PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

To the Family and Friends of Big Bend Community College:

I’m sure you think Big Bend Community College is a fine school and an important resource for your community. But sometimes a new person’s perspective can shed light on what you might take for granted.

I became BBCC’s seventh President last August. Since then, I have been astounded by the run of achievements and recognition related to excellence in teaching and learning at Big Bend Community College.

Soon after I arrived, BBCC received an overwhelmingly positive accreditation report, with six commendations from a team of community college administrators from other states.

Next, I was notified BBCC had the highest student achievement point gains in the state’s community college system in 2011-12. The college received extra funding for that accomplishment through the Student Achievement Awards.

I learned BBCC’s Registered Nursing Program routinely boasts a 100 percent pass rate on state licensure exams, and they did it again in 2012. This is a level of excellence most programs can only imagine.

The college qualified as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), which paved the way for getting a federal Title V grant to help all our students succeed in college. That grant paved the way for an HSI STEM grant to help more students succeed in science, technology, engineering, and math. Both grants included funding for new facilities—a remodeled Student Success Center, and a new STEM Center in the Math/Science Building.

BBCC has an Air Washington grant to expand capacity of its aviation maintenance program to help meet the needs of the aerospace industry. The college also restarted its computer science program in 2012, which led to major gifts of equipment from local high-tech employers.

I can’t take credit for any of these achievements, but I recognize excellence when I see it. All these accomplishments have caused a messaging dilemma for the college. Too many people do not realize the budget situation remains bleak, with state funding in decline and no immediate relief in sight. Enrollment growth does not look promising due to rising costs. There is increased demand for accountability and student completion. Met with all of this, BBCC does an excellent job and is receiving recognition for it.

From a new person’s perspective, we are indeed fortunate BBCC is our community college. This annual report describes many of the past year’s achievements that distinguish BBCC for excellence in teaching, learning, and services to others. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terrence Leas
President, Big Bend Community College

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Big Bend Community College Service District No. 18

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Big Bend Community College has a 4,600 square-mile service district, including all of Grant and Adams counties, and the Odessa School District in Lincoln County. The College provides educational services in 15 primary communities in this rural district. The campus is located five miles north of Moses Lake on 153 acres adjacent to Grant County International Airport.

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BBCC Core Themes Are:
- Access
- Student Achievement
- Partnerships
- Climate

Look for examples inside

Scholarship recipients at Star Night 2012
Moses Lake and Big Bend Community College have changed a lot in 46 years, but it still smells the same to Japanese agriculture trainees who came here as young men.

"It smells like blue sky, green grass, wide open fields, and like the heart of our American hometown," said Takeru Tochihara, who was a member of Group C of the Japanese Agricultural Training Program in 1968. Eighteen Group C trainees returned to Moses Lake for a reunion celebrating BBCC's 50th anniversary on June 7. They rented a bus to tour the area where they were introduced to American culture. Many of them are still farmers. Some have become leaders in Japanese politics and business.

Five farmers sat at one table. One grows 100 acres of garlic—a big farm in Japan. Others grow asparagus, cut flowers, rice, and vegetables.

Tsuneyuki Honma went to Germany to study the wine business after he finished two years with JATP. Today he is senior managing director of Hokkaido Wine Company, one of the largest in Japan.

Hirao Ishii is a member of the Saitama Prefecture Assembly. Kenichi Matsumoto is a successful building contractor.

“Our time in the U.S. became the core of our life and helped us grow into who we are today," Tochihara said.

After the dinner party, the former trainees donated $2,520 to the Big Bend Community College Foundation, which will be matched by a college grant program for a gift of more than $5,000.

BBCC was a young college when the Japanese Agricultural Training Program started. "The program has been a part of the culture and history of Big Bend for most of the college’s existence," said Doug Sly, BBCC spokesman.

"There is not another school in this great land that has come this far with generations of trainees from Japan," said Tochihara. "It is an extremely rare relationship." Group C trainees have grandchildren older than some of today's JATP trainees, he said.

The former trainees enjoyed reminiscing with their BBCC English teachers and host farmers, using photo books to remember people and places.

Hirao Ishii, left, reunited with his former English teacher Marilyn Bertram 47 years after his experience with the Japanese Agriculture Training Program in Moses Lake. Ishii is now an elected official, serving as a member of the Saitama Prefectural Assembly. He is holding a "memory book" with photos of Group C in 1968.
New Computer Science Program
Focus is on Employer Needs

Big Bend Community College rolled out a new Computer Science Program in 2012.

An advisory board comprised of local information technology specialists helped design the program to align with local employer needs, said Mary Shannon, computer science instructional designer for the Title V grant at BBCC.

By late August, 46 students had enrolled in the new computer science classes.

The program gained momentum with an $88,000 donation of technology equipment from REC Silicon in November, receipt of a $149,000 Workforce Development Grant in December, followed by another $18,000 equipment donation from Yahoo! The grant award will help the college hire a full-time computer science instructor, acquire equipment, and design curriculum, Shannon said.

"Despite our rural location, computer technology jobs are plentiful in this area," Shannon said.

Advisory board chair Gigi Lowry, Operations Manager for ATOS—the support vendor for the Microsoft Data Center in Quincy—thinks local demand for computer science skills will increase.

"It's not just the technology companies that are here now, it's also the companies that are coming to Grant County in the future," Lowry said. "With Grant County becoming so technology-driven, the new program at Big Bend is essential."

Shannon said local employers needing IT skills include data centers, manufacturers and food processors. There is also demand at state and county agencies, school districts, healthcare providers and retail and wholesale businesses.

