

## **AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

June 16, 2016

3:30 p.m.

M. L. King Room, HUB  
Yakima Campus

- A. Tour of Campus Operations Building, *Dr. Teresa Rich, presenter*
- B. Basic Skills Division Report, *Dean Bryce Humpherys, presenter*

## **AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

June 16, 2016

4:30 p.m.

M.L. King Jr. Room  
Hopf Union Building, Yakima Campus

- A. Roll Call
  - Introduction of Guests and New Employees, *Mr. Mark Rogstad, presenter*
- B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes: Special and Regular Meetings of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

D. Action Items

1. Approval of 2016-17 Operating Budget, *Dr. Linda Kaminski, presenter*
2. Approval of 2016-17 Student Services & Activities Fee (S&A) Budget, *Ms. Caitlin Goodwill, presenter*
3. Approval of 2016-17 Student Residence Center (SRC) Budget, *Mr. Brady Mugleston, presenter*
4. Setting Tuition for 2016-2017 Academic Year, *Mr. Tomás Ybarra, presenter*
5. Use of Reserve Funds for the expansion/upgrade of server and student virtual desktop capacity and capabilities, *Mr. Tomás Ybarra, presenter*
6. American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2017, *Mr. Mark Rogstad, presenter*

E. Communications

F. Reports

1. Board of Trustees — *Ms. Lisa Parker, Chair*
2. Students — *ASYVCC, no verbal report expected*  
*Grandview Student Council, no verbal report expected*
3. Classified Staff — *Ms. Cathy VanWinsen, WPEA Representative*
4. Professional Staff — *Ms. Diana Jennings, AFT-YPS Professional Representative*
5. Faculty — *Mr. Tom Mount, AFT-Y Yakima President*
6. Vice President for Administrative Services — *Dr. Teresa Rich*
7. Vice President for Instruction and Student Services — *Mr. Tomás Ybarra*  
*Arts & Sciences Division Report, Dean Kerrie Cavaness, presenter*
8. President — *Dr. Linda Kaminski*  
*Community Relations Report, Ms. Niki Hopkins, presenter*  
*Human Resource Activity Report, Mr. Mark Rogstad, presenter*

G. Call to the Public

The public is welcome to make comments on issues not on the agenda after being recognized by the chair. Trustees may ask questions of the speaker for clarification but generally will not discuss items that are not on the agenda. If appropriate, they may refer the subject to college staff for research or request an item be placed on a subsequent agenda.

H. Date of Next Meeting— The next Regular meeting will be Thursday September 8, 2016 at the M.L. King Jr. Room, Hopf Union Building, Yakima Campus

- I. Executive Session
  - 1. An Executive Session may be called for any reason allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30)
  - 2. Announcement of time Executive Session will conclude
- J. Action Items, if any, that may be necessary to be taken as a result of matters considered in Executive Session
- K. Adjournment



## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2016, 3:30 p.m.

M. L. King Room, HUB Yakima Campus

The special meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Parker at 3:30 p.m. Chair Lisa Parker, Trustee Patricia Whitefoot and Trustee Sara Cate were present. Trustees Robert Ozuna and Rosalinda Mendoza were absent. (excused)

#### A. **Tour of Campus Operations Building**

Dr. Teresa Rich, Director Jeff Wood and Director Brady Muggleston escorted the board members on a tour of the Campus Operations building.

#### B. **Basic Skills Division Report**

Ms. Lori Kunkler and Ms. Ericka Pope presented on behalf of Dean Humpherys. Ms. Kunkler discussed student co-enrollment in Adult Basic Education (ABE) and HS21+ programs. Ms. Pope discussed the flipped classroom model in the ESL classroom and the initiative of the students in creating their own study groups. Dean Humpherys written report was distributed to the Board. A copy of the report will be filed with these minutes in the President's office.

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 16, 2016, 4:30 p.m.  
M.L. King Jr. Room.  
Hopf Union Building, Yakima Campus

**A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees**

Board of Trustees Present

Others Present

Dr. Sara Cate  
Ms. Lisa Parker, Chair  
Ms. Rosalinda Mendoza (by phone)  
Mr. Robert Ozuna (by phone)  
Ms. Patricia Whitefoot, Vice Chair

Dr. Linda J. Kaminski, Secretary

**Introduction of Guests and New Employees.** Human Resource Director Mr. Mark Rogstad introduced Ms. Marivy Vasquez, Coordinator Student Services; Ms. Jodi Smith, Procurement & Supply Support Specialist 1, Purchasing Department; and Ms. Tami Spencer, Fiscal Technician 3, Administrative Services.

Mr. Ray Funk, Director of Athletics and Mr. Kyle Krustangel, PT Head Baseball Coach presented the trophies from the NWAC Championship. Kyle discussed the baseball season and how it culminated into a victory for YVC. He also discussed how proud he was with his players who put in a great effort to maintain their GPAs while participating in the sport.

**B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda.** Action item 16-06-07 Election of Board Vice Chair for 2016-2017 was added to the agenda.

**C. Approval of Minutes.** Trustee Ozuna moved that the minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

D. **Action Items**

1. **Approval of 2016-17 Operating Budget.** Dr. Linda Kaminski stated that the proposed operating budget was presented at the May 11, 2016 study session. The proposed budget remains the same as presented.

**MOTION 16-06-01:** Trustee Cate moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Operating Budget presented on May 11, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ozuna and passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of 2016-17 Student Services & Activities Fee (S&A) Budget.** Coordinator of Student Life, Ms. Caitlin Goodwill stated that the proposed 2016-2017 S&A budget recommended by the S&A Fee Budget Committee was presented at the May meeting Study Session. The S&A Fee Budget Committee, appointed by the college president, carried out its duties in keeping with the ASYVCC Financial Code. The administration concurs with the recommendation.

**MOTION 16-06-02:** Trustee Mendoza moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Services and Activities Fee budget as presented in the May Study Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of 2016-17 Student Residence Center (SRC) Budget.** Director of Auxiliary Services, Mr. Brady Mugleston stated that the proposed SRC budget was presented at the May 11, 2016 study session. The proposed budget remains the same as presented.

**MOTION 16-06-03:** Trustee Cate moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the 2016-2017 SRC budget as presented on May 11, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Whitefoot and passed unanimously.

4. **Setting Tuition for 2016-2017 Academic Year.** Vice President Tomás Ybarra stated that in 2015, the Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 5954, the *College Affordability Program*, which established new tuition setting requirements for the operating and building fee portions of system tuition. In accordance with RCW 28B.15.067, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), is authorized to set the 2016-2017 community college lower and upper division course tuition and fee schedule rates.

On May 5, 2016, the SBCTC approved a decrease in tuition for upper division resident students by 16% and an increase in building fees for upper and lower division students by 1.5%. The Board of Trustees must authorize the collection of these fees.

**MOTION 16-06-04:** Trustee Whitefoot moved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the college president to adjust tuition and fees for 2016-2017 academic year to the amount allowed by legislative and SBCTC action. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate. Trustee Whitefoot inquired about the definition of “upper division”. Mr. Ybarra indicated that refers to applied baccalaureate course work. There was no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Use of Reserve Funds for the expansion/upgrade of server and student virtual desktop capacity and capabilities.** Vice President Tomás Ybarra stated that the use of reserve funds for the expansion/upgrade of server and student virtual desktop capacity and capabilities was presented to the Board of Trustees on May 11, 2016. At this time, the college requests the Board of Trustees' authorization to expend from reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$821,328 to provide needed additional server and student virtual desktop capacity and resources to support the college's ongoing commitment to a teaching and learning environment that prepares its students for success.

**MOTION 16-06-05:** Trustee Cate moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the authorization to expend from reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$821,328 to expand/upgrade server capacity and virtual desktop capabilities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ozuna. Chair Parker expressed her support of the motion but requested presentation of a strategic plan for technology services at the September board meeting. Trustee Mendoza inquired if the plan to implement the upgrades could be presented at the Board's summer retreat. Mr. Ybarra indicated that a report would be provided to the board at the retreat and a strategic plan would be presented at the September meeting. There was no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. **American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2017.** Director of Human Resources, Mark Rogstad stated that the college has reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff covering Exempt Professional Staff, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. This agreement has been ratified by the AFT-YPS.

**MOTION 16-06-06:** Trustee Whitefoot moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the 2015-2017 collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Teachers - Yakima Professional Staff representing Exempt Staff and authorize the college president to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

7. **Election of Board Vice Chair for 2016-2017.** Chair Lisa Parker stated that Article IV of the Board of Trustees' Constitution governs officers of the Board of Trustees. As provided in Section B of Article IV, Vice Chair Patricia Whitefoot will assume the chair position on July 1, 2016. The Board needs to elect a new vice chair to assume that office and, subsequently, the chair position on July 1, 2017. Chair Parker opened nominations for the position of vice chair. Chair Parker nominated Trustee Rosalinda Mendoza for the position of vice chair for 2016-2017. There being no other nominations, Chair Parker closed the nominations and called for the vote.

**MOTION 16-06-07:** Trustee Ozuna moved that Trustee Rosalinda Mendoza be elected vice chair for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed with Trustee Mendoza abstaining.



