

2013 Report to the Community

Lower Columbia College
& Lower Columbia College Foundation



LCC Partners Key to Success



LCC President Chris Bailey

Strategic partnerships have always played a key role in serving the needs of our community. In 2013, Lower Columbia College collaborated with regional universities, local K12 districts and area businesses to implement initiatives that promise to help individual students achieve personal and professional success while positively impacting our economy.

The Lower Columbia Regional University Center opened in September providing new opportunities to earn a bachelor's degree on our campus and paving the way to increase the professional workforce for local employers. Agreements to further expand bachelor degree options in 2014 are in place.

Working with district high schools, LCC is helping improve the college readiness of local graduates with initiatives in math preparation and through rural outreach centers. Based on the success of early efforts, we are confident of even greater results in the years ahead.

Construction is nearing completion on our beautiful Health and Science Building. Soon, LCC will have modern facilities that match the quality of instruction our faculty provides in these fields. The success stories of graduates like 2013 Alumnus of the Year Paul Laufman and 2013 Jack Kent Cooke Scholar Sean Gestson illustrate the teaching excellence provided by LCC throughout its history. We are already reaching out to the future students who will study in our new facility with a Summer STEM Camp, Saturday workshops and a Family STEM Night, serving over 500 young students this past year.

LCC provided continuing education for local businesses through short-term workshops and courses and by partnering with the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce on its "Six-Pack Series" and with the Small Business Development Center on the popular Business Best Practices workshops.

The stories throughout this annual report show how LCC is collaborating with our community partners to build an educated workforce that will enhance the quality of life in our region.

Christopher C. Bailey,

President
Lower Columbia College

Lower Columbia College 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.

Lower Columbia College Vision

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

LCC At A Glance

Enrollment

7,219 Total students
216 Worker Retraining
357 Veterans
379 Running Start
2,260 Online

Student Intent

30% Transfer students
46% Workforce students
20% Basic Skills students
4% Community & Continuing Education

Demographics

59% Female
24% Students of color
29 Average age
48% Full-time

NWAACC Varsity Sports

Men's and Women's basketball
Men's baseball
Women's softball, volleyball and soccer
LCC athletes earn a higher average GPA than non-athletes.

Facilities

38.75 acre campus; 27 buildings

Operating Budget for 2012-13

\$21.7 million

Annual Tuition

\$4,279 tuition and fees (2013-14, 45 credits)
Financial Aid Disbursed \$19.7 million
Foundation \$13.6 million in assets

Employment

393 Total employees
62 Full-time, 133 Part-Time Faculty
198 Staff including Head Start/ECEAP employees

Lower Columbia College Board Of Trustees



Lower Columbia College has a five-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor of the State of Washington, charged with providing local oversight for college activities. The LCC Board is committed to excellence in educational programs and other services of the College and availability to all people. Current trustees include: Steve Vincent, Board Chair; Heidi Heywood, Vice Chair; Max Anderson, Thuy Vo, and George Raiter.

Lower Columbia College IS *The Smart Choice!*

U.S. consumers are more value conscious than ever following the recent economic recession. Studies out in 2013 show that graduates of Lower Columbia College receive a high quality education for affordable tuition.

It's well known that students who live at home and complete their first two years of college at LCC can save substantial costs, \$20,000 per year or more. Fewer people realize that Washington students who transfer from a two-year college to a four-year school do just as well as those who begin studies at a university, according to a recent study that looked at 20,499 bachelor degree students who graduated from Washington universities in 2011.

Transfer Students Excel In All Majors

Community college transfer students made up 40 percent of all the 2011 bachelor degree graduates in the study. They graduated with virtually the same number of credits as those who started as freshmen at a university – an indicator of the smooth transfer between two-year and four-year colleges. Their GPAs were similar as well. Transfer students graduated in all subjects, including:

- 47% of all business majors
- 46% of all health field majors
- 35% of all STEM majors (science, technology, engineering, and math)

These are the same career fields projected to offer strong employment opportunities in our region over the next decade. College graduates earn higher wages and are less likely to be unemployed, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

Sean Gestson is an example of student achievement at LCC. Sean went right to work following high school but after a few years decided that he wanted a more challenging career. He credits LCC faculty and their willingness to work closely with students for his success. With their help and encouragement, he mastered his courses to achieve success beyond his dreams. That included a \$30,000 annual scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (largest in the nation for transfer students) to pursue advanced studies in environmental engineering. Sean is the third LCC student in eight years to receive this prestigious award earned by less than 100 students each year.

Students Rank LCC Among The Best

Like Sean, many students rate their LCC experience among the best in the country according to the results of a national survey. The Community College Survey of Student Engagement was completed last spring by 487 LCC students.

They ranked LCC in the top 10% nationally for Active and Collaborative Learning experiences and for Student-Faculty Interaction. Both categories are significant because research shows that active learning opportunities and relationships with instructors contribute to student success in program completion.

Student responses also placed LCC in the top 15% for Academic Challenge and Student Effort. This is equally important because it demonstrates that our graduates feel well-prepared for university studies or to enter the workplace.