Students in BBCC's program have options of completing associate degrees, short-term certificates, or taking courses that transfer to universities.

Based on the advisory board's recommendations, the college developed curriculum to prepare students for work as network administrators, IT specialists, software engineers, information systems security, IT manager, systems administrator, web developers and programmers.

BBCC closed its computer science program in 2010 after a retirement and a resignation vacated the program's two full-time instructor positions. The college was dealing with severe budget cuts in 2010, so the positions were not filled and the program was closed.

Aviation Maintenance
Students Recruited To Meet Aerospace Demand

Air Washington is taking flight at Big Bend Community College.

BBCC is expanding capacity of its Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program with the help of a Department of Labor grant awarded to the Air Washington consortium of 11 community colleges and one apprenticeship program.

BBCC is recruiting AMT students to learn how to repair, rebuild and service aircraft. The program offers the training needed to be qualified for FAA Aircraft Mechanic certificates for airframe and powerplant and two-year associate degrees.

"As skilled workers retire in the aerospace industry, there has been increased demand for mechanics and technicians," said Clyde Rasmussen, Dean of Professional/Technical Education at BBCC. "The shortage of skilled workers is slowing the growth of some aerospace companies as positions go unfilled."

BBCC operates one of five airframe and powerplant schools in the state.

"As part of the Air Washington group, we have an extensive network of industry and educational partners," said Rasmussen.

Washington state is home to the largest cluster (650) of aerospace companies in the world, and they need to hire 21,000 new workers in the next 10 years. One industry study says 25 percent of the current aerospace workforce will be eligible to retire by 2014.

The goal of Air Washington is to train more than 2,600 workers to enter the state's aerospace workforce in three years, and to secure Washington as the world leader in aerospace training and education. The focus is on degrees and certificates that can be completed in two years or less.

BBCC's AMT program has a fully operational Boeing 727 for a classroom that was donated by FedEx in 2007. The AMT hangar adjoins the Grant County International Airport—a busy training facility with one of the longest runways in the country.
Leadership Transition at BBCC

Big Bend Community College experienced a transition to a new leadership team in the last two years. Recently retired President Bill Bonaudi, Vice President of Instruction/Student Services Mike Lang, and Vice President of Human Resources and Labor Holly Moos had a combined 90 years of experience working for BBCC.

The College has a new President, three new Trustees, two new Vice Presidents, and a new Foundation Executive Director. The five-member Board of Trustees is appointed by the Governor from candidates living within BBCC’s 4,600-square-mile service district—which includes all of Grant and Adams counties and the Odessa School District in Lincoln County.

Dr. Terrence Leas, BBCC’s Seventh President:

Dr. Terrence Leas started work as President of Big Bend Community College on August 23, 2012. He was hired by the Board of Trustees following a nationwide search.

Leas is BBCC’s seventh President in its 50-year history. President Bill Bonaudi retired June 30 after 17 years at the helm.

Leas served as President of Riverland Community College in Minnesota since 2003. He has ties to Eastern Washington, previously serving at Yakima Valley Community College as a campus dean, dean of students, and dean for institutional effectiveness.

Leas served on the Southeast Minnesota Workforce Investment Board since 2005 and on the Minnesota Governor’s Workforce Development Council since 2007.

Leas earned a bachelor’s degree in social science education and a doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University. He earned a master’s degree in educational administration and supervision from Valdosta State College.

LeAnne Parton, Foundation Director

Moses Lake native LeAnne K. Parton is the new Executive Director of the Big Bend Community College Foundation.

Parton graduated from Moses Lake High School, is an alumnus of Big Bend Community College, and earned a Bachelor’s of Arts in Business Administration from Eastern Washington University.

The Foundation Board noted Parton’s demonstrated abilities in fundraising, administration, property management and recruiting. She has more than two decades experience organizing special events. She was Administrator of Moses Lake Christian Academy from 2001 to 2009.

Robert Mohrbacher, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services

Bob Mohrbacher came to Big Bend in 2010 from Pierce College Puyallup. He was Arts and Humanities Division Chair and Interim Vice President for Learning and Student Success.

He also served as Division Chair of Business and Humanities at Pierce, and has teaching experience at Pierce College and Tacoma Community College. Bob earned a Bachelor’s Degree in English from the University of Washington and a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the George Mason University.
Kim Garza, Vice President of Human Resources and Labor

Moses Lake native Kim Garza has more than 25 years experience in human resources. She was hired May 21, 2012.

Kim came to Big Bend from Samaritan Healthcare. She also held human resource positions at Nestle, USA, and Sundstrand Data Control. She brings to the college valuable experience in labor relations, compensation and benefits, training, employee health and safety, and recruitment.

Trustee Stephen McFadden, Ritzville

Stephen McFadden of Ritzville was appointed to the BBCC Board of Trustees by Gov. Chris Gregoire in December of 2011.

McFadden is publisher/owner of the Ritzville Adams County Journal. He has been a journalist since 1985 and is a past President of the Washington Newspapers Publishers’ Association.

He’s also been President of the Ritzville Chamber of Commerce and served on the Adams County Development Council.

Trustee Anna Franz, Lind

Anna C. Franz of Lind was appointed to the Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. Christine Gregoire on March 15, 2012.

Ms. Franz graduated from Big Bend Community College as a Running Start student from Lind High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Washington. She is an associate attorney for Lemargie, Kenison, Wyman and Whitaker in Ephrata.

Ms. Franz came on the Board in time to participate in the selection process leading to the hiring of BBCC President Terry Leas.

