





A powerful force for the quality of life in our community

Building the Future at Lower Columbia College

"Whatever good things we build, end up building us." – Jim Rohn





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Lower Columbia College

LCC Mission:

The mission of Lower Columbia College is to ensure each learner's personal and professional success, and influence lives in ways that are local, global, traditional and innovative.

LCC Vision:

Our vision is to be a powerful force for improving the quality of life in our community.

In 2008, Lower Columbia College successfully built upon the groundwork of the past several years to reach a new level of service for our students and our community.

Nothing better exemplifies this than the completion and unveiling of the Rose Center for the Arts. A spectacular grand opening of new venues for theater, music and art "reintroduced" LCC as a major force in enhancing the quality of life here.

The college has focused equal effort on building its virtual infrastructure. We have delivered a full, online associate degree program and a complete evening associate degree. Enrollment in distance learning classes has doubled and LCC Online makes all of the services found on campus available to students who can only reach us through our website, including the ability to chat electronically with an advisor.

Lower Columbia College has also been selected to launch the state's first Rural Outreach Nursing Education program that finally makes nursing education, and subsequently quality healthcare, accessible to residents of more remote communities in our state.

The college's digital imaging project reduced more than a room full of paper files to electronic folders that can be easily stored and accessed with the click of a mouse. Now staff can respond quickly to increasing requests for scholarships, financial aid and student loans. In addition, a no-interest tuition payment plan helps students balance college expenses.

Many projects have been enhanced by funding from the Lower Columbia College Foundation. In this report, read how the Reaching Higher campaign surpassed its goal. Contributions from the campus, our business and industry partners and the community helped fund portions of the improvements I have mentioned, plus eight new scholarships and three new endowments.

Our efforts have been recognized by our students in a national survey and by our peers with two national awards for excellence. Past efforts are paying off and LCC is an even stronger partner in service to our community and state.

Lower Columbia College Board of Trustees, left to right: Max Anderson, chair; Mike Heuer, vice chair; Thuy Vo; Lyle Lovingfoss, and Heidi Heywood. Trustee Kay Cochran completed six years of service as an LCC trustee in October.

Strengthening LCC's High-Tech Muscle

Funding will yield lasting benefits for college and students.

Lower Columbia College is winding up a 5-year Title III Strengthening Institutions grant and flexing a lot more high-tech muscle as a result.

The college received \$365,000 per year to improve success rates for pre-college and first year students, to implement new technologies that improve learning opportunities and services for students, and to increase the effectiveness of instruction.

Title III funded new and improved services and equipment across the campus that will continue to benefit students as part of ongoing LCC programs. The list includes:

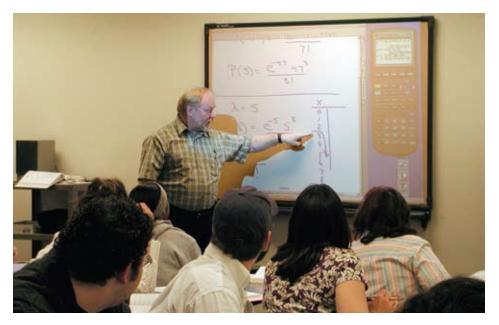
New classroom technology

Almost every classroom on campus now has a computer, LCD projector, sound system and DVD player. Title III also funded seven "Smart Boards," which work like a combined white board and computer touch screen; 13 document camera presenters; a DVD/VCR with closed caption video capability; and more equipment.

Tools for learning online

The ANGEL course management system was implemented, improving access to course materials and allowing more online and hybrid courses. Title III also supported development of online advising, plus purchase of an online education planning program.

LCC redeveloped its website, improving communication across campus and with the larger community, and opening the way to online advising, online education planning, and the "My LCC" student portal.



Rick Swee uses SmartBoard purchased with Title III funds to illustrate mathematics problems for students.

