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ALUMNI NEWS

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Join us!

The Everett Community College/Everett Junior College Alumni and Friends Association is open to everyone who attended EvCC or EJC, former College employees, and supporters. This is your opportunity to connect with old friends, attend Alumni events and find out what's happening at Everett Community College. Encourage your classmates to get involved!

For more information about the Association call 425-388-9201 or email EvccAlum@everettcc.edu

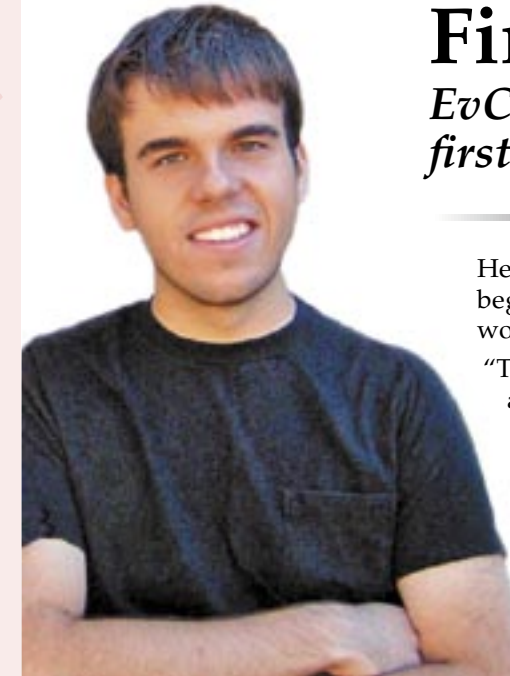
Try Something New

Everett Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering a wide variety of classes this summer from June through August.

Experience whitewater rafting, learn to crochet, speak Japanese, become CPR certified, enjoy high tea, practice painting, take a spin on the dance floor, and much more.

For information about Continuing Education classes and this summer's schedule, call 425-267-0150 or visit www.everettcc.edu/ce. Gift certificates are available.

www.everettcc.edu/alumni



EvCC grad Casey Snyder is studying at the Osaka University of Foreign Studies in Japan.

In March 2006, Everett Community College grad Casey Snyder made history. The 2004 EvCC alumnus became the first and only student in the nation to receive the Japanese Government Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

The grant will pay for Snyder's education and living expenses in Japan for up to five years.

"My first reaction was total shock and excitement at the same time," said Snyder, in e-mail from the Osaka University of Foreign Studies in Japan. "It was quite a gift."

Snyder, 20, was one quarter shy of graduating from the University of Washington with a degree in Japanese linguistics when he received the scholarship. He left the UW in April to travel to Osaka.

First in the Nation *EvCC Grad Casey Snyder earns Japan's first undergraduate student scholarship*

He'll stay there a year before beginning his undergraduate work.

"The study here has been hard as well as inexorably exciting and interesting," Snyder wrote. "(The university) is unbelievably international and I am learning not only a lot about Japan but other countries."

Americans make up 8 percent of all foreign students in Japan.

The undergraduate scholarship is new, and the most lucrative. It will pay for Snyder's tuition and fees at Osaka University of Foreign Studies, as well as a monthly allowance of \$1,155. The average cost for the first year at a public university in Japan is \$7,875.

"My first reaction was total shock and excitement at the same time."

Snyder said his Everett Community College education prepared him well for the UW and for his studies in Japan. He graduated in 2004 with both his high school diploma and an associate's degree from EvCC through the Running Start program.

While at EvCC, Snyder studied with Instructor Masako Nair, "whose expertise was quite a plus in learning the language," he wrote.

Nair said Snyder deserved the scholarship.

"He was a very enthusiastic student from the beginning," Nair said. "He followed his bliss all the way and just blossomed."

Now majoring in Japanese linguistics, he also hopes to learn Chinese and sociology while in Japan. He plans to become a translator and an interpreter of the Japanese language.