Trustee Mike Villarreal, Othello

Dr. Miguel (Mike) Villarreal of Othello was appointed to the Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. Christine Gregoire on Nov. 16, 2012.

Villarreal is the Assistant Superintendent of Othello School District. He was Warden’s middle school principal from 1999 to 2008, and was an elementary school teacher in Warden from 1995 to 1999.

Villarreal earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Washington State University in 2011. He is a 1988 graduate of Othello High School.
Pamp and Barbara Maiers joined the "bronze wall" at Big Bend Community College in 2012. The Maiers were recognized at the President's Ball on March 3 for gifting construction of the Grand Entrance to the campus when the new Fine Arts Building was completed.

Bronze plaques are commissioned for lifetime donations to the college of more than $100,000. There are 13 bronzes in Peterson Gallery, with two more in the works. The unveiling was a surprise. It was the Maiers' wedding anniversary, and it took planning and scheming by family and friends to make sure they were at the President's Ball.

We like to see people have the opportunity to go to college without having to leave the area," said Pamp Maiers. "We just like seeing the college advance and be a growing institution."

"The bronze plaques in the Peterson Gallery in ATEC provide a permanent place for people to read about contributions and history of our partners," said BBCC President Terry Leas. "It is gratifying to see visitors standing in the gallery reading the bronze wall," he said. The text on the Maiers' bronze reads as follows: LEAVE MORE THAN YOU TAKE
Pamp and Barbara Maiers moved to the Columbia Basin in the 1970's as highway contractors. As they expanded and diversified, the success of their businesses allowed them to give back to the community. Their continual support of youth activities and philanthropy is evident throughout the local area. Pamp and Barbara constructed and gifted the Grand Entrance that serves the ATEC building and the Big Bend Community College Campus.

Budget Cuts
Reduce Student Access

The budget situation is bleak with state funding in decline and no immediate relief in sight. The enrollment growth does not look promising. You have increased demand for accountability and student completion. Meet with all of this, you do an excellent job. There is passion and pride for what you do here. Said Dr. Sonia Christian, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Lane Community College in Oregon, and Team Leader for BBCC's accreditation visit in 2012.

BBCC lost 27 positions across all employment groups from 2009 to 2012, including nine full-time faculty. Class offerings were reduced and equipment budgets zeroed out. "People need to ask their legislators to breathe some life into our community colleges," Bonadui said. "BBCC provides essential social services to our district, as well as providing an educational resource."

Grants, contracts and proprietary funds now make up 56 percent of BBCC's budget, meaning less than half the college's budget is state-funded.

"It will take years of robust economic recovery to regain what BBCC offered two years ago," Bonadui said. "In the meantime, where will residents of our service district go for vocational training or college courses to transfer to a university?"

New employers in BBCC's service district are creating demand for a skilled workforce. The service district population also is growing. There are long waiting lists for many classes, but the college doesn't have funding to add new sections, said Bob Mohrbacher, BBCC Vice President of Instruction and Student Services.

"We have a good product, but we aren't meeting the demand," said Mohrbacher. "The statistics may show enrollment leveling off, but demand is increasing."

Five weeks before the start of fall quarter classes, the College cancelled September's new student registration session because there are so few classes with openings. Students will be individually advised and might get just one class this fall in hopes of becoming full-time students in winter quarter. In the past the college opened new sections to meet student demand.
STEM grant helps BBCC students align with workforce needs

Big Bend Community College has entered an era of STEM education. The college moved forward in 2012 with facilities construction, curriculum design, and advising to enhance opportunities for students in STEM fields, especially engineering.

BBCC received a $4.4 million federal STEM award in 2011. The five-year grant has a goal of preparing more engineering students to transfer to partner universities and succeed with the help of BBCC pre-engineering courses.

Job opportunities in STEM fields have increased in the college’s rural service district due to a growing and diversified industrial sector. Corporations such as Genie, Katana Summit, Takata, REC Silicon, Microsoft, SGL/BMW, Yahoo, Dell, and Intuit have created local demand for STEM professionals.

“It will be exciting to see how the collaboration with employers and universities will impact our students and communities,” said Andre Guzman, BBCC STEM Director.

BBCC received the grant because it is a Hispanic Serving Institution (more than 25 percent of BBCC students are Hispanic). The grant has a goal of improving math performance for Hispanic and low-income students, but the services are available to all students.

Establishing transfer agreements with STEM faculty at Central Washington University and Eastern Washington University is part of the project. “I’ve had more students ask me about engineering careers during spring quarter than in the last few years combined,” said Dr. Jim Hamm, STEM engineering curriculum designer. Hamm was BBCC’s long-time physics instructor until taking the new position.

An exciting development made possible by the grant is an $800,000 STEM Center construction project at the Math/Science Building (completed in February 2013). The 8,700-square-foot center has math labs, a tutoring center, digital lab, CAD lab, and spaces for STEM related activities. There are rooms for industry presentations and for working with four-year partners.

Washington State will have more than 280,000 STEM jobs by 2018, and 94 percent of them will require postsecondary education and training, according to an analysis by Georgetown University.

“Those jobs represent opportunities for students to improve their standard of living,” Guzman said. “The STEM education will prepare them to be successful in a global economy, and our local economy.”

One piece of the grant calls for the college to work with donors and local industry to raise $260,000 for an endowment in the next five years. The grant matches every donation to create a $520,000 endowment to assist STEM programs in the future. “Donors double their donation. We don’t want to leave any of the federal matching money on the table,” said Guzman. “The BBCC Foundation has made this one of its goals.”