New and improved courses

Grant funds were expended to improve course curriculum in English, nursing, political science, biology, environmental science and interdisciplinary science. An integrated biology-English learning community was created and a study skills workshop was added to student orientation. Custom physical science, biology and earth science classes for educators were developed.

Math was a special focus, especially improving the success of students not working at college level and helping high school students move smoothly into college math.

New Math Outcomes testing ensures that students are learning the material and ready to move on to the next level. The new Math Resources Lab provides help for all pre-college math students. Online math tutoring and chemistry math materials were developed for Tutor Services. Finally, a new series of Early Childhood Education courses link with math courses to help preschool teachers teach math to young children.

Better teaching tools and training

Faculty can now check out lap top computers, projectors, digital cameras, a digital video camera, document camera presenters, and podcast kits. A new professional library includes 265 books and an assortment of videos, and faculty can also check out 10 learning tool kits to help students with learning problems.

Professional development activities for faculty and staff included almost 200 on-campus sessions on technology, pedagogy and student services. Five national speakers gave presentations on campus and 169 faculty and staff attended off-campus conferences and workshops. Faculty have already put new technology and pedagogy training to work in the classroom.

Efficient record-keeping systems

Electronic document imaging in Registration and Financial Aid replaced a room (and several file cabinets) full of paper files and improved service to the students. The technology is being expanded this year to Human Resources and the Finance Office.

Access: Everyone who wants to go to college deserves the chance

Answering The Siren Song

A Work-Study opportunity leads to a fulfilling full-time job with Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue



Jennifer Olin loves her job with good reason. "It's the best job I've ever had, and I've had some great jobs!"

Olin works as a receptionist and public education assistant at Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue's main station in Kelso, helping with events like Fire Prevention Week and car seat checks. "It's fun."

She started out wanting to be a paramedic, but needed to earn certification as an Emergency Medical Technician first. Olin has finished her prerequisites and has just three Fire Science classes left to take for her Fire Science degree. After serving a year as an EMT, she'll be able to apply to paramedic school through the Northwest Regional Training Center.

Olin has also taken an interest in being a Fire Inspector, and has helped with some inspections.

Olin started working at Cowlitz 2 about two years ago, as a part-time work-study employee, earning money to pay for her education and cooperative education work experience at the same time. She's grateful to Jennifer Knapp, WorkFirst program coordinator at LCC for the Work-Based Learning Work-Study Program, for helping her get the work-study job. Olin was hired full-time in April.

The mother of two is pacing herself, taking her classes one at a time. Fire Science Instructor Rick Atkins teaches most classes himself, but he brings in working professionals for others, especially for the EMT classes. "Rick has been great. He's not uptight, and it's easy to ask him questions. He'll give you very straight answers."

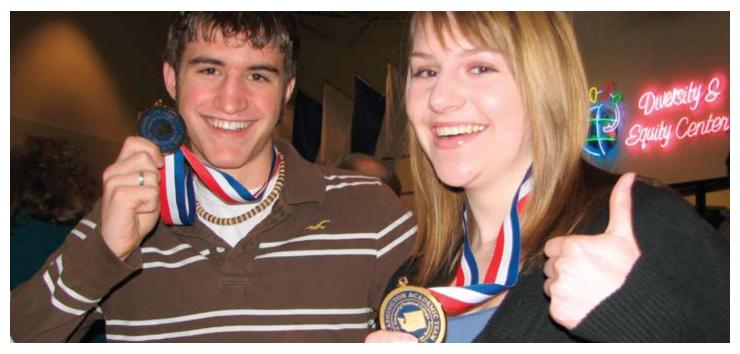
2008 Milestones

- Lower Columbia College was the only college to answer when Washington's rural hospitals asked for an online nursing program to train local people to work in their remote hospitals. The Rural Outreach Nursing Education program—similar in concept to LCC's highly successful online program for LPNs who want to advance to RN—launches this winter.
- LCC's Washington Opportunity Grant program, funded for the first time last year, funded career training for 107 students in high-demand careers such as welding.
- More laid-off workers turned to LCC last year to train for new careers. The College served 151 Worker Retraining students in 2007-08 (79 FTE).
- Enrollment in distance education increased nearly 50% in 2007-08, reaching 273
 Full-Time Equivalent students, up from 183
 FTE in 2006-07. The Daily News published an article about LCC distance ed classes, noting that our online class enrollment for the year grew the fastest in the state.