E. **Communications:** There were no communications

F. **Reports**

1. **Board of Trustees** — Chair Parker discussed the graduation ceremony stating that the rain was unfortunate but we made the best of it and the double rainbow was beautiful. Ms. Parker also indicated that she was able to attend several pinning ceremonies and was very impressed by them all. Trustee Mendoza reported on U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera's event. She stated it was a wonderful event and Yakima is fortunate to have such a lively poet community. Ms. Mendoza also attended the Grape to Glass Gala and reported that it was a wonderful success.
2. **Students** — ASYVCC – no report  
Grandview Student Council – no report
3. **Classified Staff** — Ms. Cathy VanWinsen, WPEA Representative, provided the Board with a year-end report. She expressed her condolences to the family of Al Rogers. Ms. VanWinsen indicated that there had been some issues regarding the change to work hours and a few recurring issues in program areas that would take some time to move forward from. She indicated that there have been three recent retirements and predicted that there would be several more in the next three to five years. Contract negotiations will begin in the middle of July. She reported that the Vet Tech remodel is in full swing and they will work through the noise and construction issues. Lastly she reported that WPEA will host a BBQ during convocation and she will get the dates out soon.
4. **Professional Staff** — Ms. Diana Jennings, AFT-YPS Professional Representative, discussed the administration's appreciation BBQ that was held on the Yakima Campus and indicated that the Grandview Campus would welcome one as well.  
Chair Parker congratulated Ms. Jennings on attaining her degree.
5. **Faculty** — Mr. Tom Mount, AFT-Y Yakima President – not present
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** — Dr. Teresa Rich reported that she attended the WACTC 2019-21 Major Project Scoring Criteria Development meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion focused on what to expect with future projects and the scoring methods that will be used. Dr. Rich thanked the Board for their leadership which allowed YVC to move forward on the Campus Operation project using local funds. She discussed traveling to Portland for a safety summit with national speakers that were very informative. Dr. Rich stated we are prepared, we can improve, and we have a great response plan and will continue to work on our recovery plan so we can continue operations in the event of a crisis. She handed out the most recent edition of the Behind The Scenes newsletter. A copy of the newsletter will be filed with these minutes in the President's office.

7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** — Mr. Tomás Ybarra reported on the planning process for this year's convocation. There will be a new faculty orientation, a day to focus on advising, and a day to focus on assessment of student learning. Yesterday the Admin Retreat focused on accreditation, core themes, objectives and assessment.

**Arts & Sciences Division Report**, Dean Kerrie Cavaness reported on a new division initiative, Pre-Pharmacy Track. This course is scheduled to be taught for the first time in the spring of 2017 and will allow students a direct transfer from YVC to WSU School of Pharmacy. Students will have the option to stay local and attend the WSU School Pharmacy program at PNWU. Dean Cavaness stated that YVC received good news recently about two grant awards in service of STEM instruction and student success. She also provided the Board with a copy of the Arts & Sciences Quarterly Newsletter. Copies of the full report and newsletter are filed with these minutes in the President's office.

8. **President**

**Community Relations Report**. Ms. Niki Hopkins, Coordinator of Community Relations thanked the Board for their participation in this year's commencement. She stated that the lighting, double rainbow and colors of all the umbrellas at commencement contributed to some amazing photos. Ms. Hopkins passed out copies of the spring edition of the Campus Update. A copy of which can be found at; <http://www.yvcc.edu/about/community-relations/Pages/CampusUpdate.aspx>

**Human Resource Activity Report**. Director of Human Resources, Mr. Mark Rogstad stated that two of his staff members are attending Title IV training in order to better serve the needs of our students. The appreciation BBQ went really well and plans for future BBQ's for custodians and Grandview Campus are in process. President Kaminski requested that Mr. Rogstad update the Board on the issue of campus restrooms. Mr. Rogstad stated that YVC complies with the rules and regulations of the U. S. Department of Education and the Washington State Human Rights Commission. One of the WAC's provides guidance on the use of restrooms by transgender individuals (see WAC 162-32-060). Director Rogstad will work with Facilities to identify all single occupancy restrooms and provide a map for anyone who would like a gender neutral and/or single occupancy restroom. Chair Parker inquired if the restroom signs would be updated. Mr. Wood indicated that the signage will be updated by Facilities.

**President's Report**. 1) President Kaminski informed the Board that Rotary would be meeting at the Larson Gallery and the Gallery will be featuring YVC wines as well as wines from Gilbert Cellars. 2.) On August 16<sup>th</sup> South West Rotary will be meeting in the Palmer Martin building for facilities and programs. 3.) Dr. Kaminski discussed the history of commencement's location and different alternatives that have been considered over the years. 4.) Dr. Kaminski thanked Lisa for her dedicated work as a Board Member for YVC and thanked her for agreeing to continue to serve until the Governor appoints a replacement.

- G. **Call to the Public.** No one present indicated a desire to address the board.
- H. **Date of Next Meeting.** The next Regular meeting will be Thursday September 8, 2016 at the M.L. King Jr. Room, Hopf Union Building, Yakima Campus
- I. **Executive Session.** No executive session was called.
- J. **Action Items.** N/A
- K. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

PATRICIA WHITEFOOT FOR

LINDA KAMINSKI

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Lisa Parker, Chair

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Attest: Linda J. Kaminski, Secretary





BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Dr. Teresa Rich  
Presented by: Dr. Linda Kaminski  
Motion No.: 16-06-01  
Citation(s): *RCW 28B.50.140 Board of Trustees Powers and Duties*

SUBJECT:

Approval of the 2016-17 Operating Budget

BRIEF:

The proposed operating budget was presented at the May 11, 2016 study session. The proposed budget remains the same as presented.

If there are any further questions or clarifications needed, Misael Lopez and Teresa Rich will be available to respond.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the 2016-17 Operating Budget presented on May 11, 2016.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Tomás Ybarra

Presented by: Caitlin Goodwill

Motion No.: 16-06-02

Citation(s): RCW 28B.50.140

*Board of trustees-Powers and duties, and the ASYVCC Financial Code*

SUBJECT:

Approval of 2016-2017 Student Services and Activities Fee (S&A) Budget

BRIEF:

The proposed 2016-2017 S&A budget recommended by the S&A Fee Budget Committee was presented at the May meeting Study Session. The S&A Fee Budget Committee, appointed by the college president, carried out its duties in keeping with the ASYVCC Financial Code. The administration concurs with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Services and Activities Fee budget as presented in the May Study Session.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Dr. Teresa Rich  
Presented by: Brady Mugleston  
Motion No.: 16-06-03  
Citation(s): *RCW 28B.50.140(5) Board of Trustees Powers and Duties*

SUBJECT:

Approval of 2016-17 Student Residence Center (SRC) Budget

BRIEF:

The proposed SRC budget was presented at the May 11, 2016 study session. The proposed budget remains the same as presented.

If there are any further questions or clarifications needed, Brady Mugleston and Teresa Rich will be available to respond.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt a motion to approve the 2016-17 SRC budget as presented on May 11, 2016.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Tomás Ybarra  
Presented by: Tomás Ybarra  
Motion No.: 16-06-04  
Citation(s): RCW 28B.15.100 – Tuition and fees set by individual institutions...

SUBJECT:

Setting Tuition for 2016-2017 Academic Year

BRIEF:

In 2015, the Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 5954, the *College Affordability Program*, which established new tuition setting requirements for the operating and building fee portions of system tuition. In accordance with RCW 28B.15.067, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), is authorized to set the 2016-2017 community college lower and upper division course tuition and fee schedule rates.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the college president to adjust tuition and fees for 2016-2017 academic year to the amount allowed by legislative and SBCTC action.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Tomás Ybarra  
Presented by: Tomás Ybarra  
Motion No.: 16-06-05  
Citation(s): RCW 28B.15.140 Board of Trustees-Powers and Duties

SUBJECT:

Use of Reserve Funds for the expansion/upgrade of server and student virtual desktop capacity and capabilities.

BRIEF:

The Use of Reserve Funds for the expansion/upgrade of server and student virtual desktop capacity and capabilities was presented to the Board of Trustees on May 11, 2016.

At this time, the college requests the Board of Trustees' authorization to expend from reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$821,328 to provided needed additional server and student virtual desktop capacity and resources to support the college's ongoing commitment to a teaching and learning environment that prepares its students for success.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the authorization to expend from reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$821,328 to expand/upgrade server capacity and virtual desktop capabilities.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

April 22, 2016, Purchase Request

Reference Letter: Technology Services 2016 April Server, SAN Request

Server services are at 89% capacity and we will run out of resources soon. We need to upgrade/expand storage capabilities. Our Virtual Desk Top environment has also reached capacity and we need to expand the servers and storage capabilities as soon as possible. During this process we will be finishing our server redundancy and replication environment, but first we have to finish expanding virtual desktop platform. Virtualization for faculty and staff will be a project considered in 2017, if we want to take advantage of virtual desktop model for some Faculty and staff.

**Immediate Growth Needs**

**Expand Server Storage:**

- Servers & Storage (\$95,482)
- Platform Software & Maintenance (\$86,642)
- Redundant Switching (\$26,282)
- Professional Services (\$32,460)

**Expand Student Virtual Desktop Environment:**

- Servers & Storage (\$213,072)
- Platform Software & Maintenance (\$104,547)
- 400 Thin Clients (\$230,383)
- Professional Services (\$32,460)

Total amount requested to complete the project:

Expand Server & Storage	\$240,866
Expand Virtual Desktops (VDI)	<u>\$580,462</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$821,328</b>

**2007 Purchases**

New Email system	\$65,000	Retired out of service
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Added a new Server Infrastructure	\$192,000	Retired out of service
<b><u>2008 Purchases</u></b>		
HP Servers expansion	\$21,000	Retired out of service
Barracuda Firewall Upgrade	\$15,000	Retired out of service
<b><u>2010 Purchases</u></b>		
ITV First Floor Deccio	\$630,000	Operational 7yrs old
Virtual Desk Top Environment HP's	\$720,000	Failed in 2014, repurposed
<b><u>2011 Purchases</u></b>		
ITV Second Floor Deccio & GV	\$700,000	Operational 6yrs old
Virtual Desktop Servers & Thin Clients	\$420,000	Failed in 2014, repurposed
<b><u>2012 Purchases</u></b>		
Switching to Hyper-V test environment	\$151,000	Operational 4yrs old
<b><u>2013 Purchases</u></b>		
High Definition Classroom Projectors	\$342,000	Operational
Teaching Stations all Classroom CPU's	\$164,000	Operational
Servers & Storage Expansion	\$400,000	Operational
Document Cameras for Classrooms	\$200,000	Operational
<b><u>2014 Purchases</u></b>		
Virtual Desk Top New Environment	\$270,000	Operational
<b><u>2015 Purchases</u></b>		
Aruba Wireless System	\$180,000	Operational
Limited Energy Network	\$120,000	Not yet Operational
Virtual Desk Top Expansion	\$274,000	Operational

To date these projects which keep us at the leading edge of technology have cost us \$4.8million dollars.

