

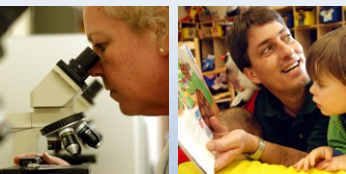
## Welcome to the Workforce Excellence Newsletter!

Our focus is to bring updates and changes taking place through Workforce Development that impact you and the local community. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

### Why did you choose OC ?

“ I chose OC because it is the school recommended by [co-workers] at PSNS and everyone I’ve talked to said how great it was. ”

Barry White,  
OC Student



## Literacy Council Partners with Olympic College I-BEST

Just five minutes from Olympic College, the Literacy Council of Kitsap operates from the Downtown Bremerton Library location on Fifth Street. The proximity of the two organizations means a lot because the Literacy Council and OC’s Adult Education program work together to address the literacy needs of Kitsap County adults. In addition to providing classes that address basic skills review in reading, writing, and math; they also seek to build employability skills. As part of their new student orientations, Literacy Council staff shares options beyond adult basic education, GED and English to Speakers of Other Languages. They refer students to adult education classes at Olympic College and provide them with information on transfer degrees and certificate programs offered at OC, including Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) programs.



*Tess Pennington and Hannelore Berger discuss teaching strategies at the Literacy Council of Kitsap.*

I-BEST programs are designed to serve the need for skilled workers among Washington’s employers by providing the essential skills needed to join today’s workforce. One goal of I-BEST is to assist critically underserved populations to obtain skills and education to succeed in today’s workforce. When students gain basic skills, complete one year of college level classes and receive a vocational certificate or two-year-degree, they typically are able to earn a living wage for their families. For more information, contact the Literacy Council of Kitsap at 360-373-1539 or Olympic College for I-BEST, at 360-475-7408.

## OC Welcomes New Advisory Committee Members

Olympic College recently welcomed 13 new advisory committee members in 11 programs last quarter. We appreciate the time and expertise that each professional gives to the college as they participate in quarterly advisory meetings, fall through spring.

Advisory committee members give professional advice and guidance to educational leaders of each program. There are 24 Professional and Technical programs with advisory committees at OC. See a list of programs at [http://www.olympic.edu/Students\\_Degrees\\_CertificatesProfessionalTechnicalPrograms/](http://www.olympic.edu/Students_Degrees_CertificatesProfessionalTechnicalPrograms/). Currently, over 250 business or community members serve on these committees.

Advisory members have the opportunity to network with other professionals and the satisfaction of shaping instructional programs to ensure our community has a qualified workforce. For more information, contact Sharon James at 360-475-7559.

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## Meet OC Student and Intern: James Riggen

When James Riggen wheeled into the parking lot of a local newspaper, his red Volkswagen Beetle, brightly labeled with Olympic College stickers almost seemed to shout “OC intern arriving!”

During his internship, Riggen designed on-line advertisements for the newspaper and gained valuable, professional guidance in creating those ads. “Treat it like a real job and they will treat you like a real employee,” said Riggen. As an Integrated Multimedia student, he benefited most from his in-depth use of software programs like Flash. He valued working with deadlines and the “real world” application of computer programs. Riggen believes that internships provide the perfect opportunity to use skills in a team environment. Fellow employees often make an effort to help interns, because they realize interns are there to learn, he added.

Riggen earned five credits for his internship, too. By completing 90 hours of internship work and attending the appropriate cooperative education seminar, Riggen met every requirement. When he completed 120 hours of work, the newspaper agreed to repay his tuition for five credits.

Would he do an internship all over again? “Absolutely! It is definitely a worthwhile endeavor,” he said. Through his internship, Riggen sampled a real career in Integrated Multimedia and he liked it! For information about work-integrated learning programs, call Olympic College Career Center at 360-475-7480.



