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In Memoriam - Maureen Majury, Director of the Center of Excellence for Computing and Information Technology

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Maureen Majury, Director of the Center of Excellence for Computing and Information Technology. Maureen passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2019. The Center would like to dedicate the December 2019 edition of Confluence to honor Maureen’s memory.

Maureen began her twenty-seven year career here at Bellevue College in December of 1992 beginning in a secretarial role and advancing through several positions to become the Director of the Center of Excellence for Computing and Information Technology in September of 2012. Maureen worked closely with the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) and was instrumental in working with IT faculty, program managers, and deans throughout the state.

Colleagues who knew Maureen, report that she was an extremely intelligent, one-of-a-kind woman with a sharp wit and a wicked sense of humor. The loss of a colleague can be a difficult time for many, and especially for those who remember her as such a vibrant and caring collaborator. Her loss will be felt at Bellevue College, the Centers of Excellence, and throughout the SBCTC.

Please keep Maureen’s friends and family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.



New Director for Center of Excellence – Clean Energy!

The Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy (PNCECE) is a nationally recognized model that provides strategic coordination for the energy industry’s skilled workforce in the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah).

William was the former Vice President of Product Management for Launchpad - Cloud Based Platform that is based in California before making his way back to the Pacific Northwest. William is no stranger to workforce development as he was the Workforce System Manager for Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council out of Vancouver, Washington from 2016 to 2018.

As the Workforce System Manager, William oversaw the daily operations of the One-stop system and the system Operator. Additional responsibilities included leading the development of the system Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA) and Memo of Understanding (MOU), and Integrated Service Delivery (ISD). At the state level, he was a member of the Barriers and Access Solutions Committees (BASC), ISD and Common Intake committees.

William’s first official day as Center Director was November 18, 2019 and we look forward to collaborating with him and his Center on new endeavors.

Happy Holidays



Center Advisory Board Member and Highline College Faculty Member Wins National Honor

Dr. Amelia Phillips (pictured middle) was recently honored for her achievement of excellence in teaching and learning. She received the 2019 William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) during an awards ceremony on Oct. 18, 2019 in San Francisco. The annual award recognizes exceptional contributions and service among faculty at more than 1,100 two-year postsecondary institutions.

“For me, winning was — as I said in my acceptance speech — ‘unbelievable,’” Amelia said, noting her many thanks to everyone who has supported her. “Everyone at my table was confident I would win and it makes me happy to be honored in this way.”

A lead faculty member of Highline’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity and Forensics, Amelia is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in the field of computer forensics. During her 17 years at Highline, the Seattle resident has served as the chair of the Pure and Applied Science Division at Highline; she has created the International Collegiate Cyber Defense Invitational (ICCDI), has been the regional director for the Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (PRCCDC) for 7 years, and hosted the event for 12 years.



When Amelia is not teaching in the classroom, she is mentoring young and nontraditional women students as part of Highline’s Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) club, which seeks to assist women in traditionally male-dominated cybersecurity and STEM-related professions. She also serves co-chair of the National Initiative on Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Competitions Subgroup and as an external moderator for Namibia University of Science and Technology.

Amelia has been on the Center’s Advisory Board for three years and has been involved in many of the organizations work plan activities such as the Women in Leadership Forums, the Securing the Supply Chain Forums, along with providing great knowledge and insight when it comes to career connected pathway programs.



Jamye Wisecup Memorial Scholarship Program/Endowment

“Resilience” The poppy is recognized as a symbol of remembrance and is dedicated to Jamye Wisecup, Center Board member and the Scholarship Program established in her honor.

To honor Jamye’s memory, the Center will be working with Peninsula College Foundation to establish the Jamye Wisecup Memorial Scholarship/Program Endowment through the College’s Foundation.

In 2014, The Center of Excellence – Homeland Security Emergency Management welcomed Jamye Wisecup to its Advisory Board. As a Board member, Jamye supported and assisted in strengthening the Center’s presence, both online and in person.



Contributions can be made in two ways:

- 1.) By check made payable to:
Peninsula College Foundation
Wisecup Fund
1502 E Lauridsen Blvd.
Port Angeles, WA 98362

- 2.) By giving online, with “Wisecup Fund” indicated in the form’s comments section at: <https://pencol.edu/foundation/give>



19 Reasons Why We’re Proud of 2019 Center’s Annual Report

Every year, the Center comprises a list of its top activities. This year’s list included the 19 reasons why we’re proud of 2019 such as its Rising Star Awards, the Jamye Wisecup Memorial Scholarship Program/Endowment, celebration of the Center’s new Advisory Board members, along with its new Co-Chair for the Board, and many other wonderful accomplishments throughout the year.

For the full document, visit:
<http://www.coehsem.com/reasons-why-we-are-proud-of-2019/>

TechAlliance: AI Policy Matters Summit

Linda Crerar, Center Director, and Kellie Hale, Program Manager, attended the first annual TechAlliance: AI Policy Matters Summit on December 12, 2019 at the Seattle Airport Marriott in SeaTac. The Technology Alliance exists to bring together the business community, research institutions, and elected officials to work on issues related to an educated workforce, research capacity and an entrepreneurial climate.

The agenda included a morning of presentations that helped establish a fundamental understanding of artificial intelligence with many opportunities to engage and ask questions.

Washington state AI experts also shared their work from both the east and west sides of the state! The Summit also had a keynote discussion of the relevant policy issues. The discussion was about the necessary changes that must be implemented in order to keep Washington competitive in AI.

For more information: <https://www.technology-alliance.com/>