The STEM math lab will have 68 computers where math classes are taught by one faculty and four tutors.

The College implemented a math instruction model (Emporium) that uses videos, computer software, and checkpoints. Success rates for completing one math class increased 24 percent in trials held spring quarter.

“Think of it like a video game—you beat level 1 to unlock level 2,” said Tyler Wallace, STEM math instruction specialist. “Then amazing things happen when you come to class and do the work.”

The biggest barrier to students completing STEM degrees is their inability to cross the “math barrier.” More than 90 percent of new BBCC students require remedial math. “Math is the bottleneck for students pursuing a STEM career,” said Wallace. Some students have already fast-tracked math classes, saving time working toward a degree or certificate.
BBCC tops state in Student Achievement

Big Bend Community College had the highest student achievement point gains of any community and technical college in the state in 2011-12.

For its performance, the college will receive $189,168 from the state’s Student Achievement Initiative. Despite being one of the smallest colleges in the system, BBCC’s Student Achievement Award for 2012 is the largest in the state’s system of 34 community and technical colleges.

“For our size, more Big Bend students made more progress toward their educational goals than any other college in the system,” said Bob Mohrbacher, BBCC Vice President of Instruction and Student Services.

The Student Achievement Initiative awards points for accomplishing educational benchmarks. Colleges earn financial awards for net increases in achievement points each year. BBCC will use the award to offset state budget cuts of the last three years and to fund more student success initiatives, Mohrbacher said.

The performance funding plan tracks students through their degree pathways, and awards points for benchmarks like completing pre-college math and English, completing the first 15 or 30 college-level credits, completing a college-level math class, or completing a degree or certificate.

Big Bend’s biggest gains came in college readiness—pre-college English and math. The success of the new Emporium math model adopted by BBCC last year had a big impact, Mohrbacher said.

“Our student retention and graduation numbers indicate that some great things are happening with student achievement at Big Bend,” Mohrbacher said.

Factors contributing to improved student success include initiatives started by participation in the data-driven Achieving the Dream grant, and support from a federal Title V grant that has led to development of a Student Success Center offering services such as mentoring, tutoring, supplemental instruction, book loans, and laptop loans.

RN Students Have 100 Percent Pass Rate (Again)

All 20 Big Bend Community College associate degree nursing graduates in the class of 2012 passed the national licensure test on their first try to become registered nurses, according to college officials.

The 100 percent pass rate on the standardized national test (NCLEX) is the norm for Big Bend graduates. In the past five years, the program has a 98 percent pass rate on the first attempt and 100 percent pass rate within two attempts, said Katherine Christian, Director of Health Education Programs at BBCC.

“BBCC’s nursing program continues to deliver excellence as measured by the extraordinary pass rates on the NCLEX exam,” said BBCC President Dr. Terry Leas. “This validation by national standards assures employers and patients that our nursing graduates have the skills to provide exceptional health care.”

Nationally, 87.4 percent of graduates from registered nursing programs pass the NCLEX exam on their first attempt.
Big Bend Community reached a milestone of having more than 500 graduates in its 50th year (2012). A record number of Running Start students also earned diplomas from BBCC in 2012, according to college officials.

The 519 graduates in 2012 earned 550 degrees (some earned more than one).

There were 47 Running Start graduates compared to 32 the previous year. These students received a high school diploma and a BBCC associate degree at the same time.

College officials said record enrollment two to three years prior, combined with programs to keep students in school, contributed to the increase in graduates in 2012 and 2011. Since 2010, the number of BBCC graduates increased 38 percent.

The Big Bend Community College family celebrated an overwhelmingly positive report by an accreditation team from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Oct. 3, 2012.

The college received six commendations and two recommendations from the eight-person team representing peer institutions in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

"The high number of commendations and overwhelmingly positive tone of the report leaves no doubt the team is impressed with BBCC," said BBCC President Terry Leas.

The full-scale accreditation and team visit by NWCCU happens once every seven years. The self-study is written to address four core themes: student success, access, partnerships, and climate. Lack of accreditation impacts a college’s ability to distribute federal financial aid or to transfer credits to other accredited institutions.

Commendations for BBCC by NWCCU

BBCC is commended:
1. For a culture of inquiry and evidence. The campus community has a high level of engagement with annual assessment.
2. For a high level of sensitivity and commitment to students shown by comprehensive outreach and support to the entire service district and to students of all skill and socio-economic levels.
3. For an excellent spirit of collaboration. BBCC is a caring institution. Student success is a high priority. BBCC has maintained critical partnerships.
4. For strategic use of grants and external funding to transform climate and explore cost-effective methods of enhancing student success.
5. For the Board of Trustees’ unwavering commitment to BBCC. Trustees were praised for their unified and firm grasp of policy governance, for ensuring access to educational programs by bringing visibility to all corners of the college district, and for their intentional assignment of college priorities to each of the five Board members.
6. For excellent facility master planning, multi-hazard emergency planning, and budget planning.

Recommendations
1. Improve alignment between the college’s mission statement and the core themes (student success and achievement, access, partnerships, climate.)
Transforming Lives

Cristian Ramon’s was one of five community college students in the state receiving “Transforming Lives Awards” from the Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges on January 23, 2012.

Ramon, who received several scholarships from the BBCC Foundation, was selected from 35 nominees. She transferred to the University of Washington after earning her associate degree at BBCC.

Being in the top five placed her in front of 300 college trustees, presidents, and state legislators. She told her story, participated in a panel discussion with the other four recipients, and was featured in a video production with the top five.