Transfer: LCC is the first step toward a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree

Embracing Opportunities

Running Start students make All-Washington Academic Team



Students Lesh and Shaddox both chose the Running Start program for the higher-education options opened to them.

Two LCC Running Start students, William Kalob Lesh and Rachel M. Shaddox, were named to the 2008 All-Washington Academic Team. Both went on to graduate in June from both LCC and their local high schools.

Lesh plans to be an orthodontist. Facing 12 years of college, he wanted to save time and money when he stepped into Running Start from Toutle Lake High School. He earned excellent grades, did well on the Forensics Team, and was honored as LCC's top Pre-College Mathematics student. An

Eagle Scout, he enjoyed the freedom, challenge and personal responsibility of college. He transferred this fall to Brigham Young University.

Shaddox hasn't yet chosen a major. "Whatever comes, comes. Eventually, I want to teach. I'd like to go to school to be an expert in something." She chose Running Start for the many choices of college, plus the possibility of a transfer degree, tuition-free. Shaddox was named the college's top Anthropology student for the year. Earning a perfect 4.0 GPA, she also received the Scholastic

Achievement Award for the Class of 2008. She transferred this fall to the University of Hawaii.

The team was honored March 20 in Olympia. Former Gov. Gary Locke congratulated them and keynoted the event. Each member received a \$750 scholarship, funded by Key Bank and the Northwest Education Loan Association.

LCC served 357 Running Start students in 2007-08. The full-time equivalent of 234 students earned free college credit while still in high school.

2008 Milestones

- LCC awarded its first Major Ready Program degrees, with three students receiving the Associate in Business degree. The new MRP degrees build on the Direct Transfer by Agreement degree, providing not only junior status at any Washington state university, but fulfilling more program prerequisites.
- LCC transfer students continue to earn about a 3.0 GPA, on average, after transferring to four-year institutions.
- 20% of LCC's 2006-07 transfer students had moved on to a four-year institution within a year. A year later, more students had moved on, increasing the rate to 25%.
- In July 2008, LCC faculty met to assess transfer student progress toward achieving intended general education outcomes in areas such as critical thinking and multiculturalism. Results of this second summer institute will help faculty improve the transfer curriculum.

Professional/Technical: Training for careers that benefit the local economy

Sparking An Interest in Welding Careers

LCC Competition and Job Demand Boost Enrollment



Two dozen local high school students checked out the LCC welding program while testing their own skills in an annual competition supported by the college and local industry.

A competition for high school students, and ongoing changes in the local job market, has sparked significant growth in the Lower Columbia College welding program over the past year.

Enrollments topped 150 students this fall compared to just 100 last year. The program, a staple in LCC's professional technical offerings since 1950, has its highest enrollment in nearly two decades, according to instructor Allan Evald.

The LCC program teaches tungsten and metallic inert gas welding skills along with the study of the properties of metal, practical experience in manufacturing methods, and production and assembly line welding. Coursework prepares students for the state welding examination and for

welding jobs in the manufacturing, maintenance or construction fields.

Those who earn an Associate in Applied Science degree complete the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) Qualification Test for industry certification in SMAW (stick) and FCAW-G (wire) welding. A certificate program is also offered.

Any graduate who wants a job can find one, said instructor Randy Byrum. Despite rising unemployment in other fields, welding is one of several skilled trades in need of trained workers.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the average age of the American welder is 54. By the year 2010 welding labor is expected to be short 200,000 workers, according to the American Welding Society. A study by the National Association of Manufacturers showed 60 percent of all manufacturers reject half of all welders who apply due to lack of skill.