*James Riggen, Olympic College Intern*

## Stephanie Thompson Named New Tech Prep Director at OC



*Stephanie Thompson, Tech Prep Director*

Stephanie Thompson stepped through the door of her new office on December 16, 2009 to become the new director of Olympic College’s Tech-Prep West Sound Education Consortium. Immediately, she established goals for herself and the program she now leads. Thompson’s priorities include plans to re-establish relationships between OC faculty and leaders in the K-12 school system, as well as expand opportunities for high school students to earn dual credits.

Thompson previously served as a Worker Retaining Advisor at OC and has more than nine years of vocational counseling experience. Also, she has developed strong relationships with teachers, administrators, and community leaders. Her administrative experience and knowledge of state and federal programs will help her effectively manage the Perkins Tech- Prep grant.

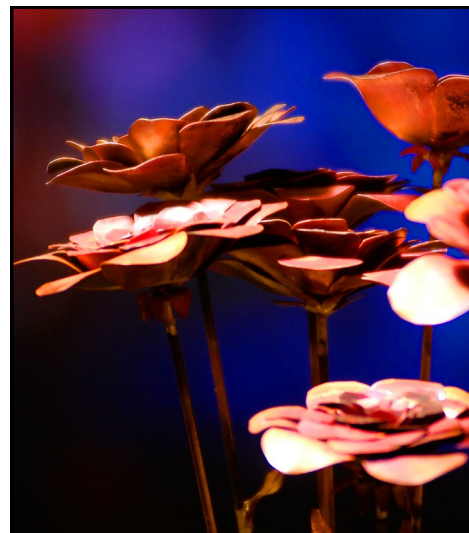
Please join Olympic College staff in welcoming Stephanie Thompson. For information on the Tech-Prep program, call 360-475-7353.

## Women in Welding Workshop Set for May 7

**WELDING:** Is it an art form or industrial job skill? You choose! Join a free “Women in Welding Workshop,” on Friday, May 7th, 2010 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the OC Bremerton campus in the Welding Shop, room 108. Come see where this introduction to a new skill takes you!

Enjoy a great learning experience and complimentary lunch. Early registration is encouraged, space is limited to 12 participants. You must be age 18 or older to participate. All materials and equipment are provided. To register, call the Career Center at 360-475-7480.

After attending the class, you may wish to explore the variety of welding certificates and degrees available at Olympic College. OC Bremerton Welding Program, 360-475-7312; OC Shelton Welding Program, 360-432-9555.



## Bremerton Campus Career Center Has Moved!

Recently, the staff at the Olympic College Career Center packed up the office and shipped everything to the NEW Humanities and Student Services Building. The staff began the new year assisting students in a new building. We continue to help students in selecting careers, polishing resumes and conducting job searches. You will find the same friendly Career Center staff at the new location on the north side of the Bremerton Campus. Visit the second floor for assistance with Co-op & Internships and Career Services. Other programs relocating to the Humanities and Student Services Building include Adult Basic Education, Assessment and Testing Center, Access Services, Counseling Center, Student Advising, Veteran's Services, Financial Aid, Women's Programs and more. Telephone numbers remain the same, including the main Career Center number: 360-475-7480 or campus operator: 360-475-7605.

## Shelton Campus Involves Students in New Classes and Projects



*Jeanne Rehwaldt, from WSU Extension Office, supervised the preparation of a healthy meal that included lentil tacos during the C-SALT class.*

Recently, Olympic College WorkFirst started a College Skills and Life Training program (C-SALT) providing ongoing learning experiences for students. They participate in professional-technical training, adult basic education classes and service learning opportunities, in addition to these life skills classes.

Educational events recently included a nutrition class. Other service learning projects involved restoring Shelton Memorial Cemetery and trips to Shelton Port District, Sims Vibration Laboratory, Olympic Fabrication, Kapowsin Air Sports, Olympia Farmers Market and Franz Art Glass Factory to learn about the business practices, employer expectations, and employment opportunities at these organizations.

Students also worked with Cady Tree Farms to provide Christmas trees to families in need, while learning about project management and coordination, materials forecasting, resourcing supplies and delivery scheduling.