- Wireless
- Virtual DeskTops
- Virtual Servers
- Teaching Station Upgrades
- Server Infrastructure
- ITV
- Switching Network
- Firewalls
- Battery Backup Systems
- Limited Energy Network

Our current model has over \$10 million dollars in assets, a life cycle of ten years is long and all equipment should be replaced at a minimum of ten years. We have deployed best practices to keep us at 50% of cost.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Mark Rogstad  
Presented by: Mark Rogstad  
Motion No.: 16-06-06  
Citation(s): RCW 28B.50

SUBJECT:

- American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2015-2017

BRIEF:

- The College has reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff covering Exempt Professional Staff, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. This agreement has been ratified by the AFT-YPS.

RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the 2015-2017 collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Teachers - Yakima Professional Staff representing Exempt Staff and authorize the college president to sign the agreement.**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_





**SUMMARY OF CHANGES  
to the  
COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
By and Between  
YVCC AND AFT-YPS**

**This is a summary of the successor Agreement for exempt professional employees. The college was notified this Agreement was ratified by the AFT-YPS on May 9, 2016, and will be presented to the Board at their next regular meeting on June 16, 2016.**

**This tentatively agreed upon contract is being recommended for adoption.**

**This Agreement will be for the term of:  
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017**

# Summary of Exempt Employee Collectively Bargained Agreement Changes

<u>Topic Area / Section(s):</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Agency Shop / Mandatory Dues</b> (Article 2)	<u>No Change</u> – The Union proposed an agency shop / mandatory membership clause, but dropped their demand at the last negotiations meeting.
<b>Holidays</b> (Article 9)	<u>Holiday Naming</u> – No holidays were added or deleted, but the name of the “Day after Thanksgiving” was changed to “Native American Heritage Day”.  <u>Personal Faith or Conscience Holiday</u> – Added the ability of an employee to take a maximum of two (2) unpaid holidays for reasons of personal faith or conscience per change in holidays recognized by the State of Washington.
<b>Leaves</b> (Article 11.6)  (Article 11.8)	<u>Updated FMLA Language</u> – Updated the language to include recent court interpretation of ability of the Employer to designate paid v. unpaid leave.  <u>VEBA</u> – Updated the language to make VEBA continuation contingent on notification to comply with IRS guidance.
<b>Hours of Work &amp; Overtime</b> (Article 13.1 & 17.8)	<u>FLSA Exempt Status Change</u> – The U.S. Department of Labor has issued notice of a planned change in the rules regarding who is exempt from overtime / salaried. Language was added to the Agreement to allow the college to unilaterally designate positions which are FLSA exempt v. non-exempt and pay overtime to per FLSA to those eligible.
<b>Exempt Employment Term</b> (Article 16.1)	<u>Annual Contract Notice</u> – Cleaned up legacy language regarding “individual contracts” v. “negotiated contract”. Maintained Employer’s right to non-renew on an annual basis with or without cause.
<b>Hiring / Appointments / Transfers</b> (Article 17.6)	<u>Internal Transfer List</u> – Removed reference to internal transfers from one position within the bargaining unit to another position within the bargaining at unit at the employee’s request as no longer being applicable.
<b>Personnel Files</b> (Article 18.3)	<u>Length of Duration for Adverse Material (typically written warnings)</u> – Increased length of time adverse material is kept from one (1) year to two (2).
<b>Successor Agreement &amp; Term</b> (Article 23.5)  (Article 24)	<u>Notice of Reopening</u> – Changed to only occur with written notice between the 90 <sup>th</sup> and 120 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the expiration.  <u>Term of Agreement</u> – Two (2) years retroactive back to July 1, 2015 and forward to June 30, 2017. Some terms only applied prospectively.
<b>Salary Rates / Positions / Economics</b> (Appendix A)	<u>Cost of Living Adjustment</u> – A three percent (3.0%) increase retroactive back to July 1, 2015. Included position changes resulting from reorganizations.  <u>Supplemental Adjustments</u> – Additional increases for some individuals designed to reduce salary compression / inversion type issues. These changes are effective upon ratification.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

2016

ACTION ITEM

- Regular Meeting
- Special Meeting

Requested by: Lisa Parker  
Presented by: Lisa Parker  
Motion No.: 16-06-07  
Citation(s): *Article IV, Board of Trustees' Constitution*

SUBJECT:

Election of Board Vice Chair for 2016-2017

BRIEF:

Article IV of the Board of Trustees' Constitution governs officers of the Board of Trustees. As provided in Section B of Article IV, Vice Chair Patricia Whitefoot will assume the chair position on July 1, 2016. The Board needs to elect a new vice chair to assume that office and, subsequently, the chair position on July 1, 2017.

The two remaining board offices are ex officio positions. Article IV states, "The Secretary and Treasurer will be the President and Vice President for Administrative Services of the college, respectively, as ex officio with no voting privileges."

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees nominate and elect a vice chair to assume office July 1, 2016.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_





## Events Calendar

June 16, 2016-September 8, 2016  
Prepared for the Board of Trustees

### Larson Gallery

#### Larson Gallery Guild Members' Exhibit

June 11, 2016-July 1, 2016

A popular non-juried exhibition that pays tribute to the talented and creative members of the Larson Gallery Guild. For more information: 574.4875 or [www.larsongallery.org](http://www.larsongallery.org)

#### Worry-Free Knitting

July 9, 2016

The Larson Gallery presents *Worry-Free Knitting*. If your muscles knot up when you knit, you're doing it wrong. There are no knots in knitting. Don't Stress! Knitting really is fun. It's even stress-reducing. It's practical, it's functional, and you'll learn all the techniques you need to know before choosing to tackle a larger project. Workshop cost is \$63 members, \$70 non-members plus a \$20 fee for materials. For more information: 574.4875 or [www.larsongallery.org](http://www.larsongallery.org)

#### Encaustic Pen Tool Painting

July 16, 2016

The Larson Gallery presents *Encaustic Pen Tool Painting*. Painting with an encaustic pen is a quiet meditation on process and discovery. It favors patience and deliberateness. This method lends itself especially well to working on a small surface. For example, the encaustic painters of Greece, who developed this process, seldom made pictures larger than the average head. The workshop will provide one small wooden surface, the pen tools, colored beeswax and lots of inspiration for your forays into this popular technique. Workshop cost is \$72 members, \$80 non-members plus a \$25 materials fee. For more information: 574.4875 or [www.larsongallery.org](http://www.larsongallery.org)

#### Encaustic Collage

July 17, 2016

The Larson Gallery presents *Encaustic Collage*. In this workshop you will build collages and mixed media works on panels and on paper. Collage with encaustic wax is a fast, reversible and simple alternative to working with glues. You will explore collage with a variety of papers and cloth. There will be examples of altering materials and surface, stenciling as well as transfer techniques. Collage materials will be fused to the surface working with an iron, heat gun or a torch. Workshop cost is \$72 members, \$80 non-members plus a \$25 material fee. For more information: 574.4875 or [www.larsongallery.org](http://www.larsongallery.org)

### Athletics

#### Volleyball Camp

July 11-14, 2016 & July 18-2, 2016

Join YVCC for individuals and skills volleyball camps for grades 4-8 and 9-10. Fundamentals include setting, passing, serving, spiking, blocking, resistance training, and defense. Cost is \$95.00 and includes a commemorative t-shirt. For more information: 574.4729 or [www.goyaks.com](http://www.goyaks.com)

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Please reference the ASYVCC and GSC student reports for additional student activities. Additional information can be found on YVCC's college calendar at <http://www.yvcc.edu/calendar>



**Activity Report  
May 2016**

<b>NEW HIRES:</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>
Tami Spencer	Fiscal Technician 3	6/1/2016	Administrative Services
Anna Maria Cortes	Coordinator – TRiO Student Services	6/15/2016	Student Services
Marivy Vasquez	Coordinator – Student Services	6/16/2016	Student Services
Danny Ortiz	Library and Archives Paraprofessional 1	9/13/2016	Library and Media Services
Natalia Dunn	Chemistry Instructor	9/13/2016	Arts and Sciences
Stephanie Ahlgren	Nutrition Instructor	9/13/2016	Arts and Sciences
Steven Mock	Mathematics Instructor	9/13/2016	Arts and Sciences
Holly Ferguson	Agriculture/Viticulture Instructor	9/13/2016	Workforce Education
Don Roeber	Aerospace Machine Technology Instructor	9/13/2016	Workforce Education
<b>RESIGNATIONS &amp; RETIREMENTS:</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>
<b>STAFF VACANCIES</b>			
<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Vacancy #</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; EXEMPT PROFESSIONAL:</b>			
Application Developer	Accepting Applications	15-042	Technology Services
Senior System Administrator	Conducting References	16-013	Technology Services
Accountant	Conducting References	16-016	Administrative Services
<b>CLASSIFIED:</b>			
Instruction & Classroom Support Technician 1	Conducting References	16-021	Workforce Education
<b>FACULTY:</b>			
Math Instructor	Interviews Scheduled	16-010	Arts and Sciences
Psychology/Sociology Instructor	Interviews Scheduled	16-012	Arts and Sciences

