional leagues. Where are they now? Check out the list below:

Volleyball:

Kayli Anderson, Warner Pacific

Soccer:

Alice Fox-Dietz, Evergreen State

Men’s Basketball:

Omar Krayem, Eastern Washington
Brett Tompkins, San Diego Christian
Trevor Person, San Diego Christian
Bryan Freshwater, Central Washington

Women’s Basketball:

Lacey Nobles, Oregon Institute of Technology
Beth Smith, Philadelphia Biblical
Sarah Burgoyne, Linfield
Brihtany Lassiter, Linfield

Softball:

Amanda Schaapveld, Montana-Billings
Nicole Wallinger, Western Missouri
Keri Gesner, Oregon Institute Technology

Baseball:

Drew George, Oregon State
Josh Keller, Oregon State
Kyle Foster, Oregon State
Jonah Hobson, Hawaii-Pacific
Billy Jones, Western Missouri
Jordan Merry, Washington
Tony Jones, Western Oregon
Ben Greenslit, Gonzaga
Tyler Smith, Lewis-Clark State
Justin Burger, Lewis-Clark State
Jared Joaquin, Lewis-Clark State

Professional Baseball:

D.J. Lidyard, Milwaukee Brewers (minor league)
Broc Coffman, Texas Rangers (minor league)
Ryan Shaver, San Francisco Giants (minor league)

Alumni Update: Buddy Black (LCC 1976-77) was recently named the manager of the San Diego Padres.



Sophomores on the 2006 NWAACC Championship softball team are:
Top - Jamie Fowler;
middle row - Amanda Schaapveld, Logan Mohr and Anna Whiteman;
bottom row - Nicole Wallinger, Andrea Pedersen, Ruth Anderson and Keri Gesner



Success beyond the classroom

English Instructor **Joseph Green's** poem "What You Can Say to Me When I'm Dead" was published this fall in *The Stony Thursday Book*, No. 5 (New Series), in Limerick, Ireland.

A painting by Art Instructor **Yvette O'Neill** is on the cover of the 2006 edition of *CrossCurrents*, an art and literary magazine published by the Washington Community and Technical Colleges Humanities Association.

Rosemary Powelson's mixed media collage collection (inspired by her travels) was exhibited at the South Puget Sound CC Art Gallery during December.

Nursing Program Director **Helen Kuebel** is serving this year as a pro tem member of the Washington State Nursing Commission. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing chose Nursing's Distance Education Coordinator **Karen Kearcher** to help write questions for the RN national licensing exam.

LCC Forensics Coach **Mike Dugaw** has won more than his share of contests, but losing isn't too painful (for him, anyway) when one of his former students is coaching the winning team. This fall's LCC Smelt Classic meet attracted 203 participants representing 18 colleges and universities. The winning 2-year school was Mt. Hood Community College of Gresham, Oregon, coached

by Shannon Valdivia, LCC class of 1990. The winning 4-year school, William Cary University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is coached by Dan Schabot, LCC class of 1995.

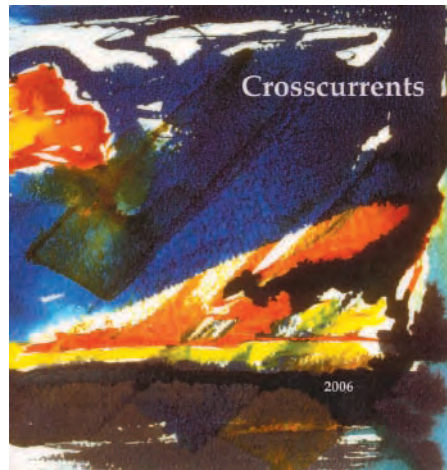
Also, Dugaw was recently elected to the 3-person executive committee of the NW Intercollegiate Debate League.

Biology Instructor **Dr. Louis LaPierre** co-authored an article for *Zootaxa*, "A review of Pseudolechriops Champion (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Conoderinae)." That's a weevil found in Central America.

Automotive Technology Instructor **Steve Byman** returned to LCC this fall from a year's sabbatical in Finland, where he taught automotive classes in English (and visited his son and family).