“One thing I want to make clear is you get just as good an education at community college as you do at the university,” she told the crowd.

Cristian Ramon: The story of Cristian Ramon

Cristian Ramon was seven years old when she left Mexico with her parents to come to Quincy. Her parents are migrant farm workers, and she worked with her mother in the orchards and fields. Cristian worked hard in school and excelled.

In 2009, she became the first person in her immediate and extended family to earn a high school diploma. Her senior project on volunteering to teach migrant workers good health habits earned national recognition.

Despite her high grades and potential, Ramon lacked the financial means to earn a college degree.

Big Bend Community College Trustee Mike Blakely, after hearing Ramon’s senior project presentation, asked Ramon how she planned to finance her college education. She broke down in tears. She didn’t have the money, or even a plan.

Blakely asked Ramon to complete a scholarship application with the BBCC Foundation. One of the scholarship donors, Susan Landon Weinstein, donates to a fund that helps students like Ramon attend BBCC. It was a perfect fit of student and scholarship donor.

Ramon received a $3,000 Weinstein scholarship to start classes at BBCC, and another $3,000 the following year. She graduated with honors in 2011 with an associate’s degree. The scholarship didn’t pay all her costs, but it gave her confidence she could find a way to keep going. She arranged to have Blakely present her with her college diploma—a promise she had made.

Ramon is attending the University of Washington and plans to study neuroscience. “I want to do research on brain diseases like depression, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s,” she said. “I want to help people like Mr. Blakely (who has Parkinson’s).”

Blakely laughs when he recalls how Ramon worried about telling him she would attend the University of Washington. “I am a Cougar and she had already been accepted to WSU,” Blakely said. “She thought I would be disappointed, but I couldn’t be prouder of her.”

Ramon earned scholarships to help her attend UW, but they won’t cover all the costs. She is determined to achieve her goal. “The odds have been against me before,” she said. “But so many people have helped keep me going that I know I can do it.”
Dr. Mike Lang, former Director of the Japanese Agriculture Training Program (JATP) at Big Bend Community College, was honored on behalf of the Emperor of Japan in Seattle on Sept 7, 2012.

Lang received The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette. The ceremony was held at the official residence of the Consul-General of Japan, with Consul General Kiyokazu Ota presiding.

In presenting the decoration on behalf of the Emperor, Ota cited Lang’s “contribution to the development of agriculture in Japan, the development of Japanese young people, and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.”

Lang retired in 2010 after a 34-year career at Big Bend Community College. He was Director of JATP for 18 years while also serving as Vice President of Instruction and Student Services. He was recognized by the BBCC Trustees as Vice President Emeritus after his retirement.

“It was a pleasure working with the Japanese students because of their eagerness to learn and their willingness to absorb American culture,” Lang said.

Retired BBCC President Bill Bonaudi also was recognized during the ceremony with a Consul General Commendation Award. Ota commended Bonaudi for supporting the JATP program during his 17 years as BBCC President.

Lang is the fourth Moses Lake resident to be decorated by Japan’s Emperor. The others include former JATP Director Dr. Robert Mason (deceased), former Port of Moses Lake Executive Manager Clyde Owen, and former BBCC Trustee Paul Hirai.

“The fact that four individuals from Moses Lake have been decorated in the last 23 years suggests how deep the connections are between Moses Lake and Japan,” said Consul Yoshiki Uenishi.
Eagle Scout Completes BBCC Entry Sign; Dedicated to Floch Brothers from Odessa

Reid Jackson learned an important lesson during his Eagle Scout project—it's difficult to do big things without partners.

Jackson led a project to build a new campus entry sign for Big Bend Community College that includes stainless steel letters posted on basalt columns near Wallenstein Theater.

The project required eight dump truck loads of dirt, several loads of gravel, four basalt columns, a concrete pour and landscaping. He needed a skilled metal worker to finish the sign.

Along the way, he was helped by BBCC welding student Rebecca Fitting, Tommer Construction, Evergreen Implement, Moses Lake Steel Supply, BBCC Basketball Coach Mark Poth, and BBCC's Associated Student Body. Reid's father, Bob, helped with the work and coordination of the project.

"It took a village," said Reid's mother Kim Jackson, Student Activities Director at BBCC.

Reid dedicated the sign to former BBCC students Ryan and Drew Floch of Odessa, who died in a boating accident when Reid was a child. Ryan was a star for Coach Poth's Vikings basketball team. Poth donated the bronze plaque.

"It is appropriate to their memory because the boys (Ryan and Drew) played in the basalt around Odessa when they were growing up," said their mother, Jewel Floch, who with her husband Clay has worked at an orphanage in China the past two years.

Reid said the project taught him how to ask people for help, "and how willing they were to do it once I asked."

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Dollar Dash Becomes Annual Fall Event

A 5K run/walk to raise money for scholarships is now an established fall event.

The second annual Dollar Dash was held Sept. 22 on a beautiful day. Participants ran, walked their dogs and pushed baby strollers during a fun event on a Saturday morning.

The Dollar Dash is organized by the BBCC Foundation. The number of Dollar Dash sponsors increased from the first year, so the future looks bright to continue the fundraiser, said race director Judy Oakes, a Foundation board member.

The course is set on the College Parkway and starts at the ATEC building.