"I became interested in becoming a translator in that it seemed that the international relationship between Japan and America was rather economically-oriented," he wrote. "I want to bring that up a step to something that in my mind I see with more depth and cultural understanding."

Snyder will stay in Japan for the next five years, and is looking forward to visits from friends and family.

"I will try my best to show how much learning at EvCC was effective and how grateful I am that Running Start was offered at Everett High School," he wrote. "I cannot emphasize how grateful I am to the Consulate of Japan and Japanese people and government at receiving this great opportunity!"

Events

ID Theft Info Session Benefits

Scholarship Fund

Local residents learned how to protect themselves from identity theft in March – and helped fund student scholarships. More than 30 people attended an ID theft information session with Bruce Engebretsen of the School Employees Credit Union of Washington.

The presentation was free, but donations were collected for the Greater Northwest Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society scholarship fund.

Gusto! Coming Oct. 21

Mark your calendars! "Gusto!" is back for an eleventh year.

The celebration of outstanding Northwest wine and cuisine is Oct. 21, 2006 at the Future of Flight Museum in Mukilteo. Last year, more than 650 guests sampled fine wine, and delicious cooking.

Proceeds from "Gusto!" benefit the EvCC Foundation.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Watch for more information in the fall, or call 425-388-9535.

EvCC Golf Tournament

Aug. 26

Everett Community College Women's Basketball program is hosting a golf fundraiser Aug. 26 at the Legion Memorial Golf Course in Everett.

For more information about the tournament or to participate, contact coach Chet Hovde at 425-388-9326. Go Trojans!

Giving Back

EvCC Grads Larry and Penny Starr Create Scholarship Fund

Larry Starr credits his parents with encouraging him to attend Everett Junior College after he graduated from Arlington High School.

Their support kept him going as he studied electronics at EJC and was a two-year letterman on Coach Ed Puck's track team. He graduated in 1964 with his associate's degree, and went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees.

To honor his parents, Starr and his wife Penny (a 1974 EvCC grad) created the Verd-Starr Scholarship Endowment.

"I have never forgotten how ignorant about college I was in the fall of 1962, and without the help and support of my parents, I'm sure I never would have enjoyed the success I have," wrote Starr. "This scholarship is my way of saying thanks."

The scholarship was presented May 23 by Starr's mother, Helen, to an Arlington High School student who plans to study environmental science.

Helen Starr still lives in Arlington. Penny and Larry live in Arizona.

The \$21,000 Verd-Starr

endowment supports the college's goal of offering more scholarships to aid students.

Over the next five years, the EvCC Foundation is hoping to add an additional \$1,250,000 in annual and endowed scholarships to enable the College to more than double the number of scholarships available.

For more information about the Foundation and ways you can help support EvCC students, visit www.everettcc.edu/foundation or call 425-388-9434.

Everett Community College Retirees Association Meets for Spring Lunch

More than 30 Everett Community College retirees and friends gathered in April for the EvCC Retirees Association Spring Luncheon.

They enjoyed a presentation about hummingbird and butterfly gardens by retired

EvCC chemistry instructor Bob Barca, a WSU Master Gardener. Bob shared photos of the beautiful garden on Whidbey Island cultivated by him and his wife Annette.

The association also announced this year's recipient of the

Retirees Association Scholarship, which went to a student working to earn her transfer degree and supporting her education by working more than 35 hours a week to pay for school.

For more information about Retiree Association events, call 425-388-9201.



Front Row: (from left to right): Ruth Torseth, Helen Cosgrove, Brigitte Bjorn.

Second Row: Sally Van Niel, Shirley Prouty, Bob Barca, Marilyn Councell, Jeanne Irving, Judy Lord, Joan Davidson-Busch, Joyce Mansfield, Doris Coroch, Nancy Day, James Scott, Bev Crumbaugh, Annette Barca, Marilyn Peterson, Alice Weatherholt.

