



# 20 Reasons Why We Are Proud of 2020

## Number 1

### Priority in focusing on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiatives

We have committed to working harder to enhance diversity, inclusion, and equity within our career pathway programs. We will also adhere to the Washington State Board for Community and Technical College's vision statement, which states, "Leading with racial equity, our colleges maximize student potential and transform lives within a culture of belonging that advances racial, social, and economic justice in the service to our diverse communities."



## Number 2

### RISING STAR AWARD

For outstanding accomplishments and extraordinary contributions to the Center

### 2020 Rising Star Recipients

The Center has always focused on student success and helping people change the trajectory of their lives positively and who have demonstrated excellence in their professional endeavors working for the advancement of people in education and public service. Each year, it is an honor to recognize outstanding award winners with our Rising Star Award for their accomplishments and contributions to the Center," said Linda Crerar, Center Director.

## Number 6



### Lorraine Churchill: Together, This is Us

Lorraine Churchill will be a contributing podcaster to the Center of Excellence. With Lorraine's background, we asked her to host shows exploring important emergency management topics, homeland security, diversity, and growth. Initial subjects will include connecting with your local emergency community alert systems, your local emergency management partners, how to volunteer, become prepared, and a myriad of others.

## Number 3



### New Center Employee – Brandi Hunter

Brandi Hunter is a standout star. She is someone who acts when opportunities appear. When we talked, it turned out she had the qualifications and skills needed to serve as an Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Center. Her enthusiasm and experience in reaching out to vulnerable communities to inform and educate people about career opportunities in the all-hazard emergency career fields were inspiring. Her insight and energy are a wonderful addition to the Center's staff.

## Number 4

### Collaboration with Aspiring Emergency Managers Online (AEMO)

AEMO and the Center will collaborate to provide access to information and resources in our All-Hazards Emergency Management Career Pathways, which will to communities in WA State and nation-wide. AEMO and the Center will work together to outreach and educate our communities and potential students interested in Emergency Management programs and coordinate information and marketing and ensure citizens have access to these programs.

## Number 7

### Recruitment of new Board members who represent our diverse communities

We are excited to welcome Vincent B. Davis, Director for Disaster Services at Feeding America; Julie Jefferson, Communications Director for the Lummi Indian Business Council; Michael Johnson, Continuity Planning Manager for WA State Department of Children, Youth & Families; Toya Moore, Medical Assistant Program Director for Seattle Central College; Assistant Chief Bryan Grenon, Seattle Police Department; and Itohan Amu, Student Representative. Vincent, Julie, Michael, Toya, Bryan, and Itohan are wonderful additions to our Board and are representatives of our diverse communities.

## Number 5

### Digital Innovation - Confluence, Podcasts, Blogs, Animations

The Center expanded its multimedia center on its website! Center also established its own "TV station" to facilitate communications through interviews and podcasts. This has helped expand our outreach efforts to utilize the new website. We have received commendations for our digital innovation and how we reach our constituents through animations, podcasts, Confluence (news-magazine), our digital literacy, and digital innovation.

## Number 8



### New Website Design

The Center completed and launched its new website on August 1st. Our goal is to have a well-planned and formatted site compatible with all mobile phones and accessible to all users. The site is functional, easy to use, and navigate, and includes relevant content to meet the needs of our users.

## Number 9



### Adapting to the Pandemic

Our Center's Staff, Advisory Board Members, Senior Fellows, and Volunteers helped with our COVID response. We have continued to post up-to-date information on what is happening with our schools, colleges, and our education leadership decisions in K-12 and at the college/university level. We have provided training on mental wellness and resiliency to help those in need of adjusting to life during COVID-19, along with written articles and resources to help those during these turbulent times.

## Number 12

### Shoreline IMT (Incident Management Team) Incident Command - Incident Management Team Internship

Coordinated all of the internship/volunteer applications for the participating CJ Work Group members and Department of Health. Rolling internships started May 18th – through the summer. Internships will last for six weeks and have been expanded to meet other COVID response needs that DOH has. Twenty students and volunteers were recruited and are working through the summer into the fall.