Information Technology Instructor	Conducting References	16-020	Workforce Education
History Instructor	Screening Applications	16-022	Arts and Sciences

# President's Activities

May 2016

Community									Access						Success				
Network w/ community	Share information	Ed/training needs	Visibility	Contribute to community	Potential donors	Legislative issues	Network w/education	Internal community	Info to prosp students	Create transitions	Scholarship funding	Expand outreach	Expand facilities	Expand learn activities	Student Recognition	Improve stu success	Influence policies, etc.	Data student success	Learn strategies
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5

## Meetings— Out of District

5/12-5/13	ACT Spring Conference – Seattle, WA	•	•	•			•	•								•	•	•	•
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## Meetings—In College District

5/3*	Yakima Rotary Club Makeup	•	•	•	•	•					•								
5/5	Yakima Rotary Club Meeting	•	•	•	•	•					•								
5/10	Administrative Council Meeting			•				•				•		•		•	•	•	
5/10	YVCC Foundation Board Meeting	•	•			•				•	•					•		•	
5/11	YVCC Board of Trustees' Meeting		•													•	•		
5/14*	Yakima Rotary Convention Banquet	•	•	•	•	•					•								
5/18*	YVCC Alumni Association Meeting	•	•			•				•	•					•		•	
5/19	Yakima Rotary Club Meeting	•	•	•	•	•					•								
5/19	KIT Radio Interview re: name Change	•	•		•											•			
5/19	YHR Interview re: name Change	•	•		•											•			
5/20	All-College Employee Meeting		•							•				•		•		•	
5/24	Administrative Council Meeting			•				•				•		•		•	•	•	
5/24	SCWDC Strategic Planning Forum	•	•		•	•				•		•					•		
5/26	Yakima Rotary Club Meeting	•	•	•	•	•					•								
5/31*	Yakima Rotary Club Makeup	•	•	•	•	•					•								

### A-Community

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- A-1 Provided opportunity to network with community leaders
- A-2 Provided opportunity to share information about the college
- A-3 Provided opportunity to learn about educational/training needs in the community
- A-4 Provided visibility for college within the local community, state or country
- A-5 Provided opportunity for college to actively contribute to the community
- A-6 Raised awareness for potential donors to contribute to the college
- A-7 Informed legislators about issues that could potentially affect the college
- A-8 Provided opportunity to network with other educational organizations/leaders to promote collaboration and sharing of resources
- A-9 Provided opportunity to discuss issues with college's internal community

### B-Access

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- B-1 Provided opportunity to share information about the college to prospective students
- B-2 Provided opportunity to create effective transitions for students
- B-3 Provided opportunity to cultivate funding for student scholarships
- B-4 Provided opportunity to expand outreach
- B-5 Provided opportunity to expand facilities
- B-6 Provided opportunity to expand learning activities

### C-Success

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- C-1 Provided opportunity to recognize student achievements
- C-2 Provided opportunity to engage others in improving student success
- C-3 Provided opportunity to influence policies, regulations, laws and/or resource allocations that would improve or create barriers to student success
- C-4 Provided data that demonstrate accomplishments and challenges to student success
- C-5 Provided opportunity to learn about strategies from other institutions that have successfully reduced student achievement gaps



# BEHIND THE SCENES

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS CORE THEMES: ACCESS, SUCCESS, COMMUNITY

### CAMPUS OPERATIONS COMPLEX IS COMPLETE

The Campus Operations complex was completed in April 2016, with the moves of the Print Shop, Security & Facility Operations taking place in May. The 13,144 square foot shop gives more space for Grounds and Facility Operations equipment and storage. The 10,236 square foot admin building, gives Print Shop, Security and Facility Operations their own spaces, to include offices, meeting spaces and a training/muster room. After staff and operations get settled into their new spaces, they plan to host an Open House. Be watching for an announcement.



Admin Building

### NORTH CAMPUS COMMONS

With the move of Security and the Print Shop to the new Campus Operations Administration Building and the Mailroom transition to Central Receiving, Palmer Hall will be coming down. Demolition is expected to start June 2016, following commencement, by M. Seigny Construction of Yakima. After Palmer Hall is removed a common area with trees, shrubs, pavers and a pergola will be added. This will allow for an open and welcoming outdoor area in the middle of campus, for faculty, staff and students to enjoy during the different seasons.



Drawings courtesy of BORArchitecture, PLLC.

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## Prior Hall Boardroom upgrades

The Prior Hall Boardroom received some much needed upgrades to make a more welcoming and professional space for our staff and faculty. The upgrades included new paint, flooring, window treatments, technology, chairs and the refinishing of the Boardroom table.

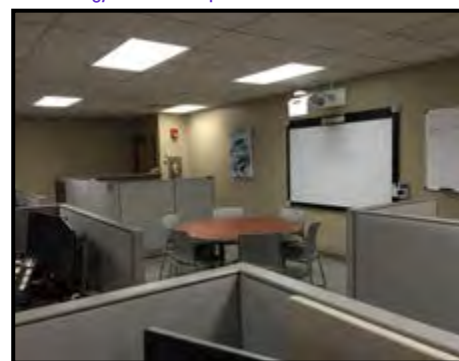
Prior Hall Boardroom



## Prior Hall First Floor upgrades

The Prior Hall first floor hallway and offices received new flooring. Along with the first floor upgrades was the move of the Technology Services Helpdesk to P171. New paint, window treatments, cubicles and furniture were added to make a more open and accessible space for students, faculty and staff.

Technology Services Helpdesk



# CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY

## CORE THEME: COMMUNITY

Reclaimed barn wood was used at the new YVC Toppenish Learning Center. The wood added an interesting texture and character to our new site, fitting in with the western them of the city of Toppenish and was a great way to use repurposed resources. The Grand Opening for Toppenish will take place the first part of September 2016.



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## AUXILIARY SERVICES

### International Student Program (ISP)

The YVC International Student Program and YVC Foundation hosted its annual reception on January 12, 2016. We watched videos of interviews with international students from Vietnam and Hong Kong. During the video we learned about their countries, cultures, educational experiences and goals. Justin Ho was highlighted., he plans to transfer to a four year institution to pursue mechanical engineering.



state auditors were onsite in November and December. The exit conference was held in January with no audit findings identified and the audit results were then presented to the YVC Board of Trustees at their February meeting. Congratulations to everyone involved in keeping our general ledger and accounting system clean and accurate!

### Mileage rates decreased

On January 1, the mileage reimbursement rate decreased to \$0.540/mile. Please visit the [Travel site](#) for more detailed information.

## CAMPUS SECURITY

### Security Office has moved

Security offices and staff have moved to the new Campus Operations Building.

## PURCHASING & CENTRAL RECEIVING

### Mailroom and Record Storage changes

With the scheduled demolition of Palmer Hall, the campus mail services will be changing in the next couple of weeks. And, record storage will move to the new Campus Operations building. Please watch the Campus Announcements for more information on both of these projects.

### NEW Travel Procurement Cards

Purchasing and Travel have successfully launched Travel PCards to campus! Now, travelers are able to check out a travel procurement card from Purchasing before leaving on a trip. The travel PCard can be used to pay for lodging accommodations, airline bag fees, taxis, shuttle services, and gas for a rental car. Need a card for travel? Just fill out a Travel Procurement Card Agreement and then contact Purchasing before your next out of town trip to reserve a card. Call Purchasing at 4612 for more details.

## SRC Activities

Throughout each academic year the SRC provides many recreational activities for the students who live there. This year's activities included pedicures and hot cocoa, game and movie nights with treats, and Coffee and Donuts during finals week to help resident students stay alert to study for exams.

### Print Shop has moved

The Print Shop has moved to the new Campus Operations Building. Along with the move to the new location, 2 new machines were installed that provide new features to assist in the quick processing of college documents as well as provide white and clear printing. Come by the Print Shop to see some samples of the clear print, it adds a great look to flyers, programs and anything that could use a little extra punch.

## BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING SERVICES

### 2016 Deadlines and Cutoffs

Accounting Services staff, in conjunction with Purchasing and Central Receiving, are gearing up for year-end close. Please be sure to check the 2016 Deadlines and Cutoffs, for deadlines on expenditures, receiving orders, petty cash, travel and transfers.

### Financial Audit

YVC Business Office completed the first institutional audit of financial statements in January. Having audited financial statements is now a requirement of the NWCCU accreditation standards. The college prepared the financial statements in early fall, and the

# STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

CORE THEME: COMMUNITY

## NEW STAFF



**Misael Lopez** joined Administrative Services as the Director of Budget Services on April 8. Misael is an alumni of West Valley High School and YVC. He returns to Yakima after 12 years in Oklahoma City with his wife, Monica, and their three children, Abijah age 9, Eliana age 4, and Mikayah age 2. When he is not in the Budget Office, he can be found spending time with family and friends and serving in his church.



**Jodi Smith** joined Purchasing and Central Receiving as the Purchasing & Supply Support Specialist on May 2. Jodi comes to YVC from the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, a non-profit organization that helps people resolve conflict and learn to communicate for a better workplace, home and community. She also worked for 13 years at the Yakima Association of REALTORS and Multiple Listing Service as an Executive Assistant. Jodi enjoys cooking, gardening, and watching the Mariners and Seahawks.