Opening Doors For Struggling Students

In addition, remedial education, offered through their community college, opened the door to a college education for many students. Of the transfer students who graduated with a bachelor's degree:

- 59% took at least one remedial course
- 43% graduated in a STEM field
- 53% graduated in business

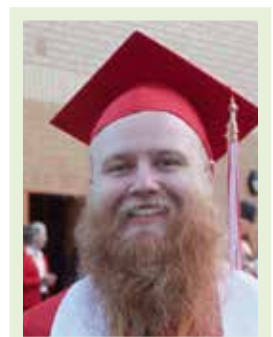
Molly Collins is on track to become one of those students. Molly was homeless with only an eighth grade education before enrolling at LCC. She earned her GED Certificate in just a single quarter through LCC's innovative Fast Track GED Program and is now a college student. She has made the honor roll and is working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology with career plans to assist others, like herself, who need the encouragement to get their lives back on track. Molly has achieved several firsts since enrolling at LCC, including her first job, her first car and her first apartment.



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According to state employment projections, over 70% of job openings in the next 10 years will require training beyond high school. Employment in occupations that require an associate degree is expected to increase more rapidly than employment in any other education or training category.

For value conscious consumers seeking to improve their lives through education, national and state research and the success stories of LCC students all demonstrate that Lower Columbia College IS The Smart Choice!



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*Study produced by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) in cooperation with all Washington public four-year colleges and universities.

Rural Outreach Expands College Opportunities

Eighty years ago, Lower Columbia College was established to provide access to higher education for students in rural areas of Washington State, like the young mill town of Longview and neighboring Kelso. Even today, residents of Wahkiakum County and communities like Castle Rock and Woodland face similar challenges created by distance from the nearest college.

LCC is now spanning those miles with technology by establishing new Rural Outreach partnerships with two Wahkiakum County communities and three high schools. Designated computer centers at Castle Rock, Woodland and Toutle Lake will enable juniors and seniors to get a jump start on college through online courses without giving up their high school experience. Similar facilities at community centers in Grays River and Cathlamet will provide access to LCC services and courses for local residents.

Susan Barker, Castle Rock School District Superintendent, tells us that her district is "... excited about the arrival of Online Running Start for our high school students. Clearly this is an advantage for students who want to participate in Running Start but also want to have a complete high school experience."

Created by the Washington State Legislature, Running Start provides academically qualified students an opportunity to take college courses while they are still in high school. Tuition is covered by the state for up to 15 credits while students are responsible for fees and books. Students receive both high school and college credit for completed classes.

Better Chances For Rural Students

Previously, students in more distant school districts had to select "all or nothing" in order to commute to the LCC campus for Running Start classes. They usually gave up participation in school clubs and sports, too. Those unable to afford a car and fuel costs were often unable to take advantage of the program. Parents like that students will be at their nearby school and not commuting on icy roads during winter months.

Another benefit according to Barker is "the Rural Outreach will also open the doors of opportunity to low-income students who may want to enter post-secondary education but simply do not have the resources available to do so. This collaboration with LCC is a sound investment in our collective futures and we cannot wait to 'open the door' for the students of Castle Rock."

Woodland Principal John Shoup agrees, "The Rural Outreach partnership changes the dynamic for the school and our students. We can now give our students the option to take college classes and still have their high school experience."

LCC provided computers for the areas at both Castle Rock and Woodland. There is also a part-time tutor to assist students at Castle Rock. At Toutle Lake High School, students can complete their LCC classes in the new Resource Center.

Community Centers Include College Services

Historic building makeovers will provide library-community center facilities which each include a bank of LCC computers in both downtown Cathlamet and Grays River. The latter opened this fall in the former Rosburg Elementary School and work is nearing completion at the 1930's era firehouse in Cathlamet. In addition to providing online access to LCC classes and services at both locations, the College also plans to offer career exploration and job search skills workshops and non-credit community education courses in the future.

Improved internet access, especially in Wahkiakum County, and a growing selection of online courses and programs available from LCC make it the perfect time for the community center partnerships. The College offers nearly 100 online credit courses each quarter and students can also complete associate degrees in business or general transfer and a certificate in Digital Forensics all through online studies.

A wide range of community education classes, from personal finance to computer studies to languages, are also available online through LCC.



LCC Math Readiness Showing Results

Math instructors from Lower Columbia College and area high schools have developed a multi-faceted approach over the past five years to help students save time and extra costs by avoiding remedial coursework.

A collaborative effort to prepare local high school graduates to move into college math studies is already showing significant progress. While the proportion of all students entering LCC underprepared in math has been around 90% since 2008, the proportion of recent high school graduates in this group has dropped a full 20 percentage points!