To help fill that void, LCC is recruiting new welders from the youngest prospects, local high schools. In 2008, the college sponsored a competition for high school welding students. Two-dozen students from eight schools tested their skills and about half of the high school welders at the competition said they would consider welding careers.

That would be a good choice, according to current LCC welding student Jordan Taylor, who assisted with the college event. The pay is good, ranging between \$15 and \$36 an hour, depending on the worker's skill and experience, according to Taylor. "My parents pushed me to do welding," he said.

2008 Milestones

- 82% of LCC professional technical program graduates found employment in their program of study fields within nine months of leaving college.
- 892 local high school students earned college credit for vocational classes through LCC's Tech Prep program. This fall 128 began their studies at LCC.
- LCC's Audio Technology and Contemporary Musicianship program awarded degrees to its first graduates in June while new and continuing students began classes this fall in new, state-of-the-art facilities in the Rose Center for the Arts.

Doubling Their Chances For Success

It had been 47 years since Harry Fisher was last in a classroom.

Having left his job of more than 30 years due to an injury, Fisher wanted to retrain for new employment but was hesitant about going back to school. To be truthful he had never finished high school; a secret he'd kept even from his family.

But machining instructor Kam Todd convinced Harry to enroll in Lower Columbia College's manufacturing processes certificate program to serve as a mentor to younger students.

"The truth is," says Fisher, "the program has helped me as much as I've helped them."

Fisher credits his success to the personal advising and supplemental instruction he receives as part of a program called I-BEST. The Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training program combines vocational training with lessons in math, reading and writing fundamentals right in the skills lab.

Any student who needs classes in pre-college level coursework qualifies. This typically includes adults who haven't completed high school, who speak English as a Second language or who have tested below college level work in placement testing.

I-BEST students have two instructors in all of their courses. One teaches specific training for the program and the second helps students with basic education skills needed (for example in math and English) to complete the course work.

Students spend additional hours with teachers and support staff to



I-BEST Manufacturing Processes student Harry Fisher demonstrates machine operations skills to instructor Kam Todd.

review and complete class lessons and also work with student teams for added support and to learn skills related to working with others. Finally, students receive intensive one-on-one advising for planning their college studies, help with registration, and help in finding financial assistance.

I-BEST instructor Sue Jackson works right in the machining lab, along with the machining instructor. For example, she helps students relate basic studies in math to vocational training, like reading and drawing blueprints.

Typically, 8 out of 10 students who began college studies without a high school diploma will drop out. But since the program began at LCC in 2006, 44% of I-BEST students have earned a vocational certificate and another eight are still working toward completion.

Out of nine new and continuing students enrolled for Summer Quarter 2008, eight completed their respective programs.

Equally important, the average grade point average for I-BEST students last year was 3.6, affirming the value of combining math and literacy classes with vocational training in the same learning environment.

"The tutoring has been extremely helpful," says Fisher. "I couldn't have done nearly as well without it. Instead of 'C's', I've earned all 'A's' and one 'B'." And, he says proudly, he earned his high school diploma.

Best of all, when Fisher completes his manufacturing processes certificate training this December, he already has an internship job waiting for him.

2008 Milestones

- Nearly three out of five students (60%) completing high school studies through the Career Education Options program at LCC have enrolled in college level coursework within three years of entering the CEO program.
- Completion rates for LCC students seeking GED certificates or a high school diploma are more than 20% higher than the state average.
- Community colleges provide 95 percent of all adult literacy education in the state in supportive settings that allow completion of high-school degrees and GEDs. In 2007-08, 10% of LCC students enrolled to acquire basic education and 393 students attended classes to learn English as a Second Language.

Community Enrichment: Promoting athletics, the arts, and public service.