"We wanted to have a new way to have fun and engage the community during the nice fall weather," she said. "We hope participation grows every year."
Paul Hirai has hosted BBCC Japanese Agriculture Training Program (JATP) students since 1967 and served on the BBCC Board of Trustees from 1983-98, including four years as Board Chair. He served on the BBCC Foundation Board more than 30 years, chairing the Board six times. The Emperor of Japan recognized Paul for his work with JATP, and he was among the first inductees to the Moses Lake Agriculture Hall of Fame. Paul nurtured donors and friends of the college and gave generously to support BBCC and its students. For his more than 47 consecutive years of superlative service to BBCC, the Board of Trustees named the Fine Arts Building in his honor in 2012.

REC Silicon gift sets up BBCC server lab

REC Silicon provided a boost to the new computer science program at Big Bend Community College with a donation of $88,000 worth of technology equipment on Nov. 15, 2012. The gift includes servers, data storage controllers and trays, port switches, server cabinets, and Cisco networking gear.

The equipment will be used by BBCC students for network and server administration classes, said Mary Shannon, Instructional Designer for the Title V program.

"This will allow students to experience data center operations including how to rack, cable, label, document, and manage servers and related equipment," Shannon said.

REC Silicon's Systems Administrator Jeremy Davis, a member of the computer science program advisory committee, suggested the donation during a meeting to help set up the program's server lab. REC Infrastructure manager Dan Chivers made it happen.

"The support reaffirms local industry support for the computer science program and the need for computer training," Shannon said. "It is also a huge contribution to the program and opens exciting instructional possibilities. I'm thrilled."

REC has supported BBCC other ways, including a $125,000 donation to help build the Grant County Advanced Technology Education Center (ATEC) and regular donations to support the REC Scholarship Fund through the BBCC Foundation.
Effective January of 2012, Big Bend students can become helicopter pilots while earning an associate degree thanks to a partnership between Big Bend Community College and Inland Helicopters of Spokane.

“This is another example of the type of public/private partnerships we must establish to create new programs in today’s economy,” said BBCC President Terry Leas. The helicopter pilot training program started in January of 2012.

The partnership opens a new range of careers for BBCC aviation students, including piloting helicopters for emergency medical services, power line patrol, tourism, law enforcement, fire fighting, logging, aerial photography, agriculture, border patrol, fish and wildlife counts, and news gathering.

“Students in the helicopter pilot program will be enrolled as BBCC students,” said BBCC Flight Instructor John Swedenburg.

With Inland Helicopters providing the instructors and equipment, BBCC will provide instruction in ground school, meteorology, technical writing and math—the same classes taken by students enrolled in BBCC’s Commercial Pilot Program.

“Inland Helicopters will recruit for us, and they have Veteran’s Administration and federal financial aid funding options to help students,” Swedenburg said.

Inland Helicopter uses Robinson R22 and R44 helicopters for primary training. The two-seat R22 gets most of the training time due to its lower operating and maintenance costs. The R44 has twice the useful load and faster cruising speed.

Students who complete the program can graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree and FAA certificates including Private, Instrument, Commercial, and Certified Flight Instructor.

National statistics show an improving job market for helicopter pilots. Among helicopter pilots, 25 percent are over age 61, and 22 percent are between age 51 and 61.

BBCC has had a commercial pilot program since 1965. The program has 27 aircraft in its fleet and is the largest and most successful pilot training program in the Pacific Northwest.
$1.2 million gift

The Big Bend Community College Foundation

...To Actively and Visibly Support the Mission of Big Community College.

The Big Bend Community College Foundation is the fundraising arm of BBCC. The Foundation is a separate, nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation formed in 1972. It has its own bylaws and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Declining state funding and growing enrollment threaten the quality of education offered by comprehensive community colleges like BBCC. To ensure growth and quality, private financial investment in the College through the Foundation is actively pursued.

Big Bend Community College Foundation
Balance Sheet December 31, 2012

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A planned gift to the Big Bend Community College Foundation valued at $1.2 million was announced in 2012 by college officials.

The BBCC Foundation is named as beneficiary of an anonymous donor’s retirement plan. The donor is still employed and adds to the retirement plan every paycheck, said BBCC President Terry Leas.

“This gift is like having a $1 million endowment,” Leas said.

There will be discussions on how to use the funds to meet the interests of the donor and the needs of the college, Leas said.
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Amundson, Darrell
Badgley Phelps Investment
Bernhardt, Scott & Starr
Chemi-Con Materials
Chez, James & Barbara
Coeur D’Alene Resort Hotel
Columbia Colstor
Erickson, Florence
Garrett, Kara
Heartstone Resident Council
Hirai, Michael & Amelia
Hull, David & Sherry Keeler-Hull
Huston, Fred & Eloise
Lacher, Candy
Laughery, John & Patty
Leingang, Jack & Rebecca
Mayer, April
Melcher, Wes & Vickey
Microsoft Matching Gifts
Moses Lake Christian Academy
Owen, Clyde
Ritzville Warehouse
Sly, Doug & Cathy
Sodexo
Swedburg, John & Pam
Swinger, Dennis E & 
Katherine Franz
Takahashi, Yasuharu
Tracy, Steven & Camilla
Viebrock, Kim
Western Polymer