Pulp and Paper Program Director **Ralph Benefiel** and Tutorial Center Program Coordinator **Sherri Fittro** received Crystal Apple awards from the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce in May for outstanding service in education. Benefiel received the award for administrators, and Fittro the award for support staff.

Judith Irwin, longtime language and literature instructor, and **Carol McNair**, longtime counselor and instructor, were named Faculty Emeritus in April by the LCC Board of Trustees. Former LCC Trustee **Ann Mottet** was named Trustee Emeritus for her 10 years of service to LCC.



LCC receives marketing awards

In October, the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for the Community Colleges District VII recognized Lower Columbia College in three Medallion Award categories. In the Banners & Outdoor Media category, the College Relations & Marketing office won a silver medallion for the Industrial Technology Department's "Train for a Great Career" trade show display (see pg 9). In the poster category, the college received a gold medallion for the "go higher!" high school recruitment poster (pictured). The college also received top honors in the Specialty Advertising category for its animated pre-movie advertisement playing in local cinemas. Judges chose from 168 entries from 30 different

institutions from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory.





The Rose Center for the Arts, situated next to the Student Center on 15th Ave, will be complete next fall.



Architectural rendering of the new Rose Center for the Arts

\$1 million gift helps Reaching Higher Campaign near its \$4.5 million goal

In honor of receiving a \$1 million gift from June Rose of Longview, Lower Columbia College will name its new Fine Arts building the "Rose Center for the Arts." With Mrs. Rose at his side, College President Jim McLaughlin announced the gift during his welcome back address to faculty and staff on September 11.

"Mrs. Rose's gift is the most substantial donation we have ever received and we are grateful and fortunate to have such a high level of support from her, which will help us get this landmark project established," McLaughlin said. "She has been a longtime supporter of LCC, especially in the areas of music and the arts, so having the new fine arts building carry her name is an honor for all of us at LCC."

"It has always been my belief that nobody should be denied a college education," Mrs. Rose told the group. "The more that we can all do to help fund a college education for students who can't afford it, the better off this community will be. The success of this community means a lot to me and Lower Columbia College is at the center of this success."

The donation was made to the LCC Foundation

LCC's Darcy Smith thanks Mrs. Rose (who is also a longtime family friend) for her generous gift to LCC.



as part of its [reachinghigher](#) major gift campaign. Mrs. Rose made the gift to honor her late husband, Stanley B. Rose, a local businessmen and longtime community leader.

Her \$1 million gift is a big step toward the LCC Foundation's goal of \$4.5 million. The [reachinghigher](#) campaign—which has raised more than \$3.7 million so far—kicked off two years ago.

The LCC Nursing Program has received nearly \$500,000 so far from the campaign's Healthcare Initiative, helping the College keep its promise to address the serious shortage of nurses by increasing its nursing program capacity. Some of the donors include:

- The Healthcare Foundation
- The Daily News/Lee Foundation
- Evans-Kelly Family Foundation
- Howard Charitable Foundation
- Robert & Pauline Kirchner
- Don & Pat Rodman
- Stanley B. & June L. Rose Foundation
- Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council

These donations have allowed LCC to improve and expand the nursing program, add scholarships and purchase the latest equipment, such as high fidelity simulator patients with integrated software, patient care unit equipment, IV simulators and, soon, online clinical skills training programs. Thanks to donor support, the college will soon remodel and rewire two nursing classrooms, one of which will become a multi-use computer lab.



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Giving and receiving hits all-time high

As the incoming president for the LCC Foundation this year, I would like to thank you for the generous support you have given to Lower Columbia College. The Foundation's various ventures have enjoyed outstanding success this year.

The 2006 Golf Marathon was held in May to raise money for LCC scholarships. Our 34 golfers raised an all-time high \$57,000 in pledges, each promising to golf 100 holes in a day. What an outstanding effort these golfers made to help our students!

The Foundation's **reachinghigher** campaign was the high point for our activities. Since the College and Foundation began this major fundraising campaign two years ago, we have been overwhelmed by the support received from the community, as well as our LCC staff and boards. Our goal was to raise \$4.5 million to support various needs of the college and so far we have surpassed the \$3.7 million mark. We will continue to work toward our goal and feel confident we will find the necessary supporters to make this happen.

"we have been overwhelmed by the support received from the community..."