## RETIREMENT

**Delores Strother**, Fiscal Tech Lead, retired January 20, 2016 after 35 years at YVC! We wish her well in her next adventure.

**Linda Clark**, Procurement Supply Specialist I, retired January 25, 2016. Linda is enjoying time with her family and her dogs.

**Judy Morehead**, Director of Budget Services, retired with over 20 years of college employment. Judy worked in a variety of departments including student accommodations, the Business Development Center, Student Support Services, Admissions, Workforce Education and finally in the Budget Office for the last 13 years. During her retirement Judy looks forward to just letting the rest of her life unfold.

## OTHER STAFF NEWS

### Accounting Manager position

Angela Anthony accepted the Accounting Manager position in the Business Office on March 16.

### Fiscal Tech 1, Accounts Payable position

Tami Spencer accepted the Fiscal Tech I, Accounts Payable position in the Business Office on June 2. More to follow on Tami in the next edition.

### Accountant for Grants and Contracts

Jessica Lucas accepted the Accountant for Grants and Contracts position and will start on June 16. More to follow on Jessica in the next edition.

### Goodbye to Chuck Cummings

During his 21 years at YVC Chuck was selected as Employee of the Quarter, worked in Automotive and served as WPEA President. We wish Chuck well in his new job at the West Valley School District.

# DONATION

CORE THEME: COMMUNITY

Conley Engineering donated eight large 4 drawer filing cabinets and four flat files, for holding blueprints to YVC.

The donation is much appreciated and something that we love to see from the community.

## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS Continued from [Page 4](#)

### ACTIVITIES

**October 22-23: Nicole Delp** attended the Purchasing Affairs Council (PAC) meeting in Bellingham.

**November 1: Chris Liersmann** attended Backflow Assembly Tester training and examination, earning his re-certification.

**November 4: Jeff Wood and Teresa Rich** attended DES Engineering and Architectural Services 2015 Client Workshop and Trade Show in Tacoma.

**November 5: Mike Lane and Correy Olson** attended the quarterly SSEM meeting in Wenatchee.

**December 1: Clarissa Wolfe and Angela Anthony** attended SBCTC-ITD Chartfield training for CTCLink at Green River Community College Kent Station.

**December 7-8: Teresa Rich** attended the Business Affairs Commission meeting at Clover Park Technical College.

**January 28: Casey Rice** attended a workshop on pesticide application and laws in Yakima.

**January 29: Sybil Miller** attended DES Fleet meeting and training in Olympia.

**February 1-3: Tre Wilbanks** attended DES Supervisor Essentials Phase I.

**February 4-5: Clarissa Wolfe and Lisa Rice** attended the Budget, Accounting and Reporting Council (BAR) meeting in Bellevue.

**February 8-9: Teresa Rich** attended the Business Affairs Commission meeting at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

**February 10: Mike Lane** attended the quarterly SSEM meeting in Tacoma.

**February 23-24: Rudy Perez** attended INW Industrial Training Test Prep, and Boxes & Raceway Systems training in Pasco.

**February 24-25: Jeff Wood** attended the quarterly OFC Meeting in Bellevue.

**March 15-16: Rudy Perez** attended INW Industrial Training Low Voltage and Communications, and Grounding and Bonding trainings in Pasco.

**April 7-8: Teresa Rich** attended the Business Affairs Commission meeting at Walla Walla Community College.

**April 28-29: Nicole Delp** attended the Purchasing Affairs Council (PAC) meeting in Everett.

**May 23-24: Clarissa Wolfe** attended the Business Affairs Commission meeting, in Teresa's place, at Whatcom Community College.

Facility Operations, Business Office, Purchasing and Central Receiving staff have attended many of the Professional Development Committee trainings on campus this year. Training included Excel Basics, Front Line Staff, Public Speaking, and Strengths Based Leadership.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Tessa Southards**, Fiscal Analyst I, on the birth of her grandson. Kamden Bradlee Wages, born March 29 weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations to **Teresa Holland Rich** on earning her Ph. D. in Education with concentration in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University in December 2015. Teresa will walk on June 11, in Corvallis, Oregon. ✨

## KEEP INFORMATION SAFE

**D**id you know that YVC has monthly shredding services for campus records? Located throughout campus are large shredding receptacles. These are provided for faculty and staff to shred any college documents that might contain sensitive information. Our shredding vendor comes on campus once a month to empty all the bins, shredding them in the truck on site!

Please make use of these binds to keep college staff, faculty, and student records safe from the wrong hands. Millions of people are defrauded every year because sensitive information falls into the hands of the wrong people. For your personal records, local office supply stores offer shredding by the pound, or you can buy a home shredder for a few dollars.

# YAKIMA COLLEGE GRILL

CORE THEMES: ACCESS

**C**DX Dining Services has been working on menu items and additions to the Grill. Come check out some of the changes and services that we have added.

One item added to the menu that has been a big hit is the Teriyaki Chicken bowls. We offer a Teriyaki Rice bowl and a Teriyaki Noodle bowl. We also offer our Teriyaki Chicken Combo that has veggies, noodles, rice and teriyaki chicken.



Come and try our new coffee and cappuccino line. We have added a cappuccino machine that has 5 different flavor options, white chocolate and caramel, hot chocolate, etc. We also have 6 different options for drip coffee. Also for those hot days, a granita machine with 2 flavors has been added as well.

Did you know CDX will deliver to staff and faculty? If your office would like to place an order for coffee or lunch, CDX will deliver if there is a minimum of 3 people. You must have exact change in cash, or pay over the phone with a debit card when order is placed.



Grill hours are Monday-Friday 7am to 1:30pm. Daily specials, extended menus, hours and other information can be found on the [CDX website](#).

[www.yvcc.edu/services](http://www.yvcc.edu/services)



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## New Division Initiatives

**Pre-Pharmacy Track at YVC.** A **BioChem** course is being developed by Dr. Sam Mazhari. The BioChem course in addition to existing Biology and Chemistry courses provides students with an opportunity to complete a pre-pharmacy track at YVC. This course is scheduled to be taught for the first time in the spring of 2017 and will allow students a direct transfer from YVC to WSU School of Pharmacy. Students will be able to stay local and attend the WSU School of Pharmacy program at PNWU or attend at the main campus in Pullman. (Access and Success).

**Assessment methods for academic placement of incoming students in English and Math.** With the elimination of COMPASS coming in December 2016, YVC has been working with an Assessment Taskforce to guide the process of choosing new placement methods. Carolyn-Calhoun Dillahunt from English and Mike Jenck from Mathematics are leading the charge in their respective areas. The English department has chosen to pilot a directed self-placement tool called "The Write Class," which allows students to skip placement testing if they meet specific requirements. If not, they will go through a Directed Self Placement process (DSP) to help them choose classes that match their skill set. The Math department has chosen to pilot a locally developed assessment that is directly aligned with YVC's math pathways and coursework. The math assessment will be administered through the Washington State WAMAP program (Access and Success).

**New online course development.** Chemistry 100 is now offered every quarter on the schedule, including two sections this summer. This summer faculty are working on developing the curriculum for an online Chemistry 109 lecture with a face-to-face lab offered one day per week starting next year. Math 146: Statistics, is the first online math class offered at YVC. The course is being piloted this summer and will be offered on the schedule next year (Access and Success).

## Progress on Division Initiatives

### Developmental Learning Acceleration

**English** – Full and Part Time Faculty from the English Department are continuing the work on implementing ALP (Accelerated Learning Programs) programs which are designed to accelerate movement of developmental students into English 101. The English 81/90T ALP serves students at the lowest developmental level and the 2014-2015 data supported continuing and expanding the offerings. According to a report from OIE, 40% of the students accelerated and entered English 101 the following quarter. This intervention also influenced the student's initiative to enroll in developmental math. These students enrolled in Math at a rate 18% higher than students who were not in the intervention group.

67% of the students in the English 95/101 ALP finished both English 95 and English 101 in the same quarter. This ALP model also had a positive effect on the student's initiative in enrolling in developmental math. According to a report from OIE, students who participated in the intervention enrolled in math at a rate of 30% higher than those who didn't participate.

New curriculum starting fall 2016 – students who are eligible for English 95 will be offered the option to take an alternative path to English 101. English 135 is a five credit Introduction to Literature course with a humanities distribution. The curriculum is reading and writing intensive providing the opportunity for students to earn placement into English 101 at the end of the quarter. (Success and Access).

**Math** – The Math department continues to offer students at the developmental level an opportunity to accelerate through the curriculum. This past year there were quarterly sections of stacked classes 50/75, 75/85 and 84/93. These 10 credit blocks were designed for students to complete the first course at week five of the quarter. Upon passing, students would progress into the second course for the last five weeks of the quarter. The goal was to provide students an opportunity to complete two developmental math classes in one quarter. This model offers a high level of support with coordinated schedules, allowing students who are struggling to move into a regularly paced class at several points in the quarter. The initial data on the Math 50/75 offerings showed students completed two courses at a rate of 75%. Data is still being completed on students in the 75/85 and 84/93 models. (Success).

## STEM

YVC has received good news recently about two grant awards in service of STEM instruction and student success.

1. \$447,775 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for The New Scientist Training (NeST) project. This grant will provide scholarship opportunities for STEM students in support of degree completion. The scholarship amounts increase as a student's course demands increase. This will provide students the opportunity to focus on their coursework and not have to hold outside employment or to allow a student to hire child care so they can spend more time on campus. This grant was written by Dr. Matthew Loeser who will be the project director and it starts June 15, 2016 and ends May 31, 2021.
2. \$90,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for the SOLVER project. This grant was written in collaboration with CWU and supports degree completion at the two and four year levels. The funds will be utilized to support expansion of YVC's undergraduate student research opportunities and engagement students with CWU STEM programs. This grant was written by Dr. Matthew Loeser who will be the project director and it starts June 2016 and runs through FY2018.