The education partners found that the quality of high school math courses was not to blame for previous low scores. Instead, interventions related to math placement testing and student preparation have made the greatest impact. Here's a list of factors that have been adjusted:

1. Alignment – Instructors reviewed coursework to insure that what was being taught at the high school level was aligned with skills required in the subsequent college level course.
2. Transcription – Agreements and procedures were developed so that high school students completing advanced level math with a designated grade, for example Algebra 2 or Calculus, could transfer into the next level of math at LCC without requiring a placement test.
3. Test Validity – College faculty reviewed and made some changes to placement tests to more accurately assess student skills.
4. Practice Tests – LCC has begun offering practice tests in area high schools, then sharing scores with students and counselors to help them better understand and prepare for placement testing. This also reduces test anxiety which can impact testing performance.
5. Reducing the Rust Factor – For many students two years would elapse between their last high school math class and college placement testing. That delay meant a poor testing outcome. LCC is now offering placement testing in the high schools. Based on those results, students can take additional high school math or participate in a Math Boot Camp to refresh their knowledge and then retest to qualify for a higher level college course.

Math Agreement

Schools participating in the Math Transcript Agreement with LCC include: Castle Rock, Kalama, Kelso, Mark Morris, R.A. Long, Toutle Lake, Wahkiakum and Woodland. A chart that clearly shows how specific high school course completion and grades

transfer into college courses is available for teachers and students, and on the LCC website. The opportunity to advance without placement testing has provided the greatest incentive for high school students to pursue high levels of math before college. The number of students taking advantage of the agreement more than doubled in just the past year.

LCC is offering placement tests for both Math and English at local high schools and hopes to expand the opportunity this year to include sophomores, juniors and seniors. Testing early allows students to develop a Road Map for coursework at both high school and college levels to achieve their future career goals without additional costs or delays.

College Readiness

Through its Rural Outreach program, LCC plans to offer on-site placement testing and other College Readiness services including:

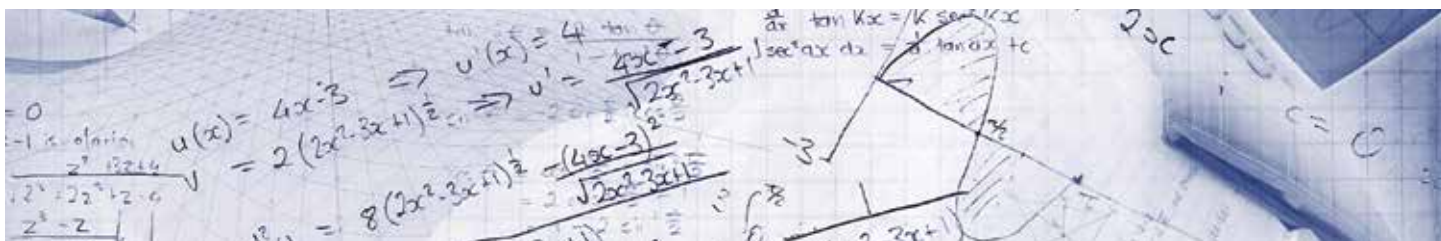
- Information sessions for students and parents about financial aid, college planning and dual enrollment programs – Running Start, College in the High School and Tech Prep
- On-site advising for college studies
- Orientations for high school students enrolling in LCC online courses

LCC Rural Outreach Centers opened at Toutle Lake in the fall and at Castle Rock and Woodland high schools winter quarter. LCC hopes to provide similar College Readiness services at high schools closer to the Longview campus in the near future.

For older students at LCC, similar reforms in testing, preparation and pre-college math classes are also expected to have positive effects. A new placement test and online math class resources provide better diagnostics and student support. Math Boot Camps held prior to the beginning of each quarter allow students to refresh past knowledge and retest into a higher course before classes begin.

% of Students Underprepared in Math	
Year	Recent High School Graduates*
2008	92%
2009	89%
2010	87%
2011	82%
2012	72%

* Graduates taking LCC Math Placement Test



Regional University Center Opens For Business

Just an abstract idea one year ago, the University Center at Lower Columbia College is now home to staff from four universities and local students pursuing bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Interdisciplinary Studies and Applied Technology. By Fall 2014, degrees in Business Administration, Nursing, Criminal Justice and Human Development will be added.

The goal of the new Center is to significantly increase the number of adults with bachelor's degrees in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. Currently, that number is half the state average. The local Center provides a way for residents of Cowlitz, and surrounding counties, to earn bachelor's degrees without moving away or a lengthy commute. It also increases the number of professionals qualified to fill supervisory and management positions with local companies.

A more highly-educated workforce, and the opportunity for workers to acquire additional training, are both expected to help with economic development by attracting new companies and industries to the region and strengthening existing businesses.

Respected University Partners Are Key

LCC's primary partner is Eastern Washington University, whose campus in rural Cheney serves a geographic region not unlike Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. Another similarity, Eastern has developed innovative online learning resources and courses using the same tools as LCC programs.

EWU has hired an advisor to assist local students seeking degrees through Eastern.

Paul Denhert, advisor for the City University of Seattle program in Elementary Education at LCC, has also moved to the Center. Eight education majors started their final year of local studies and student teaching in September with the third program cohort scheduled to begin in Fall 2014. Early Childhood Education majors can earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University through local classes and online studies, with the Center serving as home base for Longview students and classes in this second program cohort.

An advisor from Washington State University Vancouver is available to meet with LCC transfer students at the Center this year. Plans are underway for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

cohort to begin studies there in August 2014 for LCC RN graduates and local nurses.