Earning Well-Deserved Recognition

LCC Red Devils take NWAACC regional and League titles



Sophomore members of LCC's 2008 winning softball and baseball teams included: Softball, front row-Stina Rock, Jessi Hanna, Kelsey Forrest, Hayley Ridout; back row-Carri O'Neil, Ashlee Gieseke, Tiffany Coates. Baseball: Jett Hart, Sean Winston, Shawn Peterson, Richie Allen, Chad Wagner, Brandon Williams.

Red Devils Capture Titles and Community Pride

Lower Columbia College athletics provided a source of community pride and excitement in 2008 by capturing Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) regional and league titles in action-packed play on the court and at the diamond.

Softball – NWAACC Champions

The Red Devils Softball Team won its ninth NWAACC championship in 10 years with a dramatic come from behind effort. Down 5-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning, with two outs and the bases loaded, Hayley Ridout parked the ball over the left field fence to give

LCC an NWAACC-record 10th league championship title.

Coach Tim Mackin set his own record this year as the softball coach with the most wins in NWAACC history. In 16 years at LCC, Mackin has posted a 577-135 win-loss record.

Baseball – Western Region Title

The LCC Baseball Team claimed the Western Region title for the 14th time in 17 seasons, with a final 39-11 winloss record. The Devils finished second in the NWAACC league championship playing before a capacity crowd at Story Field.

The San Francisco Giants picked Red Devil shortstop Brooks Lindsley in the 2008 MLB Draft and the Chicago White Sox selected former LCC pitcher Jorden Merry, who just completed his junior season as the top pitcher for the Washington Huskies.

Red Devil Basketball -- Western Region Titles

Red Devil basketball teams made LCC the only NWAACC college to claim regional championships for both men and women. The LCC men clinched the Western Region title with a 17-game win streak to finish the season 22-9. Coach Jim Roffler was voted Coach of the Year.

Under rookie head coach Chad Meadors, the Lady Red Devils finished 22-8 to claim the Western Region crown. Sophomore Megan Holmes made the NWAACC Winter All-Academic Team with a 3.69 GPA.

2008 Milestones

- The Connecting Waters 2008 Invitational Art Show was the first exhibit in the new art gallery at the Rose Center for the Arts. It exemplified the diversity of arts and crafts in Southwest Washington, celebrating the spirit of the region as inspired by the geography, climate, ethnic backgrounds, traditions and life experiences unique to our area.
- Dr. Gary Nyberg conducted the first performance of the LCC Symphonic Band in its new home at the Rose Center for the Arts in June. Even while displaced by construction, the band, LCC Jazz Band and LCC Community Choir maintained a schedule of concerts for the community throughout the year. College theatrical performances continued as well under the direction of Don Correll at the Pepper Theatre.
- LCC Biological Society members and biology students, led by Society advisor Professor Louis LaPierre, volunteered this past year to assist with projects organized by the Friends of Fox Creek, Columbia Land Trust, Washington Department of Natural Resources, US Department of Fish and Wildlife, Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center and the Willapa Hills Audobon Society.

Customized Education: Equipping local workers with skills employers need

Creating a Job-Ready Workforce

LCC fills important role in wine bottle plant startup bringing new jobs to cowlitz county



Perry Morris, a safety consultant with Electrolab Limited, a company that designed a program to address safe behavior on the job and at home, teaches a customized class for future Cameron Family Glass Packaging workers through LCC's Business and Industry Training program.

Lower Columbia College played an important role in bringing a national manufacturing operation and 90 new family-wage jobs to Cowlitz County in 2008.

Partnering with state and local agencies, LCC provided multiple services to help Cameron Family Glass Packaging fill its new factory at the Port of Kalama with job-ready workers. The company is the world's largest sustainable manufacturer of wine bottles and will serve a niche market,

providing eco-friendly, American-made bottles to small wine makers.