*Student Randy Shaffer dices tomatoes as he learns how to prepare a healthy meal at the C-SALT Nutrition Workshop.*

## Dr. Betty Neuman Speaks to Nursing Students and Faculty



**Left to right:** Alecia Cosgrove, Betty Neuman, Minerva Holk, Gerianne Babbo, Suzy Cook, and Chere Perrone. Neuman, Ph.D., R.N. developed The Neuman Systems Model to provide holistic overview of the physiological, psychological, socio-cultural, and developmental aspects of human beings. This is the model that Olympic College Nursing program uses today.

Dr. Betty Neuman, the nurse theorist who developed the conceptual framework used by Olympic College's Nursing program today, spoke to nursing students and faculty on Friday, February 12. A large group gathered in the new Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Bremerton Campus for the honor and opportunity to listen to and interact with a woman who has made significant contributions to the nursing profession. Throughout her career, she has tirelessly worked to provide and promote quality care for individual clients and community populations.

As stated by student attendee, Danielle Fontenot, "...thank you for giving us, the students, the opportunity to meet Dr. Betty Neuman. I cannot begin to explain how blessed I feel to have been in the same room as a woman who impacted the profession I have come to love... Thank you again. I feel blessed to be a part of Olympic College."

## New Certificate Program: Leadership and the Non-Profit Organization

Olympic College proudly introduces the first certificate program available on the Olympic Peninsula specifically designed for professional development of people working in the non-profit world. Students will learn how to start, build, lead, manage and sustain a non-profit organization. In addition, instructors will teach funding and grant writing along with how to build and develop an advisory board. Other valuable topics will include volunteer recruitment and training, strategic planning, focused leadership, and clear communications.

**Explore your options with these six new classes starting Summer 2010:** Non-Profit Organizations, Executive Directors and Non-Profits, Funding/Grant Writing for Non-Profits, Volunteers and Non-Profits and Non-Profit Practicum. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Yergler at 360-475-7523.

## Internship and Volunteer Service Fair

Ignoring a pounding rainstorm, students flocked to the 10th annual **Internship and Volunteer Service Fair** on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Inside the Bremer Student Center, representatives from 36 agencies greeted students and discussed an array of work-integrated learning opportunities. Many students decide to build work experience and fortify their resumes by completing an internship or participating in volunteer service.

Fair attendees also discovered they could earn college credits for successfully completing an internship or volunteer service work. Agency managers often reward excellent work and a required number of work hours by repaying the student's tuition for those credits.

If you missed this year's **Internship and Volunteer Service Fair**, mark Thursday, November 4th, 2010 on your calendar and plan to join us next year! For more Information, contact 360-475-7480



*Wendy Johnson of the Housing Resources Board talks with student, Sean Phillips, about opportunities for internship and volunteer work with her agency during the annual event. Photo provided courtesy of The Olympian and photographer Aaron Gould.*

## Thank You Representatives!

### Internship and Volunteer Service Fair Participants

- Alive Shelter, YWCA
- Armin Jahr Elementary School
- American Red Cross
- Bremerton Foodline
- Bremerton Symphony
- CAPRI Heart & Lung Institute
- Catholic Community Services
- Children of the Nations
- Children's Administration, DSHS
- Communitas Group
- Dispute Resolution Center
- Faith in Action West Sound
- Girl Scouts of Western Washington
- Habitat for Humanity, Kitsap County
- Harrison Medical Center
- Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
- Housing Resources Board
- Kitsap County
- Kitsap County Juvenile Department
- Kitsap County HIV AIDS Foundation
- Kitsap County YMCA
- Kitsap Youth Mentoring Consortium
- Lutheran Community Services
- Naval Avenue School
- North Kitsap Fishline
- North Mason School District
- North Mason Educational Service District
- Olympic College Career Center
- Old Dominion University
- Peninsula Community Health Services
- Port of Bremerton
- The Salvation Army
- United Way of Kitsap County
- West Hills Elementary School
- Youth for Christ
- YWCA of Kitsap County

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