Degrees Build Valued Employees

Last year, a campus and community survey revealed the top preferences for degree programs to be offered at the new facility in addition to the education programs already underway LCC. The top three choices – BS in Nursing, Business Administration and BS in Applied Technology – will all be available within a year.

The EWU online degree launched this fall, a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, is less well known but prepares graduates for a variety of career choices.

Next Step For Technical Workers

EWU is also offering its Bachelor of Science in Applied Technology program, designed for students who have graduated with an Associate in Applied Science or an Associate in Applied Science Transfer degree from LCC in Information Technology Systems or an Associate in Applied Science degree in either Electronics or Computer Technology. This allows students to continue their education by taking advanced technology courses, general education coursework, and supporting courses to complete a bachelor's degree in order to qualify for jobs or work promotions in a career field requiring an advanced degree.

Business and Nursing Degrees

With small businesses contributing a large number of new jobs nationally, a four-year business degree program promises to prepare a local skilled workforce for both entry-level and supervisory jobs. Job creation at small companies has

almost doubled in the last six months.

At the same time, the educational standard for nurses has also increased. Officials at PeaceHealth-St. John's Medical Center have met with both LCC and WSU Vancouver to facilitate creation of the local BSN cohort in order to raise the percentage of nurses with that credential on the hospital staff.

LCC is thrilled to provide greater access to bachelor degrees for the region and believes its University Center on will serve as a gateway to advanced degrees and brighter futures.



From left to right: Marianne Fingado, City University of Seattle; Charlotte May, Concordia University; President Chris Bailey, Lower Columbia College; Provost Rex Fuller, Eastern Washington University; Chancellor Mel Netzhammer, Washington State University Vancouver.

Moms Excel in New Roles As College Students

Two dedicated moms made the most of new roles as students at Lower Columbia College in 2013 while proving it's never too late to follow your dreams. Michelle Saiz and Maryanne Hirning were honored in March by Gov. Jay Inslee as members of the 2013 All Washington Academic Team.

Each year the All-Washington Academic Team program recognizes and honors two students from each community and technical college for scholastic achievement and community and college service. This year's recipients received a \$500 scholarship from KeyBank. The LCC team members also were awarded an additional \$500 from the LCC Foundation.

Daughters Drive LCC Studies

As a child, Michelle attended 12 different schools, falling behind as she struggled to learn with changing curriculums and an undiagnosed learning disability. She dropped out at age 16 and went to work. After becoming a parent, Michelle realized she didn't have the skills to help her daughter with school. She came to LCC in 2005 to earn her GED and four years later began college classes toward a nursing degree because she wanted a career caring for others.

With hard work Michelle has earned a 3.89 GPA but missed being accepted into the nursing program on her first try. Determined to show her daughters they could do anything they wanted, Michelle dedicated her entire summer to studying to retake the application exams. Her efforts were rewarded with acceptance to the program this spring.

Michelle has found time to also teach her daughters the value of community service. She volunteers in the classroom at Kessler Elementary and enlisted her family's' help with volunteer efforts for Rescued Paws animal adoption organization.

Faculty Support Aids Success

Maryanne will tell you that hers is a "love story." She supported her husband, Ted, through two tours in Iraq and while he earned his master's degree. She also loves her role as mom to sons Nick, 17, and Jacob, 12.

So when Maryanne decided to pursue her own dreams, the men in her life gladly returned that love. "We've all made sacrifices. I've missed some games and dinner often arrives via delivery," she said. "Now they proofread my papers and are my biggest cheerleaders."

In addition to maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Maryanne is serving as an editor of *Salal Review*, LCC's award-winning literary and arts magazine and helping organize the campus Spring Arts Festival. The Kelso mom has continued to volunteer with PTOs at Beacon Hill Elementary and Huntington Middle School and with Cowlitz Youth Baseball. Her success at LCC helped Maryanne gain the self-confidence to write a federal matching grant to help low-income youth play baseball.

Maryanne chose LCC because it was close to her home, affordable and had a reputation for providing a quality education that would transfer to baccalaureate institutions. She has been admitted to WSU Vancouver to continue studies toward her bachelor's degree and her dream to become a school librarian.

To her delight, she found the campus provides a wealth of other resources including great lectures and art shows for her whole family to enjoy.



LCC President Chris Bailey congratulates 2013 Academic Team member **Michelle Saiz**.



Maryanne Hirning celebrates with her husband Ted and sons, Nicholas and Jacob, after receiving her medal.

Then & Now: Grads Credit Excellent Instruction

More than a half century separated their college careers, but two LCC engineering graduates credit excellent instruction and campus relationships with inspiring their success.

Paul Laufman has traveled the world and even played a critical role in sending people into space, but coming home to his native Longview in 2013 was equal to any of those experiences, he says.

Laufman was honored on May 18, 2013, as the Lower Columbia College Alumnus of the Year. The award recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions in their professional fields and to the college. The 1958 LCC graduate has established an endowment through the LCC Foundation to provide scholarships for students.