LCC was at the table from the start, with WorkSource Cowlitz-Wahkiakum, the Economic Development Council and SW Washington Workforce Development, to help the company identify employment needs and the state resources to support the startup of its plant, said Lynell Amundson, LCC manager of business and industry services.

The college developed applicant screening processes and employee

training goals, hosted community job fairs, and enrolled employees in courses in applied technology, math and teamwork.

LCC also was awarded a \$225,000 Job Skills Program grant to support continuing Cameron employee development. Amundson said the grant will fund specialized glass technology training and covers safety behavior skills instruction, job analysis and trainer development.

2008 Milestones

- LCC continued to provide contract specialty training for incumbent workers in pulp and paper industries, both for local operations and national companies.
- LCC is one of six in a consortium of community colleges providing training to county officials and employees funded by a two-year, \$700,000 state grant.
- The college was selected to serve as the liaison for the SW Washington-Portland area's "Wired Initiative" through the U.S. Department of Labor, providing job analysis and curriculum development for advanced manufacturing processes.
- In response to demands from the growing home healthcare industry, LCC is redesigning continuing education training for individuals and agency employees providing home care including a career pathway toward Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification.

Achieving Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Innovative and Creative College Efforts Recognized



LCC's new Learning Commons

Lower Columbia College's Alan Thompson Library is buzzing with activity since creation last spring of the Learning Commons, which combines Tutoring Services, library reference help and self-paced learning in one large, welcoming space.

Spring quarter, traffic in and out of the Learning Commons area, on the library's main floor, nearly doubled. This fall, it was busy from day one, as students worked together on their math and other challenges, got help from tutors and the library's reference staff, worked on self-paced INDV courses, and used the computers. LCC's e-Learning staff are also available there to assist students in-person.

It's a little noisy, but the library also offers quiet study rooms. Usage on those picked up too.

Salal Wins Literary Magazine Award

In October, the 2008 edition of LCC's The Salal Review received the Washington Community College Humanities Association's 2008 Literary and Arts Magazine Award, in the under-\$5,000 category. The judges said

that Salal was their favorite magazine overall, regardless of funding.

Excellence in Teaching Awards

Three LCC faculty received National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence in Teaching awards in May: Biology instructor Rhonda Meyers, English and Spanish instructor Alex Whitman, and Computer Science instructor Don Derkacht.

LPN to RN Program Wins National Award

LCC's LPN2RN distance education program received the national "Responding to Community Needs" award in the National Council of Instructional Administrators' 19th Annual Exemplary Initiatives Competition last year.

Chamber Awards

Sandy Junker, director of LCC's Head Start program, received the Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce "Crystal Apple" award for school administrators in May. Our Head Start program provides many extra services to local children and their parents, thanks to grants, and is ranked very high on its federal reviews. LCC

President Jim McLaughlin received the Chamber's Workforce Education individual achievement award.

Head Start

LCC Head Start is one of 16 programs in the State of Washington chosen to participate in the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Institute. About 200 parents were trained October 9th, each receiving a special Medical Reference Guide to refer to when their child is ill. New research has proven that a some hands-on health care training can help parents care for common childhood ailments at home – and save Medicaid millions.

Publications, President Win Regional Awards

LCC President Jim McLaughlin received the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Pacesetter award this fall at NCMPR's regional conference in Yakima. The college also received two Gold Medallion Awards for its Catalyst newsletter and its full color insert card templates, which we later imprint here to fit inside our brochures. NCMPR's regional competition includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, plus western Canada.

Students Featured

Deborah Wöhrmann's ENGL 101 students' essays were featured commentary one Sunday in *The Daily News*. One student wrote about the need for public transportation and another about the need for support groups to help the family members of contract workers serving in Iraq. Students had been asked to write an essay about something they observed about their community, a problem and to propose a change.

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The LCC Foundation: Providing a margin of excellence and creating avenues to strengthen teaching and learning.

Reaching Higher

Words can't describe the impact our donors made.