$499 and below (cont.)
Columbia Bean & 
Produce Co., Inc.
De Leon, Benny
DePree, James W.
Dry Falls Winery
Ebel, William E.
Eilers, Dan
Emerald Desert Nursery
Englar, Bill
Evergreen Implement, Inc.
Moses Lake
Evergreen Implement, Inc.
Ritzville
Froese, Dr. Gordon S. DDS
Garcia, Carolyn
Genie (Terex)
Girone, Karen
Godden, Larry
Goodwin, Sally
Groogam, Sam & Rosalind
Haley, Gale
Hamburg, Gail
Hamm, James & Diane
Haruna, Yoshinori
Haruna, Ms. Hitomi
Hennings, Patricia
Heston, Iris
Hirai, Nancy
Hotchkiss, Devon/Jilleen Rowley
Inland Helicopter
Jacobs, Barbara
Johnson, Melea
Jones of Washington
Katana Summit
Kehler, Michael
Kinzel, Terry
Kiona Vineyards
Konyvalchuk, Lyubor
Kubik, Linda
Kunkle, Stroud
Lad Irrigation
Lake Bowl
Lane, Jon & Carol
Leach, Nancy
Leas, Terry & Loyal
Legacy Chocolates
Leingang, James & Robyn
Leonard, Ryan
Les Schwab
Maizena & Sunburst LLC
Martín, Melvin & Shawlene
McConnell, Lon & Judy
McGraw, Don & Doreen
Medina, Alejandro
Medrano, Monica
Michie, Leslie G.
Microsoft Corporation
Mohrbacker, Bob & Liz
Moos, Barry & Holly
Moses Lake Community

Health Center

$499 and below (cont.)
Moskovich, Dina
Moss, Samuel & Darcy
Murrell, Ben & Elisabeth
National Frozen Foods
Newark, James L.
Oakes, Judith
Oakes-Pariseau, Melissa
Oasis Car Wash
Odessa Drug
Okerlund, Karen
O’Konek, Mike
Okui, Hironobu
P. E. O. Sisterhood Chapter ER
P. E. O. Sisterhood Chapter HY
Pease, Heather
Peterson, John & Ginny
Porterhouse Restaurant
Price, Michelle
Pro-Touch Car Wash
Ramon, Felix & Minnie
Rhodes, Fred
Rios, Charlene
Rodgers, Johnnie
Rubio, Enrique
Rubio, Esteban & Amy
S & S Equipment
Scholte, Hugh
Schutt, Richard & Sandra
Schweitzer Engineering Lab.
Shankar, Jille A.
Shannon, Mary & Larry
Shirtbuilders
Silverbow Honey Company, Inc
South Campus Athletic Club
Spectrum Crop Development
Corporation
Stahl, Betty
Stahl, Donna
Starbucks
Stephenson, Rod & Sue
Stevens, Richard
Strnad, Hope
Suzue, Masatoshi
Takata
The Health Zone
The McGregor Company
Thomas, David & Becky
Twin Firs Turf, Inc.
Union Elevator
WA State Potato Commission
Walker, Scott & Jonie
Warnick, Rep. Judith
Watenpaugh, Albert
Weber, Angela
Western States Equipment
Whitney, Barbara
Williams, Lynda
Wolff, David R.
Workman, Jerry
Wyma, Lance
Yoshikawa, T. J.
Scholarships:

In no area does the belief in the value of education shine through more strongly than in scholarship support. The BBCC Foundation administers a comprehensive scholarship program, awarding $168,324 in scholarships to 151 students in 2012.

Named Scholarship Funds

Donors have established more than 75 named scholarship funds with a variety of criteria with the BBCC Foundation.

Foundation Scholarship Fund

The Foundation Board has its own scholarship fund. From this fund, the Foundation awards scholarships to recent high school graduates, returning students, and professional/technical students. Proceeds from the annual scholarship fundraiser “Cellarbration for Education!” go to this fund.

Emergency Scholarships

The BBCC Foundation provides “intervention” scholarships to help students cope with financial emergencies any time of the academic year. The funds have been used for day care, gas money, books, vaccinations, tuition, fees, car parts, and more.

Facilities:

• The BBCC Foundation raised $4.7 million to help construct the Grant County Advanced Technologies Education Center (ATEC). The ATEC facility includes the Paul Lauzier University Center, the Masto Conference Center, dining commons, interactive television classrooms, and meeting rooms.
• The Foundation withdrew $220,000 from the its Facilities and Equipment Fund to put a new roof on the residence halls. It was an emergency situation (the roof was leaking), and state funds were not available for the project. Fairchild Air Force Base used the residence halls for 11 months after the roofing project, which created unanticipated revenue for the college.

Property Ownership

The Foundation can accept gifts of property, and sell, lease, and purchase property in support of the College.
• In 1998, the Foundation purchased a former church property near the campus that became the BBCC Opportunity Center. The building has five classrooms and a computer lab and serves more than 200 students.
• The Grant County Economic Development Council rents office space in the Opportunity Center, which nurtures partnerships between the College and the EDC as they work together to meet the needs of new and current employers.
• The Foundation owns one home gifted by a donor, and manages one more home as Trustee of a Charitable Remainder Trust.
• A gift of a farm from Paul Lauzier was managed by the Foundation for 10 years and sold for $1.3 million in 1994 to provide funds for scholarships, faculty and staff development, and various Foundation operations such as special events and alumni outreach.

Staff Development

• The Foundation established the Exceptional Faculty Endowment Fund that provides more than $13,000 annually for Exceptional Faculty Awards. The fund’s value exceeds $230,000.
• The Foundation provides funds for faculty and classified staff development activities, during a time when state budgets for staff development are being reduced.

Special Events

The Foundation sponsors Star Night to recognize donors and scholarship recipients, the Joint Vocational Advisory Committee Annual Dinner, and the annual State of the College event for the President. The Foundation hosts the Cellarbration! For Education scholarship fundraiser in May. The Foundation also co-sponsors many other college events. Recognition of donors and friends of the College is an important Foundation role.