An early participant in America's space programs, Laufman was as a project engineer in the development of rocket propulsion systems for major defense and manned space programs, including the Apollo Moon Landing and the Space Shuttles. In 1995, he co-founded United Paradyne Corporation, which became the exclusive propellants and pressurants contractor for space missions and many commercial satellite launches worldwide. As an invitee to the 2003 dedication of the Smithsonian Institution's new Air and Space Museum, he was privileged to discover his name engraved on its Wall of Honor.

Top Alum Credits LCC Faculty

The 1956 RA Long High School graduate describes himself as an average student with an early interest in rockets. He credits the hands-on teaching and relationships with his science, math and engineering instructors at LCC in preparing him for success in his engineering studies at Washington State University and his career. Dr. Harold Lang, who later served as college president, got him through tough math courses, said Laufman. He also commended Karl Poehlman, engineering, and Lawrence Staub, chemistry, as excellent teachers.

Laufman said attending LCC, then Lower Columbia Junior College, was one of the smartest decisions he made. He connected with students from other small communities and made lifelong friendships. He also met his wife, Marlene Worley of Kelso, at the college. A player on the Red Devil's baseball team, he turned down an offer to join the Chicago Cubs to continue his education in engineering at WSU.

In March, Laufman was inducted into the RA Long Hall of Fame and has spoken at several local schools this spring. In May he was

a guest lecture for the LCC Community Conversations lecture series speaking on the topic of *Space Policy and its Entrepreneurial Impact in the Pacific Northwest*.

2013 Grad Earns Nation's Largest Transfer Scholarship

Sean Gestson, a 2003 R.A. Long graduate, did well in high school but did not plan to attend college. Three generations of his family, including both parents, had successful jobs working in a local mill and he expected to follow a similar path.

Then, after several years working in retail and other service industry jobs, Sean decided he wanted a more challenging career. That would require returning to school. "I floundered around trying to find the right job after high school and really lacked the confidence that I could be successful in college,"

Gestson said. His cousin encouraged him to give college a try.

So he enrolled at LCC and found his fears quickly disappeared. "We often sell ourselves short and don't know what we're capable of," Gestson said. Two years later he "still hasn't lost the excitement" for learning and his efforts were rewarded this spring when Gestson was selected to receive the nation's largest scholarship for community college transfer students, up to \$30,000 per year, from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

Like Laufman, Gestson was inspired by his LCC instructors, Dave Cordero, Environmental Studies, and Peteris Livins, Physics. He enjoys the challenge of a field that combines the application of science with math and shares a passion for the environment with his wife, Ashley, working with the LCC sustainability club and similar community efforts.

Another challenge has been funding the cost of his education. Scholarships through the LCC Foundation and assistance from the Student Support Services program for other college expenses helped cover his associate degree. As a married student who works part-time, Gestson didn't qualify for need-based financial aid but the couple's dual

income wasn't enough to meet college costs, especially at a transfer university.

After graduation from LCC in June, Gestson continued his studies towards a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering at the University of Portland. He is one of only three Washington residents this year to earn the prestigious award. Past LCC recipients include 2006 graduate Tadd Wheeler, who continued on to earn a doctorate from the University of Idaho, and Cami Wood, a 2009 graduate and now a student at the Brigham Young University Law School.



Paul Laufman



Sean Gestson

Campus Construction Builds Excitement During 2013

Photo courtesy of Emerick Construction



Watching our future take shape was an exciting adventure for both campus and community members during 2013. By year's end, much of the exterior for the 70,000-square-foot Health and Science Building was completed. The unique circular lecture hall, solar panels, and green roof features highlight a beautiful brick and glass exterior. Spacious classrooms and labs with new technologies are taking shape indoors. An estimated spring completion date for construction should allow some summer classes in the building and full use by Fall 2014.

Clockwise from above, an aerial view; steel supports and roofing form an artistic pattern in the lecture hall; plantings on the green roof create sustainability and an inviting outdoor plaza, and nearby trees reflecting on windows enhance the building's beauty.

Construction began fall quarter on a new fitness center and remodeled physical education facilities. Students, as well as LCC athletes, will benefit from new exercise equipment, activity spaces and dressing areas. An elevator and upstairs classrooms provide special viewing areas for games in the gym below. LCC students have raised \$2 million towards the project through a self-imposed fee. Completion is scheduled for Fall 2014.

Excellence In Education Distinguishes LCC Faculty

Six members of the Lower Columbia College faculty were granted tenure, effective Fall 2013, by the LCC Board of Trustees by successfully completing three years of teaching and academic requirements. New tenured faculty included: **Hiedi Bauer, Brad Benjamin, Jim Dillinger, Katrina Fuller, Nadine Lemmons** and **Connie Ramos**.



Jerry Zimmerman

Recognition by faculty peers is the highest form of praise in education. On the recommendation of his former teaching colleagues, the LCC Board of Trustees granted Faculty Emeritus status to retired instructor **Jerry Zimmerman** in December 2013. Zimmerman, who taught law and humanities courses at LCC for 36 years, earned the respect of students as well. He was honored

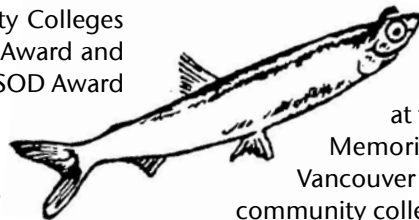
by LCC students as the 2008 Faculty Member of the Year and by his colleagues from the Washington Community Colleges Humanities Association with the Gary McGlocklin Award and an Exemplary Status Award. He's also received a NISOD Award for teaching excellence.