Wow! That doesn't sound very presidential, but it's hard to beat those three letters when describing how we feel here at Lower Columbia College about the many people who made the LCC Foundation's first major gift campaign, Reaching Higher, such a success.

So many people took this opportunity to do something good for their community and, often, to honor a loved one. They added \$660,000 to our scholarship endowment and bought over \$200,000 worth of equipment for our nursing program. They also donated valuable equipment to prepare our students for careers in technical and scientific fields.

Some of them wrote really big checks, enabling us to make the new Rose Center for the Arts a truly amazing facility. Hundreds gave \$1,000 each to honor a loved one by naming a seat in the new auditorium, or just to do something personal and special for LCC students and the arts.

We owe special thanks to the many who worked in the background to make this dream come true, encouraging their friends, families and clients to join the effort.

Many Reaching Higher donors and fund raisers are LCC alumni, who know personally how a college education can change lives. We salute them, and we brag about them every chance we get! Many are just terrific people. We can never thank them enough, but they don't do it for the thanks. They do it because they want to make a difference.

So, to everyone who helped: You've made such a difference, and your support will continue to make a difference for our students and community. We can best honor your effort by enjoying the results. Wow!



President

LCC Foundation



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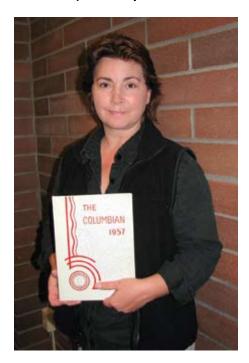
Margit Brumbaugh, Executive Director

2008 Milestones

- The LCC Foundation provided a record amount of overall support to Lower
 Columbia College this past year totaling \$1.2 million.
- 231 students received scholarships through the LCC Foundation in 2008 for a combined \$213,000 in awards.
- The most romantic donation of the past year came from LCC alums Ken and Pat Hanson, who purchased a Bösendorfer grand piano for the new Rose Center for the Arts on the occasion of the couple's 60th Anniversary. The pair met at LCC as students.

Leaving A Legacy Of Learning

Family ties inspire LCC archive project



Every so often, Lower Columbia College librarian Susan James likes to open the 1957 LCC Yearbook on her desk and look at the photo of her father, Walter James, during his college days.

Exactly 50 years after Walter enrolled at LCC as a student, his daughter returned to the college as a member of the staff. A few years earlier, in 2002, Susan was an adult student on the same campus earning her Associate in Arts degree en route to a career as a librarian.

Family memories, their ties to the college and her career choice have led Susan on an ambitious quest to preserve and share the history of LCC, which will turn 75 years old next fall.

Under her guidance, Lower Columbia College will begin this fall to establish a historical archive, collecting materials which represent the institution's 75 year history. The project will run from October 2008 to October 2009 and culminate in A Legacy of Learning exhibit at the campus's new art gallery in the Rose Center for the Arts in November 2009.

Over the next year, LCC will be seeking donations of documents, photographs and artifacts from the campus, the local community and alumni so that a permanent archive may be established. Materials for the archive can include: photos, playbills and posters, correspondence, newspaper clippings and student newspapers, event and commencement programs, branded souvenirs and collectibles, and even athletic uniforms.

The college prefers that materials be donated to the archive indefinitely, but arrangements may be made for selected materials to be provided on a "loaned" basis for use in the 2009 exhibit. Following the anniversary year, the archival effort will continue to build a lasting record of college history.

For additional information, please contact Susan James, LCC archives, at 442-2970 or lccarchives@lowercolumbia.edu.

2008 Milestones



Ruth West

When Ruth West died last year, Lower Columbia College lost one of its most avid supporters, but her legacy lives on in a significant contribution announced this fall to both LCC and the Cowlitz County Historical Society.