Equipment

• The Foundation purchased a SimMan and SimBaby computerized patient simulators for the Nursing Department so students can learn from simulated situations in a hospital setting.
• The Foundation acquired Boeing 777 and 757 fuselages valued at more than $100,000 in support of the College’s Aviation Maintenance Technology and Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters programs.
• The Foundation received a gift of a scissor lift from Genie Industries to be used to maintain the new Grant County ATEC building.
• The Foundation expanded the BBCC Library’s music collection through the purchase of CD’s and a storage and display case.
The Organization

- Foundation policy is set by a Board of Directors, which meets quarterly.
- The Foundation has four standing committees – Property, Finance and Personnel, Scholarships, Special Events, and Committee of Trusteeship.
- In 1998, the Foundation began an initiative to establish a database of BBCC alumni and began mailing the BBCC Alumni News in 1999. Alumni are now included in fundraising campaigns.
- The Foundation is the U.S. sponsor of the Japanese Agricultural Training Program, an arrangement that has existed since 1965.

The BBCC Foundation owns the Opportunity Center and leases it to the college. More than 200 students attend classes there.

Col. Clyde Owen

Recognized for lifetime giving

The bronze plaque honoring Col. Clyde Owen (USAF Ret.) was unveiled at the State of the College Address on May 1, 2012.

Owen made a $100,000 gift to the Big Bend Community College Foundation in late 2011. He was a Foundation board member for 10 years, was the last Commander of Larson Air Force Base, and the first Executive Manager of the Port of Moses Lake.

"Col. Owen is a cornerstone of community support for the college," said BBCC President Bill Bonaudi. "His latest gift is another example of his pride in Big Bend Community College, which has grown up on the site of his last Air Force command."

The cash gift was received as BBCC struggled with severe budget cuts. Owen agreed to spread his donation among needs for nursing equipment, professional/technical equipment, matching funds for an endowment, and for student scholarships.

"The college is one of the most important resources of this community. I've enjoyed every minute of working with the college and the foundation board," said Owen.

Col. Owen helped BBCC acquire its current 154-acre campus when the base closed—about the same time the Port of Moses Lake acquired its land and facilities.

One of the least known and most important services Col. Owen did for the college was saving from the trash heap the architect's drawings for the campus buildings when the base closed. Those drawings have been invaluable over the years as the college converted military buildings for use in higher education.

Owen, 93, was a Kansas farm boy who flew 43 combat missions in a B-26 Marauder before being shot down at the battle of Anzio during World War II. He flew 24 different aircraft, including the B-52, logging 6,000 flight hours. Much of his military career was spent with Strategic Air Command.

Owen started a scholarship fund for flight students a decade ago, and financially supports foundation special events and campaigns. His latest gift puts him at more than $130,000 in lifetime giving to the BBCC Foundation.

Donors with $100,000 or more in lifetime giving are recognized with a bronze in the ATEC gallery. Clyde's bronze depicts him as a young Air Force Colonel.
Big Bend Community College Operating Budget

The state's allocation decreased and the burden on students (tuition) increased during the last two years at Big Bend Community College.

**EXPENDITURES by PROGRAM 2012-2013**

$14,057,990

**SOURCE of OPERATING FUNDS**

*2011-2012*

$14,092,946

- **STATE** - $8,336,710
- **RECOVERY** - $2,147,722
- **TUITION** - $3,608,514

*2012-2013*

**STATE** - $7,947,005
**RECOVERY** - $2,102,385
**TUITION** - $4,008,600
EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Private support is more important than ever!
The traditional Open Door of Big Bend Community College is being threatened. Due to budget cuts in 2011 and 2012, BBCC lost positions in all employment groups, reduced programs, and cut class sections. At no time in recent memory has private support been so important to BBCC students.

Yes! Here is my/our gift to the
Big Bend Community College Foundation:

☐ $1,000 ☐ $250 ☐ $50
☐ $500 ☐ $100 ☐ $25 ☐ Other

(All gifts to the BBCC Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

Name ____________________________________________

Title ____________________________________________

Company _________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City ______________________________________________

State ____________ Zip ________________

Phone (Home) _____________________________

Phone (Business) _____________________________

Cell phone _________________________________

Email _____________________________

Matching Gifts

My employer ________________________________________ will match this gift. (Please enclose your company’s matching gift form)

Planned Giving:

☐ Please send me information about making gifts to the BBCC Foundation with securities, property, life insurance, or by including the Foundation in my will or trust.

Contact Us!
Big Bend Community College Foundation
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509.793.2006
leanne@bigbend.edu

Designate my gift for the following:

☐ College’s greatest need

☐ Intervention Scholarship Fund
   (for student financial emergencies)

☐ Facilities and Equipment Fund

☐ Foundation General Scholarship Fund

☐ Named Scholarships
   (Scholarship Name) ____________________________

☐ Access to Good Health Campaign (Nursing)

☐ Exceptional Faculty Awards Endowment

☐ Classified Staff Development

☐ Program Development Fund
   (Program Name) ____________________________

☐ Other (specify) __________________________________

Payment Options

Cash

Check enclosed $__________ (Please make check payable to the BBCC Foundation.)

Pledge

☐ Please bill me: (amount) ___________ for _______ years

☐ Annually (indicate month)

☐ Semiannually (July and December)

☐ Quarterly (March, June, September, December)

☐ Monthly

Credit Card

PayPal: Send donations to foundation@bigbend.edu

Please charge my:

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover Card

Acct. # ____________________________

Exp. Date _____________ CVC Verification Code ________

Signed: ____________________________

Date: _____________ Zip Code: ______________

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