Congratulations to **Courtney Shah** on being named a recipient of The Evergreen State College

2013 Teacher of Excellence Award. The award is designed to honor teachers who have had a significant impact on the lives of students. She was nominated by LCC transfer student Daryl Pipkin who wrote:

"Courtney was the first to make history come alive for me. Even more importantly, she was the first professor (in my experience) to use the phrase 'That's interesting, say more about that...'" Courtney Shah is the kind of teacher I hope to be one day."

Kudos also go to **Hiedi Bauer** and her student editing team for 2013. LCC's **Salal Review** was awarded the 2013 Campus Literary/Arts Magazine of the Year honors in its division by the Washington Community College Humanities Association at its conference this fall.



Congratulations to **Dan Schabot** and members of the Fighting Smelt Forensics Team. They took top honors at the Clark College Iverson/Bacon/Vickery Memorial Speech and Debate Tournament in Vancouver in early December, over a field of nine community colleges from the Pacific Northwest.

2013 Retirees

Eileen Bergeson

A caring, gracious, conscientious lady with a keen eye for detail, Eileen's first job at LCC was in 1980 as a Library Assistant. Subsequently, she taught a wide variety of courses in four different departments: ABE-ESL/Transitional Studies, Developmental English, Language and Literature, and Business. Most important, Eileen shares, her years at LCC provided her with the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of students.

Rita Catching, Nursing & Allied Health

Rita Catching is known for her gentle demeanor, quiet kindness, and compassionate approach with students. Since joining the LCC nursing faculty in 1998, she was able to gracefully hold the bar high for students while simultaneously helping them stretch to reach the bar. Her integrity, perspective, reflective and rationale input, and concern for the greater good have all been valued by her colleagues in nursing.

Linda Cullom, Business & Technology

Linda was a nurturing presence in the Business Technology program for many years. Business Technology students often arrive at LCC lacking skills and confidence and Linda was successful at helping them develop both. Her ability to establish a rapport with her students and provide them with extra support when needed helped many find their way in a field that has seen much change in terms of technology and roles.

Kathy Meier, Nursing & Allied Health

Kathy Meier always expressed a consistent concern for her students' best interests. Her commitment to helping students understand the connection between critical thinking and clinical practice was evident in all her lessons, and in the hours she dedicated to making it happen! She was firm in her expectations but still patient, caring, and kind. Kathy's attention to detail, innovation and hard-work made her an integral part of the nursing team.

Carl Roush, Natural Science

Carl is a wonderful mentor and friend. He cares intensely about his colleagues and students, and enjoys sharing information with others. One colleague identifies Carl as a "deep ecologist" whose love extends to all living things. Carl has been an essential part of the department for 30 years and will be missed greatly.

F. Anne Ward, Transitional Studies

Anne was a vital member of the Transitional Studies team at LCC for eight years. A compassionate and caring person, she possessed a sincere passion for student learning and was a strong advocate for students with learning disabilities. Anne consistently went the extra mile to serve Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language students.

Community Passion For College Drives LCC Foundation



Bob Gregory

It is an honor to serve as President of Lower Columbia College Foundation and collaborate with an outstanding group of community leaders who have a passion for providing continuing education opportunities to our students wanting to continue their education beyond K12, adults wanting to re-enter the work force with improved skills and abilities, and for our business community who has ongoing training and educational needs to keep them and their workforce competitive. The Foundation's work is critical to supporting LCC President Chris Bailey and his Board of Trustees to carry out their exciting new initiatives.

With outstanding leadership and support from the Foundation Executive Director Erin Brown and her incredible staff, the Foundation is embarking on unprecedented fundraising to support several critical initiatives LCC is undertaking which include Building Healthy Futures for Our Community, Athletic Excellence, and a Student Success Fund. All of these initiatives need the support of the Foundation. We will also continue to vigorously support our long standing efforts to fund and manage scholarships and provide faculty excellence financial awards that support training, programs, and tools for LCC faculty to deliver outstanding teaching.

The LCC Student Success Fund is an effort to support LCC's primary mission of student success and completion. The Foundation's goal is to create an endowment that will generate approximately \$50,000 each year to support the Student Success Fund. Four Student Success recipients earned their transfer degrees winter quarter 2013. These students wouldn't have been able to complete their education without the financial support they received to cover the cost of tuition expenses not covered by scholarships, financial aid or grants, textbook expenses, GED testing fees, emergency childcare expenses, or emergency transportation.

The Foundation Board is also supporting the Building Healthy Futures campaign to fund a \$1.5 million effort to provide state-of-the art equipment for the 70,000 square foot Health and Science Building that is currently under construction to replace significantly outdated facilities. LCC received funding from the State of Washington to build the facility, however, this funding does not provide the funding to adequately equip the building. The Foundation is supporting LCC by assisting with providing matching funds and in-kind donations to obtain a federal grant from the federal Economic Development Administration.