## Number 15

### Medical Supply Chain Forum Follow-Up

Our Medical Supply Chain Forum was a great precursor to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provided a great overview of the medical supply chain, discussed vulnerabilities and risks associated with security, transportation, and challenges experienced by suppliers, distributors, and receivers. Presentations and video of the Forum can be viewed here on the Center's website at [www.coehsem.com](http://www.coehsem.com).

## Number 18

### Deb Moller: Conversations with Women in EM

Deb Moller, a Senior Fellow for the Center, has agreed to be a blogger for the Center. Her blog will focus on women in emergency management. The blog will also highlight the diversity of women's experiences in the field in the Pacific Northwest (at the entry, mid-career, and leadership levels) to expand the number of women considering Homeland Security and Emergency Management related careers. Deb will write a blog post and complementary pieces that are done to lay the foundation for a larger project/book.

## Number 10

### RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE IN THE ERA OF COVID-19



### Recovery and Resilience in the Era of COVID-19: The Interconnectedness of Agriculture, Clean Energy, Public Health, Supply Chain, and Emergency Management

In the age of COVID-19, the Center is reminded of the importance of Continuity of Operations Planning and is looking at new ways to collaborate with the eleven (11) Centers that will expand and enhance CoE goals across the state of Washington. Our first collaboration was with the Agriculture & Natural Resources, Allied Health, Clean Energy, and Supply Chain Management Centers to host a virtual session that identified lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and addressed curriculum and training needs.

## Number 11



### Veterans Day Special Edition – Veterans Resources

For this special edition of Confluence, our Center wanted to take a moment to thank and honor the men and women who serve and protect our country. This edition includes veterans' resources and highlighted our interview with Board member and veteran, Captain Steve Vincent, PMP.

## Number 13

### Positive Feedback from Site Review with SBCTC

October 29, 2020 - The HSEM Center of Excellence hosted the first-ever "Virtual Site Review" by the State Board for Community and Technical College (SBCTC). The Review Team gave positive commendations and recommendations.

## Number 16

### Happy 5th Anniversary to Jim Mullen's Blog – Emergency Management, Once Removed

"September 2020 marks the 5th anniversary of Emergency Management Once Removed, sponsored by the Center of Excellence for Homeland Security and Emergency Management. I am grateful to the Center's excellent team. (Linda, Kellie, Jasmine, and Bryan) for their support and encouragement. To regular and occasional readers, thank you." - Jim Mullen.

## Number 19

### Strategic Planning Session – Development of new EDI initiatives

With our Advisory Board, our Center will look at how we can develop and deliver social equity/social justice courses in collaboration with programs to our current faculty, staff, and student body to help colleges and programs. Our programs will lead with racial equity and recruit diverse individuals to help incorporate change in the culture. Overall, people want to see themselves reflected in education and organizational values.

## Number 14

### VOLUNTEER RESOURCE GUIDEBOOK



### Volunteer Resource Guidebook

The Center created a Washington State Volunteer Resource Guidebook. This guidebook helps potential volunteers be able to look for amazing volunteer opportunities across the state.

## Number 17

### Jayme Wisecup Testimonials

Earlier this year, the Center staff visited Clallam County Sheriff Bill Benedict and Undersheriff Ron Cameron and Peninsula College Campus Security Officer Alec Risk to talk about the amazing contribution Jamye Wisecup had to the community.

## Number 20

### Adventure on the State Capital

The Centers of Excellence (CoEs) for Homeland Security Emergency Management, Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Clean Energy met with Legislative Assistants for State Rep. Debra Entenmann (47th District) and State Rep. Larry Hoff (18th District). Our goal was to help expand the knowledge of the CoEs to people on "the hill" and how the Centers are a great resource.