## Faculty Highlights

- **Dr. Brock Eubanks**, Economics was voted faculty member of the year by the students
- **Dr. Keith Reyes**, Sociology attended the Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference at WSU this past winter. The theme was advancing educational opportunity and equity. Dr. Reyes is actively involved in advising YVC on addressing the achievement gap of male students of color.
- **David Lynx**, Director of the Larson Gallery and Art faculty is the recipient of a UW Asian Studies Development Grant to develop a course titled, Art of Yoga
- **Dr. Matthew Loeser** has received a scholarship to attend a course July 18-22 at the Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle titled Systems Biology of Disease. Dr. Loeser will be introduced to the core concepts of systems biology and their application to systems biomedicine and experience cross-disciplinary interactions for the success of systems biology programs.
- **Dr. Ken Zontek** is coordinating Yakima Reads for fall 2017. He has chosen the San County Almanac by Also Leopold for the text. A faculty steering committee comprised of faculty from Life Sciences, Social Sciences and English are working to provide curriculum ideas for use of the text across all disciplines in Arts & Sciences



## Letter from the Dean

Welcome to Spring Quarter!

After taking a brief hiatus, our division newsletter is back with a new look which I hope you will appreciate as much as I do. Thank you to Rosa Mendez, in my office, for infusing your talent and creativity into the newsletter.

Many of you have expressed your concern about the resources dedicated to the Music department in the last few years. It is my belief that Music plays an essential role in YVCC's liberal arts curriculum, campus culture and community outreach. With the loss of the vocal position several years ago and the recent resignation of David Blink, there have been questions and rumors about the future of Music at YVCC. I am pleased to be able to share some good news with you, there will be two faculty positions in Music next year. This allows us to hire for both vocal and instrumental music. The positions are temporary, with the goal of defining the role and direction of the Music department before YVCC opens the positions for either soft dollar or tenure track faculty in the future. I will be working with the faculty next year to increase the music department presence on campus, in local high schools and community music organizations, as well as planning for the future of the music department. There is much to celebrate with this announcement and your support of the faculty in Music is much appreciated.



During the winter quarter division meeting, I shared with you my concerns about decreasing enrollment. During this time, it is important to follow student demand while maintaining the depth in the transfer curriculum. Several weeks later, students registered for spring quarter classes and there was an excess of open seats in several courses and long wait lists in others. It then became necessary to make an unprecedented number of changes as low enrolled classes were canceled and new classes were added. I was extremely impressed with the collaboration and collegiality of many faculty in our division as the changes unfolded. This was not an easy task when faculty already had their schedules and curriculum set for the upcoming quarter. Thank you to all of the department heads and schedulers who worked to provide recommendations on schedule changes and to the faculty in Communication Studies, English and Math who were the most affected by these changes. Your remarkable effort in this area did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. I will continue to work with the department schedulers in an attempt to minimize the need for schedule changes in the future as we plan for next year.

In closing, as we face potential enrollment challenges in the next year, I encourage you to think about why you love YVCC. Then take any and every opportunity to share with others in the community as to what makes YVCC such a remarkable institution and educational choice for students in the valley. Those will be easy conversations, as there is much to be proud of on our campus. I am frequently asked, 'Why YVCC?' And my answers include; the quality, dedication and commitment of the faculty, small class size, available support services and the diversity of educational opportunities and degrees for students. Now it's your turn, why do YOU love YVCC?

Wishing you a great quarter!

Warmly,

Kerrie

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**A&S DIVISION  
MEETING**  
*Mark your  
calendars!*  
**Thursday,  
May 12th  
3:15pm - 4:30pm**

# Division Staff

## Yakima Campus

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## U.S. Poet Laureate, the first Latino to hold the position, coming to Yakima!

United States Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera will be in Yakima next month for a series of events hosted by Yakima Valley Community College. Herrera, who became the first Latino U.S. poet laureate when he was appointed last year, is known for writing about social issues and his youth as a migrant farmworker.

The 67-year-old California native and graduate of the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop has won a National Book Critics Circle Award, a PEN Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has listed Allen Ginsberg and other Beat poets among his primary influences, and has been hailed for a genre-defying writing style that incorporates poetry, prose and performance. He has written 28 books, including poetry collections, young-adult novels and story collections.

The U.S. poet laureate is considered the official poet of the nation, and is appointed by the Librarian of Congress. James H. Billington appointed Herrera. "I see in Herrera's poems the work of an American original — work that takes the sublimity and largesse of 'Leaves of Grass' and expands upon it," Billington said in a news release announcing the appointment. "His poems engage in a serious sense of play — in language and in image — that I feel gives them enduring power. I see how they champion voices, traditions and histories, as well as a cultural perspective, which is a vital part of our larger American identity."

### Herrera will make a public appearance over in mid-May. Related Poetry events also include:

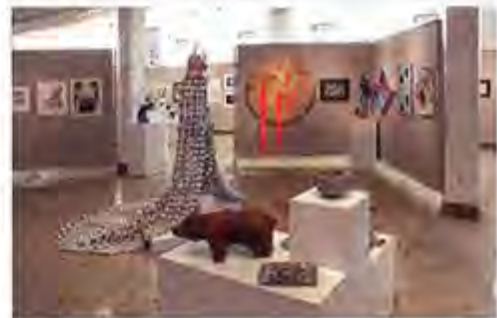
- ◆ A reception and poetry reading by community members; 5 p.m. May 16; 4th Street Theatre, 14 S. Fourth St.; \$25, tickets at the YVCC Bookstore.
- ◆ May 16th, A poetry performance by Herrera; 7 p.m. at the Capitol Theatre, 19 S. Third St., free but tickets required, available at YVCC Bookstore. Doors open @ 6:30pm
- ◆ May 17, A student Q&A and reading; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ; Hopf Union Building on YVCC campus; free but tickets required, available at YVCC Bookstore with valid student ID.

**FYI: LAST DAY** for Faculty to Order Caps & Gowns: Friday April 22nd, 10am - 4pm. Contact Quinn Hale 574.4702 for info!

### DoVA Student & Faculty Exhibition

May 3 - May 28, 2016

YVCC students and faculty of the Department of Visual Arts (DoVA) present their work from the current academic year. Photography, painting, drawing, printmaking, and ceramics.



Opening Reception  
Tuesday, May 3, 2016  
5:00PM-7:00PM

## New Faces in Arts & Sciences

- ◆ **Rosalinda Mendez**  
Program Assistant—Dean's Office of Arts & Sciences

- ◆ **Bryon Free:** PT Geology Instructor
- ◆ **Isai Macias:** PT Modern Languages Instructor
- ◆ **Manny Stevens:** PT Stage Tech

*(Forgive me if I forgot anyone who started in the past quarter!)*



(More Details on YVCC Website)

- ◆ **Spring Barrel 2016** @ WED Center Tasting Room. Students will provide tours of the facility & host education stations for guests:  
4/15, 2:00 - 5:00pm  
4/16, 11:00am - 5:00pm  
4/22 - 4/23, 11:00am - 5:00pm  
4/24, 11:00am - 2:00pm
- ◆ **Citizenship Day** @ Deccio-Parker Room. Volunteer immigration attorneys, paralegals and interpreters will offer free assistance with citizenship applications:  
4/23, 10:00am - 1:00pm
- ◆ **Clay Sale** @ the HUB. Items for sale are ceramic artwork pieces created by YVCC students. Proceeds go to the Clay Studio:  
5/5, 12:30 - 1:30pm
- ◆ **Grape to Glass Gala - A Winemaker's Dinner** @ GV Activity Center. Event will benefit Vineyard & Winery Technology student scholarships. Dinner, wine tasting, a silent auction, live music & dancing:  
5/21, 6:00 - 9:30pm
- ◆ **Tour of Artists' Homes & Studios.** The Larson Gallery presents this annual event which raises funds for the Larson Gallery Guild & is an opportunity to see how artists live and create. Tickets cost \$20 Gen Ad., \$5 for Students.  
5/21, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- ◆ **Chicago!** YVCC Playmasters presents this musical in the Kendall Hall Auditorium. Tickets cost \$20 Gen Ad., \$15 for Students, staff & seniors.  
6/2 - 6/4, 8:00pm  
6/4 - 6/5, 2:00pm (matinees)



- ◆ **Beyond DREAMing Scholarship Applications Now Available!** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ *Deccio Higher Education Center*

YVCC is now accepting applications for the Beyond DREAMing Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding to support DREAMer (undocumented) students with educational expenses while at YVCC. Be sure to remind students!

**Deadline to Apply:**  
**April 29, 2016**

- ◆ **The Annual YVCC Student Art Show** will be presented by the Larson Gallery from Tuesday May 3 - 28 with the reception at Larson Gallery on May 3 at 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Awards and presentations will take place at that reception at 6:00 pm. Last year art students received \$1,600 in awards at this show. Anyone who attends this show will be impressed with the art coming from our campus!
- ◆ **June 9th: YVCC 87th Commencement!** Ceremony at 7:00pm on Parker Faller Field. Join us to honor the class of 2016! Reception to follow.
- ◆ **Entrepreneurship Adventure - Exploring Business Opportunities in the Current Market:** Workshop provided by John Stavros, CEO of Bio Management Northwest, Inc. and focuses on building an entrepreneur resume. All workshops include refreshments provided by the YVCC Business Club. For more info contact Brock Eubanks, 509.574.3226 [beubanks@yvcc.edu](mailto:beubanks@yvcc.edu).
- ◆ **Flagger Certification Training**  
YVCC's one-day Flagger Training provides certification for work zone traffic control flaggers. The tuition fee of \$45 allows participants to receive a flagger



handbook, classroom instruction, and the opportunity to take the Washington State certification exam.