These are but a few examples of the work of the Foundation to serve the mission of Lower Columbia College and its administration, faculty, and students. We have an enthusiastic Foundation Board that is planning several exciting events in 2014! We look forward to the continued generosity of our community, alumni, and friends to join us in the success of LCC!



Bob Gregory, President, LCC Foundation

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J&S Foundation named LCC's 2014 Benefactor of the Year

Lower Columbia College's nursing program celebrates 60 years of providing excellence in nursing education in 2014. There is no better way to celebrate this achievement than with a new home for the program in the nearly-completed health and science building on campus, and with the recognition of one of the programs most dedicated benefactors.

For nearly 24 years, the J&S Foundation has been the quiet champion of the LCC nursing program through generous annual scholarship support, as well as much needed program and equipment support.

Each quarter, two nursing students in their second course of the program are selected to receive J&S Scholarships. As recipients, each student's tuition and fees are fully funded by the J&S Foundation until they finish the program. Annually, the J&S Foundation funds a total of 12 full-ride scholarships for LCC nursing students.

"The J&S Foundation, through their generosity and support, have touched the lives of so many people in this community," said LCC Board President Bob Gregory. "Not only have they impacted students, but countless patients and members of the medical community who now receive the benefit



LCC nursing students benefit from the generosity of the J&S Foundation which has provided scholarship funding for over two decades. They return the favor by serving the community and students with flu shot clinics each fall.

of their gift through the education and talents of our graduates."

The J&S Foundation has held a tradition of meeting privately with each of the students and staff they have supported over the years – developing rich relationships with their student scholars and our community's future nurses. It is from this same tradition that the LCC Foundation's annual Scholarship Social was born and still continues today.

"It is such a pleasure to give a student the opportunity to improve their life through education," said a representative of the J&S Foundation. "Our hope is that someday these same students will be able to give someone else the chance to improve their life."

The J&S Foundation will be honored with a plaque on the foundation's Benefactor of the Year wall in the Rose Center for the Performing Arts.

The Wertheimer Society Recognizes Dedicated Donors



The Lower Columbia College Foundation was established in 1976 through generous gifts from Phillip and Jeanne Wertheimer. The vision of the Wertheimer family, along with then LCC President David Story and

the members of the initial Foundation Board of Directors, was to create avenues for excellence in education at LCC.

For more than 30 years, the Foundation has been doing exactly that. Working hand-in-hand with dedicated community members, the Foundation continues to advance our mission to provide financial assistance to students, to encourage public support for the College, and to strengthen the teaching, learning and cultural environment of the College and our community.

In honor of LCC's first benefactors, the Foundation has established The Wertheimer Society to recognize and honor our donors who have generously provided, or plan to provide, gifts to the Lower Columbia College Foundation through bequests, trusts, and other life income gifts. Society membership is a reflection of the highest of values and commitment to future educational excellence.

Many of LCC's alumni, retirees and friends came from humble beginnings, but made a better world for themselves, their families, and their communities through hard work and persistence. For many, the College was a major factor in their accomplishments. Through their philanthropic support, Society members understand the critical need for the College's financial future and the continued vitality that creates educational excellence for future generations.

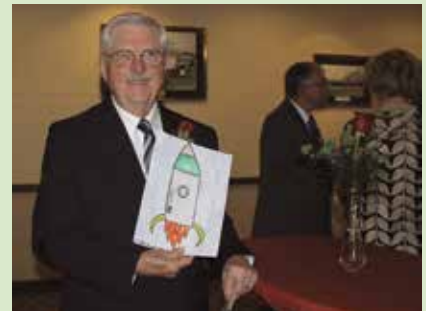
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Earning Our Wings

Campus and community contribute to student success at LCC.



"The Red Devil Made Me Do It" an eight-week employee giving campaign was followed by the Horns and Halos Gala event, which served as the community wide launch of the Student Success fundraising initiative, part of the Building Healthy Futures capital campaign. This fund serves as a safety net for students who are most at risk for abandoning their higher education goals due to financial hardship. An outstanding 88% of LCC full-time employees earned their wings and raised over \$33,000 in donations and pledges.



2013 Alumnus of the Year Paul Laufman (top photo) shared his personal success story at the Horns & Halos Gala. As a young man from a small town, Paul credited LCC with guiding him to success in college and an exciting career in the aerospace industry.

Benefactor of the Year June Rose was honored at the event as an example of someone who has made a difference through her commitment to the college. Over \$100,000 in donations and pledges were raised at the Gala in support of the Student Success Fund.

Fielding A Winning Team In The Game Of Life

Lower Columbia College athletic programs are an important avenue to education and careers for Red Devil student athletes who regularly rank near the top of their peers in academic achievement, and also go on to successful careers both on and off the court or field.

In response to state budget cuts, the 2012 Washington Legislature mandated that state funding could no longer be used to support college athletics. Colleges must now look to additional resources to fund operations or make cuts to existing programs.

