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CONSTRUCTION

Puget Sound Skills Center is pleased to announce the Construction Technology program will be the first in the state of Washington to adopt and implement the New Building and Construction Trades Curriculum, "Multi-Craft Core Curriculum", followed by the Wenatchee Skills Center. A meeting was held on October 28th at PSSC with the officials of the Building Trades Leadership; Sean McGarvey, Executive Director Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO from Washington DC, and Dave Johnson, Executive Secretary, Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council. The

instruction will take on a unique format in that it will be taught by instructors from Seattle Pipe Trades, Local 32, and the Construction Technology Instructor at PSSC. This is the second teaming of Puget Sound Skill Center and Seattle Pipe Trades in delivering curriculum to the students in the Seattle area, the first being the Welding Program held at Local 32. This curriculum will give the successful high school completers 3 college credits from the National Labor College and 2 National Certifications. For more information please contact Ken Pierson.

MEDICAL INTERPRETERS

PSSC student Elizabeth Arteaga has been certified by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) of the State of Washington as a Spanish language medical interpreter. She successfully completed both the written and oral sections of the state certification for medical interpreters. Elizabeth was in the Translation and Interpretation program at PSSC last year and was one of 6 who went to

Olympia for the written test last May. She studied through the summer to take the oral test in September. Claudia Magaña also passed the written test and did well enough on her oral test to earn her provisional certification. Elizabeth is currently enrolled in the Culinary program and attends Mount Rainier High School. Congratulations Elizabeth and Claudia!

ASVAB

PSSC students took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB test) earlier this fall. Each student received their results along with an explanation. Students will try to improve their scores (for the May exam) by working on a free national tutorial called March 2 Success. This on line program assists students with test preparation not only for the ASVAB but also for the SAT and ACT exams – college entry requirements. Preliminary findings for PSSC indicate 540 students took the ASVAB with 107 students scoring over 50% - which is excellent for first time test takers.

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HALLOWEEN PIPE-O-LANTERNS

This year the hard working students of the Welding Careers program participated in creating “Pipe-O-Lanterns”. They are made from scrap pipe welds that our apprentices practice their pipe welding skills on. The students use their own designs and creativity using a Oxy Fuel Cutting Torch, Plasma Cutting Torch, and Stick Arc Welding to create them. This is the second year students have created them.



STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS: VISION 2020

This year the PSSC staff has undertaken the development of a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide our future efforts. To help develop the plan, PSSC is working with professional strategic plan facilitators Hagler & Associates and Gallatin Public Affairs. Both firms have extensive experience helping organizations like ours chart a long-term course and communicate effectively our vision and mission.

Plan development began last year and to date has involved outreach and consultation with partner school superintendents, with Friends of PSSC and our faculty and staff. We started this important work knowing that too often our educational approach, focusing on 21st Century skills and post-secondary education,

is not as well understood as we would like. We want to do a better, more consistent job of articulating our value to students, parents, our partner schools, the community, businesses and policy makers. We know what we do provides tremendous value. The Puget Sound Skills Center truly is re-defining education by opening a gateway to 21st Century skills. Our approach leads to higher education and fulfilling future careers by allowing students to discover themselves and their possibilities. The PSSC staff is committed to providing the very best educational experiences to each and every student at the Puget Sound Skills Center. We will keep you informed of our progress as we continue to define the future of our school.



DALTON'S STORY

I always knew I loved cooking, but I never would have thought that it would be the right career for me. Coming to Puget Sound Skills Center made up my mind. Within the first few weeks of class I excelled and went on to win the Student of the Quarter award in my first quarter. In December of 2008, just two months after winning the Student of the Quarter, I helped Tamas Ronyai, executive chef at Safeco Field work a dinner for 100 of the Washington State Chef Association with two others from my class. After the event he offered me, along with the other volunteers, a job when the baseball season started. In January 2009, ten students and I volunteered to work the Governor's Inaugural Ball which had over 5,000 guests.

Before I came to Puget Sound Skills Center, I was in the Business and Industry Academy at Todd Beamer High School. I took several business classes, including Microsoft Office, Economics, Commercial Art, and Web Design. I even volunteered to be the teacher assistant for the Entrepreneurship class in marketing. I was never focused or driven at my other school, but after a year and a half of cooking, I have my eyes set on the most prestigious culinary arts school in the United States. When I graduate in June of 2010 at the age of 17, I plan on going to the Culinary Institute of America for a bachelor's degree in culinary arts, and I hope one day to own a restaurant so I can combine my passion for cooking and my mind for business.

Four months after the dinner at Safeco Field, I took Tamas Ronyai's offer of a job. I started in April 2009, and went on to work the baseball season. Throughout the season I worked in four different kitchens, catered banquets of 800 and higher attendees, and really learned the stress a cook has to deal with on a daily basis. I won the Golden Toque award in my Culinary Arts class in June 2009, and I am currently a leader in my class as a second year student. I plan on earning the certification of Certified Junior Culinarian from the American Culinary Federation in June 2010, and I am sure this is the right career for me.

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STUDENT OF THE QUARTER- 1ST QUARTER

Auto Body- Scott Jacobs & Waylon Bergstrom

Automotive- Josh Dagley & Daniel Relethford

Computer Network System- Lorin Stewart & Brandon Larson

Construction- Bailey Bowell & Austin Hause & Kyle Seibold

Criminal Justice- Valeriy Lukyaneko & Jerry Archambault & Ryan Holmquist

Culinary Arts- Scott Totten, Matt Bjorkman, Sakura Porter, Ellen Nguyen,
& LaKeisha Le Blanc

Dental Assisting- Ashley Farnam & Stephanie Bue

DigiPen Animation- Alex Bigby & Christina Starkey

DigiPen Programming- Tyler Krueger & Jeffrey Wade

Digital Media Production- Jamarkus Springfield & Bryce Metzler

Engineering Design- David Lashichvskiy & Bryan Cotes

Environmental & Marine Science- Jonathan Koch & Jesse Ingalsbe

Fashion Design & Marketing- Duyen Le & Elizabeth Ortiz

Fire Services- Micah Niederkrome & Jesse Marco

Leadership & Management- Renesha Rachal & Naomi Bosancu

Translation and Interpretation- Moises Servin & Monica Araiza

Welding Careers- Penn Wright

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 21-January 3- Winter Break

January 4- Return to School

January 15- No School, Online Assignment

January 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

January 27- Student of the Quarter at PSSC @ 5:30-7:30

January 29- End of Semester, No School

February 12-16- Mid-Winter Break