Back Row: Jan White, Ted White, Jan Van Niel, Mel Torseth, Bob Day, Dick Prouty, Bob Peterson, Eldon Coroch, Bob Overstreet, Dave Karber, Myrna Overstreet, Paul Blowers, Vern Tovre, Leona Tovre.

Artists Return to Showcase Work at EvCC Alumni Invitational



Everett Community College alumnus Joe Cooper (center) with alumni artists Amber Cash (right) and Susie Howell (left) at the opening of the EvCC Alumni Invitational Art Show. The show was funded with a grant from the Cooper Foundation.

A group of outstanding EvCC alumni artists returned to campus in February for the opening of the College's first Alumni Invitational Art Show.

"Potential Fulfilled" opened with a public reception Feb. 1 at the Northlight Gallery. The show, which featured artwork created by 16 selected alumni, was on display at the gallery through Feb. 28.

"I think the show says something about the College and the quality of students it's turning out, and the variety of artists who have continued on after their education here," said artist Felix Haynes, who graduated in 1999.

He and other returning artists also spoke with students interested in the arts at "Pizza with the Artists," prior to the gallery opening.

"I hope students take away that they can learn and experiment here and use their creativity to make a life for themselves," said artist Juliette Ricci-Lagman, who studied at EvCC from 1997-1999 before transferring to a Chicago art school. "And I hope they realize what gems of teachers are here. I had my best

teacher here."

Photographer Craig Barber agreed. "This was a very supportive environment with great faculty and students," he said. "It was a place to begin finding myself."

The Alumni Invitational was photographer Philip Kramer's first opportunity to show his work. Kramer, who travels worldwide with photographer Art Wolfe, attended EvCC from 2000-2002.

"My experience at Everett Community College's

photography program was a perfect stepping stone to the beginning of my career as a professional photographer," said Kramer, who has several book projects and gallery showings in the works.

Painter Cheri O'Brien, of Everett, said she hopes the show generates more interest and knowledge about the arts in Snohomish County.

"The arts are alive and well here," said O'Brien, who attended EvCC in 1976 and came back for a class in 1985. "People don't need to go to Seattle for good art. There's great art happening in our community."

The Alumni Invitational was created to celebrate EvCC alumni artists and the construction of EvCC's new Arts and Sciences Building, Whitehorse Hall, said EvCC art instructor Sandra Lepper.

The show was sponsored by the Everett Community College Foundation and a grant from the Cooper Foundation.

Participating artists included: Craig Barber, Jessica Bigley, Randy Binder, Amber Cash, Tim Ely, Tom Harris, Felix Haynes, Susie Howell, Philip Kramer, James Madison, Cheri O'Brien, Dan Russell, Juliette Ricci-Lagman, Regan Scheiber, Lisa Spreacker, and Phyllis Uitti-Maslin.



Everett Community College honored outstanding alumni artists (above) in the college's first Alumni Invitational Art Show in February.

News

Presidential Search Continues

Everett Community College's Board of Trustees has selected five candidates in the college's presidential search.

The finalists are:

David Beyer, Consultant, Boise State University in Boise, Idaho.

Gena Glickman, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at Elgin Community College in Elgin, Illinois.

Steve Hanson, President of Spokane Community College in Spokane, Washington.

Constance Mierendorf, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, New Jersey.

Gerald Pumphrey, President of Bellingham Technical College in Bellingham, Washington.

Finalists are scheduled to visit EvCC in June for interviews.

The board named the finalists after reviewing recommendations provided by Everett Community College's Presidential Search Advisory Group.

Whitehorse Hall Construction Halfway Done

Whitehorse Hall is progressing on time and on budget, said EvCC interim President Michael Kerns.

"We hoped and planned for this building for seven years. To see it take shape and know that we're getting closer to offering our students outstanding arts and sciences classrooms is very exciting," Kerns said. "Mortenson Construction and LMN Architects have done a great job."

The \$27 million building, scheduled to open in 2007, will bring EvCC's visual arts and physical sciences classes under one roof and offer students larger labs and art studios.