The Lower Columbia College Foundation is committed to helping bridge the gap between the court and the classroom with a goal to raise \$170,000 annually. Funds raised will go to support student scholarships and maintain program excellence through corporate sponsorships and individual donations to the LCC Athletic Excellence Fund.

Red Devil athletics has long enjoyed strong support of local sports fans. The LCC Foundation is offering Red Devil fans the opportunity to be a *game changer!* With their help, LCC student athletes can keep their focus on winning as students and athletes without the added burden of fundraising.

Full scholarship for one student athlete is \$2,600 per year. In addition, equipment, travel and food costs can be up to \$800 annually – an average total cost per student of \$3,400 each year.



2013 Red Devils Hall of Fame

Two former athletes and a successful coach were inducted into 2013 Hall of Fame.

Gary Earnest took LCC athletics to unprecedented heights as athletic director and men's basketball coach. As head coach, he compiled a record of 204 wins to only 89 losses and earned five league titles. During his tenure as athletic director, LCC teams captured 13 conference championships. He was instrumental in building women's athletics at LCC and was inducted into the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Hall of Fame.



DeAnne Nelson was one of the first female stars to excel in two sports at LCC. She was a two-time MVP and All League player in women's basketball in 1978 and 1979. Nelson was also a two-time MVP on the LCC volleyball team. She transferred to Eastern Washington University and later coached both volleyball and basketball at LCC as well as coaching at Gonzaga University and Boise State.

Michael Quinney became one of just 10 players in Red Devil history to score over 1,000 points during his two seasons on the LCC men's basketball team in 1995 and 1996. At induction, he was the 6th highest scorer in school history with 1,163 points. He averaged 18.5 points per game and finished with 155 three-pointers, the most in Red Devil history. At San Jose State, Quinney set the Spartan's record for three point baskets and was named first team All Western Athletic College Conference.



Athletic Excellence Fund

Project Goals: Raise \$170,000 annually / \$5 million endowed

- Provide full support for LCC athletics programs and scholarships through annual giving
- Create an endowment that will generate additional revenue to enhance athletic programs, staffing and fund future capital investments (i.e. field improvements, facilities, etc.)
- LCC Athletic Excellence funds cover the cost of tuition and fees, uniform and equipment, and travel-related expenses.

2013 LCC Foundation Scholarship Social



LCC Foundation scholarship donors enjoy meeting student recipients who are realizing college and career dreams as a result of generous donor support. In Fall 2013, 154 awards were made totaling \$334,118. Photos from top: Jeanne O'Connor, Margaret Engstrom and Natalie Lassen, representing the PEO Sisterhood BN Scholarship, and Jill Tossberg, representing both PEO and the Thomas Tossberg M.D. Memorial Scholarship, visit with students Kitlyn Hriczisce and Sofie Shulda.

Foundation board member Rick Winsman and Stephan Jones, Kangas Family Endowed Scholarship representative, talk with student scholarship recipients William Wells, Kangas Scholarship, and Theresa Honeycutt, Theodore McClelland Natt Scholarship.

Honoring Their Service

Lower Columbia College is committed to helping our military veterans prepare for their post-service careers. In 2012-13, LCC served 186 veterans. A Veterans' Corner in the Student Center, staffed by two VetCorps workers, provides a place for our student veterans to receive information about college programs and services to meet their individual needs. Staff are currently working on a proposal to develop a comprehensive Veterans' Center on campus that would co-locate support services, financial aid assistance, and study areas designed specifically to serve our student veterans. Donations may be made to the LCC Foundation in support of veterans programs on campus.



Financial Report 2012 – 2013

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Assets

Cash	\$283,395	.....	\$676,633
Investments	\$13,302,720	.....	\$12,344,785
Pledges Receivables	\$101,355	.....	\$0
Prepaid Expenses	\$681	.....	\$666
Fixtures and Equipment	\$13,550	.....	\$14,400
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,701,701	...	\$13,036,484

Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	\$45,530	.....	\$20,411
Amounts Held in Trust for LCC ...	\$66,205	.....	\$73,208
Annuity Payment Liability	\$3,846	.....	\$4,023
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$115,581	.....	\$97,642

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$3,255,954	.....	\$2,786,308
Temporarily Restricted	\$3,286,877	.....	\$3,146,274
Permanently Restricted	\$7,043,289	.....	\$7,006,260
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$13,586,120	...	\$12,938,842

Income & Expenditures July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Income

Revenue, Gains/Losses, Other	\$1,741,480
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Expenditures

Program Support to LCC:	
Scholarships	\$237,815
Grants	\$102,964
Program Support	\$319,723
Other	\$86,071
TOTAL	\$746,573

General & Administrative	\$180,951
Fundraising	\$166,678

Total Expenditures	\$1,094,202
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Endowments are gifts that provide perpetual support for scholarships or other programs according to the intent of the donor. Endowments may be named to honor a loved one or to create a family legacy. The minimum required to establish an endowment is \$20,000, which may be pledged over time. The funds are invested to provide a permanent source of income, while the principal is always protected. LCC Foundation Endowments include:

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Your generosity provides scholarships for students, supports instructional programs, and provides needed technology and equipment for our campus. Together, we create a brighter future for our students and strengthen the quality of life throughout our community.

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