West was a talented fiber artist and a member of the first graduating

class of Lower Columbia College in 1934. Throughout the years, she supported art programs and art education at the college, donated to the Ruth West scholarship and the library campaign. The mezzanine of the college's new Rose Center for the Arts is named in honor of Ruth and Rex West. Her final gift will provide ongoing support to art programs and will also be used for other college programs and initiatives.



Bruce Rodman

In 2008, the Bruce E. Rodman Scholarship Endowment was established to honor the memory of a highly-respected real estate professional and long-time advocate of the City of Longview. Mr. Rodman was one of the founders and first instructors for Washington State's real estate education foundation and also a member of the LCC Foundation

board for many years. Through this annual scholarship, this lifelong promoter of education will give back to the community he loved in perpetuity.

If you would like information about creating a lasting legacy at LCC through planned giving, please contact the Foundation at 442-2131.

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Community Support Helps Build Arts Center Treasure



"It has the potential to renew community involvement in the arts."

- Guest at Rose Center Dedication





Clockwise, from top left: Rose Center For The Arts was dedicated in June 2008. The center includes a two-level gallery that features the work of local artists and is open to the public during campus hours. The 125-seat Center Stage Theatre in the Rose Center provides a more intimate venue for college productions and classes. Here students give an impromptu performance for Washington Governor Christine Gregoire during her tour of the facility in September 2008.

Without question, the highlight of 2008 at Lower Columbia College was the unveiling of the Rose Center for the Arts.

The center itself is a work of art from its sweeping expanses of wood paneling, marble tiles and glass exteriors to curved ceiling panels engineered to reflect or absorb sound, finetuning the hall's acoustical properties.

A cause for community and campus celebration, the arts center has already attracted significant support from local businesses and residents, including \$2 million in donations for amenities and equipment, like a Bösendorfer grand piano.

The two-level art gallery is open to the public every school day, featuring the work of local and regional artists, like the Connecting Waters 2008 Invitational.

The 525-seat Wollenberg Auditorium finally gives the college its own music performance venue with plenty of room for the community to enjoy choral, symphonic and jazz concerts along with students and their families.

Likewise, there will be more room for local theatre lovers to attend college productions. Recently, acting students staged an impromptu performance for Gov. Christine Gregoire in the more intimate Center Stage Theatre as she toured the new arts center.

Thanks to all who contributed through the Lower Columbia College Foundation's Reaching Higher campaign, the Rose Center for the Arts will be a treasure for the community and campus for generations to come.

Continually give, continually gain. - Chinese Proverb

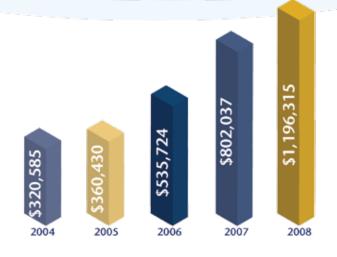
Financial Report 2007 - 2008

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Assets		
Cash	\$508,635	\$493,146
Investments	\$7,818,237	\$8,873,209
Prepaid Expenses	\$330	\$624
Pledges Receivable	\$336,317	\$813,544
Fixtures and Equipment	\$96,353	\$88,095
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,759,872	.\$10,268,618
Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	\$55,504	\$31,733
Amounts Held in Trust for LCC.	\$45,628	\$43,695
Annuity Payment Liability	\$16,185	\$27,035
TOTAL LIABILITIES	. \$117, 317	\$102,463
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$2,601,400	\$2,987,938
Temporarily Restricted	\$2,959,856	\$4,191,151
Permanently Restricted	\$3,081,299	\$2,987,068
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$8,642,555	.\$10,166,157
Income & Expenditures Ju	ly 1, 2007 – Jur	ne 30, 2008
Income		
Revenue, Gains/Losses, Other .		(\$98,536)
Expenditures		
Program Support to LCC:		
Scholarships		\$212,968
Grants		\$76,122
Program Support		\$810,056
Library		\$0
Other		\$97,169
TOTAL	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	. \$1,196,315
General & Administrative		\$188,164

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