**Upcoming Dates**

*Friday, May 20, 2016*  
8:00am-4:00pm  
Yakima Campus, Skills Center, Room 106

*Friday, June 10, 2016*  
8:00am-4:00pm  
Grandview Campus, Workforce Education Center, Room 199

**How to Register:** Must register in advance. Individuals may register and pay in person at YVCC's registration office in Yakima or GV or by contacting the Career Connection Ctr. @ 574.4911 / [ljimenez@yvcc.edu](mailto:ljimenez@yvcc.edu). Students are required to bring a copy of their receipt to the training session.

## MARIA CUEVAS: Social Science Instructor

Assembled by Rosalinda Mendez

Maria Cuevas is truly one-of-a-kind. I veritably enjoyed our interview, as she is so charismatic, funny and intriguing. She has interesting stories, thought-provoking wisdom, and experiences she was willing to share with me from her life.

As many of you may know, Ms. Cuevas teaches courses primarily in Chican@ Studies and Sociology. She also teaches Intercultural Communications and American Ethnic Minorities courses. Impressively, Maria holds two Master's Degrees; one in Social Work and the other in Public Health. She completed doctoral work in Sociology from Washington State University and is currently All But Dissertation (ABD). She was initially employed by YVCC in 2005 with the Multicultural Outreach Program before achieving full-time Instructor status in 2007. She stated that this is the longest she's ever lived anywhere, and is grateful for the roots she's been able to set here.

Her father was a Biology Instructor, and this is what peaked her interest in the outdoors, her love of animals, fresh air and exercise. Among Maria's most treasured destinations are old forests and the mountains; she just loves the smell of trees, the earth and running water, so it seems she picked the right area to lay her roots!

Maria comes from a family with three other siblings, two sisters and one brother. She told me stories about her late mother who seemed to be a very magnetic, playful and loving, woman.

Maria's favorite movie line is one her mother would use often. It was a line from 'The Unforgiven,' a Clint Eastwood flick. In her later years, her mother boycotted cooking and so she would use the line "I ain't like that no more," spoken by Eastwood's character, in response to her children's requests to cook a certain food.

If Maria could go back in time and meet any person from the past, she stated she is very interested in her family history and thus would want to meet her ancestors, to know more about them and their lives. She would definitely want to know more from her grandparents—their lives contributed to hers in so many structural and personal ways that she would like to thank them. She wishes she could know their particular interests and dreams as they passed when she was a child. Her maternal grandfather, for example, was a migrant farmworker and later in life learned to fly a plane (one of his many interests), and was president of the local Seniors



Democrat Party. She'd definitely want to know more about that man's life journey!

I asked Maria what change she would like to see at YVCC? She advised that she feels that since this is a commuter-college, that it lacks a sense of community amongst the students. Although various student groups make great efforts to create a sense of community, there doesn't seem to be that sense with faculty and staff; she wishes there was not such a feeling of isolation and separateness. One idea she shared from a colleague (Dr. Ken Zontek) that she thought would improve the look and feel of the campus was to plant more trees that people could sit under and talk, relax, study, meet others, etc., which I think would be phenomenal! Trees also add to the campus aesthetic.

When I inquired as to what she thinks would draw students to take her courses, she shared that the subject is an important part of a comprehensive liberal arts education because it contributes to the development and use of critical thinking skills and abilities. This means students learn from theoretical frameworks and perspectives that may differ from the western culture-dominated perspectives. They learn about the systematic inconsistencies in our society and that has contributed to social movements and social change as individuals challenge restrictive and unfair laws, policies and practices.

Maria tries to emphasize to non-Chican@ students that knowledge requires "gray matter" not skin color. Sometimes, non-Chican@ students share in their written assignments that they feel uncomfortable with the subject matter because they are not Chican@. She

suggests to them that this is the same feeling that non-European descent children experience in a western history or western civilization course. You study the ideas, the documented history, and research as you would in any other course. Critical knowledge is moving beyond traditional or "standard" frameworks to view the world to incorporate perspectives from other realities.

When asked what Maria's favorite thing about YVCC was, she stated it was the camaradery amongst the faculty. Maria, having worked at a University prior to coming to us, found the differences to be night and day when it came to how the colleagues worked with one another. She mentioned the University being "cutthroat" and experiencing political maneuvering for positions, resources, etc. She appreciates the general level of respect and appreciation for each other that she's experienced with the faculty here.

Ms. Cuevas has traveled to Porto Alegre, Brazil for the World Social Forum back in 2005. She has also visited Italy (Rome, Sicily & Naples) after graduating high school. She hopes to add to her passport stamps in the future! Another adventurous thing about Maria is that one day she'd like to try her hand at stand-up comedy! She's the comedian and story-teller in her family and with close friends. She took classes through extension while at UCLA, but never got the chance to perform, so that's on her bucket list as well!

Maria owns two rescue kitties and an Akita breed dog named Cher Bear. One of her hobbies is taking her for walks in the mountains and trails around Yakima. Other hobbies include reading, listening to music, and working on her creative writing and poems. She has put her writing hobbies on hold for now, as academic work has "sucked out her creative side." Let us cheer her on in her journey to complete her research, and I'm sure we'll be calling her "Ms. Cuevas, Ph.D." soon enough!

In closing, when I asked Maria, "If you only got to meet someone once and could only share with them one thing about life or humanity, what would you tell them?" Maria responded that she would relay the Mayan Philosophy, *In Lak 'Ech*:

*You are my other me  
If I do harm to you  
I do harm to myself  
If I love and respect you  
I love and respect myself*



## Faculty Absences & Class Coverage

### Whom to Notify in Cases of Illness or and/or Emergencies:

#### Yakima Campus

Faculty should always notify their Supervisor Kerrie Cavaness' Office. You can email or call her Program Assistant, Rosalinda Mendez (574-4871), whenever they will be absent. To ensure class cancellation signs are posted for your students, faculty will also need to notify their respective Office Assistant. For evening class cancellations please call the Security Office at 574-4610 to ensure your class is posted if you can't reach the Dean's office.

#### Grandview Campus

Please call the Front Office at 882-7000 and/or Senaida Lopez at 882-7009. Class cancellation signs will be posted to notify your students.

### Paperwork for Absences

#### Full time Faculty

Full time faculty will need to submit a completed [Leave Request](#) form whenever they are absent. If absent three or more consecutive days, or for any travel related absences, a **Class Coverage Form** will also

need to be submitted along with your *Leave*

*Request (or Travel Authorization form).*

#### Part Time Faculty

Part time faculty are required to submit a [Leave Request](#) form and a **Class Coverage Form** any time a class is cancelled. Forms are available from your O.A. or the Dean's Office.

#### Yakima Faculty

Leave or travel paperwork should be submitted to Kerrie Cavaness via Rosa Mendez in the Dean's Office (HUB 125).

#### Grandview Faculty

Leave or travel paperwork should be submitted to Bryce Humpherys (L109A)

### Class coverage

If you need an exam proctored or a video shown in your absence, we ask that those arrangements are made with a colleague. Please remember: **Students may not meet in the classroom without supervision by a faculty member.** It is not appropriate to request an Office or Program Assistant to supervise your class. Your O.A. or P.A. can assist by posting messages or instructions to your class along with a class cancellation notice.

Media Services (574-4982) is another helpful resource—they can help make arrangements for students to view a video during the scheduled class time. Students who miss the video can also watch it from any campus networked computer ([click here](#)).

If you have any questions regarding absences or class coverage, please contact [Kerrie Cavaness](#) (Yakima) or [Bryce Humpherys](#) (Grandview).

### Please Check Your Email!

A YVCC e-mail address is issued to every YVCC employee. The Arts & Sciences Division utilizes e-mail as a primary form of communication. It is important to **check your e-mail regularly** to stay on top of Division announcements, meetings and deadlines.

Email addresses for all YVCC employees are formatted as their first initial followed by their last name @yvcc.edu (ie: Kerrie Cavaness is kcavaness@yvcc.edu). You can access your e-mail by visiting the My YVCC homepage and selecting the [Outlook Web Access](#) link. If you do not have a YVCC e-mail address, please contact Tamera LeRoue in the Division Office at x 4839 or [TLeRoue@yvcc.edu](mailto:TLeRoue@yvcc.edu).

If you experience any issues in accessing your YVCC e-mail, please contact Technology Services at 574-4717 or by submitting a work request on the [Tech Services Helpdesk website](#)



**Closed**



"I may or may not be on this continent."

**Half-open**



"I'm probably in a meeting."

**Wide Open**



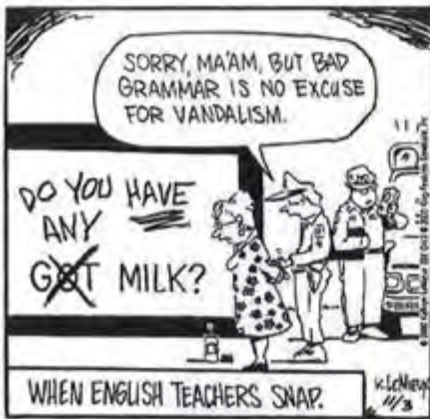
"I just walked in to get a few things before I have to run to my next meeting."

**Slightly ajar**



"Proceed with caution."