We are proud that last year the LCC Foundation provided a record amount of support to LCC. Over \$535,000 was used to purchase equipment and library resources, support programs and fund scholarships. In fact, over \$200,000 was awarded in scholarships, which are so important to our students. Their successes also make the College and our community successful.

Boards are always changing and we would like to thank both those who have served with us and those who are new to the LCC Foundation Board. Dottie Koontz has retired after nine years and John Richards after six years of dedicated service. We thank them for their volunteer time and expertise. We also welcome our new 2006/07 board members: Frank Busch, Jim Hendrickson and Jeff Tack.

Thank you, too, for being a part of LCC's success.

Steve Vincent

Steve Vincent,
President
LCC Foundation





First-time marathoners Jerri Henry and Cindy Lervik enjoyed their day of fundraising.

Golf Marathon a sunny success

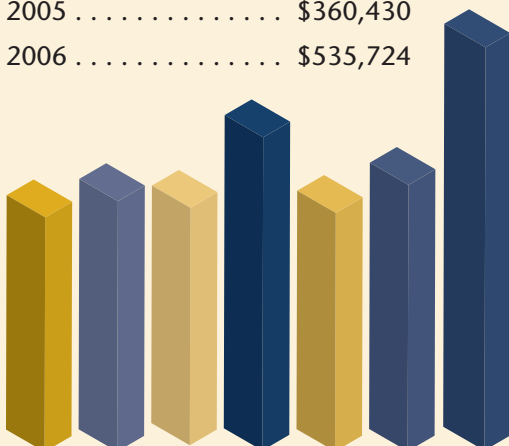
The 2006 LCC Foundation Golf Marathon raised \$57,000 for student scholarships, as 36 dedicated golfers had a good time for a good cause at the Three Rivers Golf Course.

Top fund-raiser was Michael Carter of Longview Fibre, who collected more than \$7,000 in cash and pledges. Steve Vincent was the iron man, playing 207 holes of golf!

Gregg Myklebust and David Houten co-chaired the event. All enjoyed beautiful scenery and sunny skies, picnic lunches and an evening awards reception sponsored by KLOG/KUKN. Dozens of other donors sponsored individual holes.

Support to College 2000 – 2006

2000	\$317,143
2001	\$338,312
2002	\$312,044
2003	\$423,425
2004	\$320,585
2005	\$360,430
2006	\$535,724



Financial Report 2005 – 2006

	July 1 – June 30 2006	July 1 – June 30 2005
Assets		
Cash	\$691,976	\$650,903
Investments	\$6,915,741	\$5,707,911
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,075	\$505
Pledges Receivable	\$1,226,590	\$260,216
Fixtures and Equipment	\$71,912	\$73,504
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,907,294	\$6,693,039

Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	\$3,631	\$28,586
Amounts Held in Trust for LCC	\$44,302	\$63,195
Annuity Payment Liability	\$11,146	\$19,701
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$59,079	\$111,482

Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$2,616,320	\$2,466,437
Temporarily Restricted	\$3,375,574	\$1,851,894
Permanently Restricted	\$2,856,321	\$2,263,226
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$8,848,215	\$6,581,557

Income & Expenditures - July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Income	
Revenue, Gains/Losses, Other	\$3,029,209

Expenditures	
Program Support to LCC:	
Scholarships	\$189,378
Grants	\$87,418
Program Support	\$183,323
Library	\$5,924
Other	\$69,681
TOTAL	\$535,724

General & Administrative	\$160,497
Fundraising	\$63,707

Total Expenditures	\$759,928
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Scholarship Social 2006

More than 250 people braved truly awful weather to attend the LCC Foundation's Scholarship Social, held November 6 in the Student Center. The Foundation has awarded more than 200 scholarships so far for 06-07, and the recipients took this opportunity to personally thank the donors who are helping them go to college.

Donor Ted Clark, Jr. spoke about the nursing scholarship he and his family sponsor in memory of his sister, Lisa Jo Clark. Student speakers Jamie Crandell and Jimi Harris shared about their lives and what their scholarships mean to them.



Bob May, left, of Solvay Interlox meets LCC student, Dylan Bass, who was very thankful for his Solvay Pierre Ruelle Memorial Scholarship.



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