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### RESEARCH | PROBLEMS

PROBLEMS MOST ACADEMICS WISH THEY HAD

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WRITE PAPERS	I LOST MY GRANT MONEY	I'VE RUN OUT OF WALL SPACE
BECAUSE I HAVE TOO MUCH GOOD DATA.	BECAUSE I DON'T SPEND IT BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.	FOR ALL MY HONORARY DEGREES.
IT TOOK FOREVER	I HAD TO MOVE ALL MY FILES	MY STUDENTS ARE SO GOOD
FOR THE TECHNICIAN TO FIX MY MILLION DOLLAR MACHINE.	BECAUSE I GOT YET ANOTHER NEW LAPTOP.	IT'S HARD FOR ME TO CHALLENGE THEM.
I DON'T GET AIRLINE MILES ON THIS TRIP	I HAVE TO DRESS UP EVERY DAY	I HAD TO TURN DOWN THAT INVITED TALK IN PARIS
BECAUSE THE CONFERENCE IS PAYING FOR IT.	IN CASE REPORTERS COME TO INTERVIEW ME ABOUT MY RESEARCH.	BECAUSE MY PAPER IS ON EMBARGO AT NATURE.
MY LAB IS TOO CROWDED.	MY INSTITUTION WON'T GIVE ME TWO PRESS RELEASES THIS MONTH.	I AM TOO BUSY TO READ COMICS ON THE INTERNET.

## Search for Spring

BY CHRISTINE SORENSEN

Is spring on its way? Search for it by finding the words listed below. They may be forward, backward, up, down, or diagonal.



A Q B      R A H J V Y N      Y E Q A D  
 J K R X      G D L K W Z F X M B N M R H  
 S H E M F J C T J R I S B Q O G E J D K  
 G F S U N S H I N E U T A P J P R B E Z  
 U B U V B B D J X A Y R E Q U L A R N P  
 B I R W R U I N G S Z E R D N A L S A U  
 C Z R E G T M P M T K E D Y A J C M Q W  
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 B T O K D M N E G E H Y P I C J  
 C S P R I N G W U L D O Z S E  
 V Y C P K J O Y K P S J T  
 U M B R E L L A N M F  
 P J Q N F X V S R

- Atonement
- birds
- blossoms
- breeze
- bugs
- butterfly
- Christ
- Easter
- egg
- flowers
- fun
- garden
- general conference
- grass
- joy
- kite
- puddle
- rain
- Resurrection
- seeds
- spring
- sprouts
- sunshine
- tree
- umbrella



## **YVCC Mission Statement:**

*YVCC enriches and enhances individuals and communities by delivering accessible, student-centered education.*

*YVCC addresses the needs of our diverse communities by providing learning opportunities in basic literacy; academic, professional and technical education; and lifelong learning.*



## **Core Themes:**

**Community:** *YVCC embraces its role as both a provider of higher education and an employer, and actively seeks partnerships to provide opportunities for the economic, social and cultural development of its students, employees, and communities.*

**Access:** *YVCC provides educational opportunities, enrollment, and support services that facilitate entrance into and success in postsecondary education throughout its service district.*

**Success:** *Students achieve educational goals through completion of courses and programs of study and are prepared to further their life goals through employment, transfer, and participation in the community.*

**THANK YOU FOR READING!**

### **Contact Us**

Always feel free to email me for more information about our procedures, events or with newsletter ideas!

Any typos in this Newsletter should not be held against me, I'll give you a reason in the next Newsletter. ;D

**Rosalinda Mendez**  
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by Bryce Humpherys, Ed.D.  
Dean for Basic Skills and the Grandview Campus

**YVCC COMMUNITY CORE THEME****New Employees**

Several new people have joined us over the past year:

- Vicki Leach – Administrative Assistant II
- Felicia Valdez – WorkFirst Coordinator
- Andrea Cardenas – Office Assistant III

**Community and Contract Training**

From May 2015 through April 2016 we held 12 flagger training classes. The classes were held on our Yakima and Grandview campuses as well as Ellensburg, Sunnyside and Granger. Overall, 260 students enrolled and 239 received their flagger certificate.

We also offered an Adult Family Home Orientation class twice and with 13 completers. This training provides an overview of the Adult Family Home program and expectations of the Adult Family Home licensee in providing care and services to residents in a licensed home setting.

This past year we completed a series of six training sessions for 76 employees of CubCrafters as part of a Job Skills Program (JSP) grant. The total grant award from the state board to conduct the training was \$47,410. Recently we received another JSP grant to continue conducting training with CubCrafters. The current grant is for \$68,037 and we anticipate training 119 additional employees.

**RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) OF YAKIMA COUNTY**

RSVP of Yakima County served 470 volunteers and 35 participating agencies. Last year, those volunteers donated over 100,643 hours of their time to help solve critical community problems. The value of that time was roughly equal to \$2.9 million dollars. RSVP staff is committed to serving their volunteers, participating agencies, and being responsive to the priorities set by several different funding sources.

Below is a summary of the impact of RSVP in our area in 2015:

- 116 RSVP volunteers assisted at 8 local food banks providing food to 35,000 families in need.
- 54 RSVP volunteers helped serve 910 clients 48,565 congregate meals and 44,998 home delivered meals and also 1,000 pre-packaged pet meals for homebound seniors, helping to address not only local food anxiety, but assisting seniors stay independent in their homes.
- 70 RSVP volunteers created over 6,600 warm winter items which were distributed to over 30 local schools and nonprofits to families in need.
- 12 SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) assisted over 12,000 individuals in Yakima County (approximately 350 of them monolingual Spanish-speaking) to access information about their health care, whether it was Medicaid, Medicare, Part D plans,

Supplements, private insurance, or job-related insurance coverage; helping them save money, understand their coverage for themselves and their families.

- 200 volunteers assisted in local nonprofits, school, and government agencies, donating 39,500 hours to help these organizations provide quality services to their clients.

### **YVCC ACCESS CORE THEME**

#### **WorkFirst**

During spring quarter we were serving approximately 99 WorkFirst (WF) students. Out of these students, nearly half were enrolled in college classes, a third in GED preparation classes or High School 21+ requirements, 7% were enrolled in ESL classes and about 13% were enrolled Life Skills class.

At the start of Winter Quarter 2015 we launched a Spanish Life Skills class to serve WF students in Yakima who are native Spanish speakers. The class is designed to help students explore education to career pathways, learn about the U.S. education system and practice the everyday life skills.

From Spring Quarter 2014 to Spring Quarter 2015, 100 WF students have received Workfirst Financial Aid (WFFA) to help cover the cost of tuition and books.

### **YVCC SUCCESS CORE THEME**

#### **I-BEST**

The Business Technology I-BEST is a four quarter program consisting of two certificates. At the end of Summer Quarter 2015, 14 students completed the Office Skills I Certificate. Ten completed the Office Skills II Certificate at the end of Winter Quarter 2016. Four of these students enrolled in college classes for Spring Quarter 2016. At the beginning of Spring Quarter 2016 we had 16 students begin the BT-IBEST.

In June 2015, a total of 14 students completed the I-BEST NAC program and 13 of these students passed the state licensing exam. Three continued with their studies at YVCC and three secured employment. At the end of Winter Quarter 2016, 14 students completed the NAC program and 11 passed the licensing exam. Five continued at YVCC and five obtained employment. We had eleven NAC students complete the program at the end of this quarter who will sit for the state licensing exam next week.

Last fall we launched a new three quarter Information Technology (IT) IBEST. This is the first new I-BEST the college has initiated in several years. Seven students participated and feedback we have received thus far is that the I-BEST has significantly helped them in their reading and writing skills. In addition to the IT I-BEST we are currently planning to offer Early Childhood Education (ECE) and agriculture I-BESTs next fall. Both will be offered on the Grandview Campus.

**High School 21+ (HS21+)**

To date we have had 5 graduates from our HS21+ program which we launched last year. This academic year faculty in the Basic Skills Division continued to make adjustments to the program and fine tune its implementation in areas such as curriculum development, advising, transcription of classes, granting credit for prior learning and using the Canvas course management tool to offer course content. The most significant technology addition to our course offerings this year was offering all required HS21+ courses on Canvas so that students attending any YVCC location during the day or evening would have access to the courses they need to complete the diploma. The most significant curricular changes have been improvements in our alignment between ABE and developmental math and English classes.

**Project I-DEA (Integrated English Digital English Acceleration)**

YVCC received funds from the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges to pilot a new ESL class this year as part of a Gates Foundation funded statewide initiative called Project I-DEA. We modified one ESL class on the Yakima Campus each quarter as a part of the pilot. Students in the class checked out a laptop computer and wireless hot spot that they could use for the entire quarter. The instructor taught students how to use the computer and used curriculum housed in Canvas and developed by the State Board. YVCC also partnered with People for People to put a technology coach in the classroom to assist students with any technology issues they were having. The class was implemented as a "flipped class" where students learned new content at home on their computer and then spent class time discussing and implementing the new skills and content in class. The pilot was more successful than anyone at YVCC thought it would be. Students were very engaged, have stayed in the class, appreciate learning how to use the technology, and have done very well on standardized testing.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**

In July of 2014, Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was a reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act that was originally passed in 1998. WIOA is the federal law that provides federal funding for adult education as well as the associated accountabilities. Fortunately, by implementing HS21+ we were already meeting many of the WIOA mandates, but not all of them. During this year we have been working to develop and implement the rest of the programmatic changes required by WIOA. Some of the activities we have been working on include the integration of math into all levels of ESL, expanded and refined implementation of reading strategies, the development of a continuum of technology skills to be taught in ESL classes, and the defining of employability skills taught by the program. These skills are: Reading, Writing, Math, Teamwork, Managing Time, Utilizing Appropriate Strategies to Learn, Adhering to Rules and Deadlines and Using Computer Technology. These skills are also the Basic Skills learning outcomes.

