

**Service that Impacts Lives**

- PacMtn staff and Juvenile Rehabilitation teamed up to present **My JOB (Journey Out Beyond)**, at the State Workforce Board Meeting. They described the employment preparation services designed for the three WA juvenile rehabilitation facilities. A My JOB participant described his involvement with the program. Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director of the State Board later sent a note, *“Cheryl, your passion and commitment just radiates. I loved your inspiring closing remarks, and I know your words resonated with our Board members. It was also so good to see how far the program has come in such a short period of time. Congratulations! Sarah, you are such a rock star! Our Board members were entranced by your energy, humor, and deep knowledge about working with young people. I think the Workforce Board learned a lot from you all and is inspired to keep exploring new possibilities for young people.”*
- General Stephen Lanza sent Sean this note regarding the work of **Camo2Commerce**, *“Sean you have done amazing work and I was proud to share your accomplishments with the Seattle Rotary on Wednesday. The America Job Center being discussed will increase the value of our SFL-TAP program. Thanks for your leadership you have set the standards for the Army and transition process.”* On another note Camo2Commerce will likely hit the “1000 Service Members placed in employment” mark in mid-April.
- In January, **Olympia Community Court** did a ribbon cutting and Judge Alf talked about each of the providers at Community Court and when he talked about WorkSource services, he noted them as crucial to Community Court. He said that about 20% of the people that have gone through Community Court have gotten jobs. We know that not everyone is going to walk out with a job, however, over 120 people have gone through Community Court and our staff should feel proud to have helped so many individuals.
- Multiple media outlets carried similar stories like the one below that described the **High Impact Community Grants** offered to Rural and Remote school areas.

### CTE Program Goals

#### CAREER AND CREDENTIAL READINESS

In partnership with Rainier School District, Yelm CTE was awarded \$8500 grant from Pacific Mountain Work Force to help students explore technical training and apprenticeship as a viable option after high school. Students will get to visit training facilities and local businesses that are currently looking for skilled employees. In addition, these trips will provide teachers and counselors professional development opportunities and develop stronger Programs of Study.





# CEO HIGHLIGHTS

WDC Board Meeting

March 2017

**Announcements**

- The White House released a budget that **decreases Federal support for job training and employment services**, shifting more responsibility for funding these services to States, localities, and employers. These cuts to workforce development appear antithetical to accomplishing the Administration's objectives of re-building infrastructure and investing in defense. Defense contractors and the military itself, need a qualified workforce. Our services can demonstrate strong performance and we are prepared to highlight what we do for veterans and the many others who need training to meet the needs of employers.
- Flyers attached describe **CTE Homeless Shelter Building event March 27 and Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning.**
- For the third year in a row PacMtn received a **2017 WCIF Wellness Grant for \$2,000** to sponsor employee wellness activities. Participation in these activities not only helps employees stay healthy, we can get a reduction in our deductible and the organization benefits from a significant reduction in the cost of our insurance premiums. The Wellness Committee is looking forward to bringing back a few popular events from last year as well as some new activities based on employee suggestions.

# Electronic Newsletter



The five Timberland libraries in Pacific County have new tools to help job seekers, career builders and business starters - new laptop computers loaded with tools for success.

The laptops are part of "JobAssist," a joint initiative of the Timberland Regional Library and the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (PacMtn).

"JobAssist" puts people in touch with employment information, training programs and career guidance.

Laptop users will not only be able to access the valuable resources listed on the WorkSource website, they will also be able to access TRL's business and education resources and classes, including the Microsoft Imagine Academy, Universal Class, Career Cruising and lynda.com.



PacMtn provided funding to purchase 10 laptops - two per library - for the Timberland branches in Ilwaco, Naselle, Ocean Park, Raymond and South Bend. Any person with a current

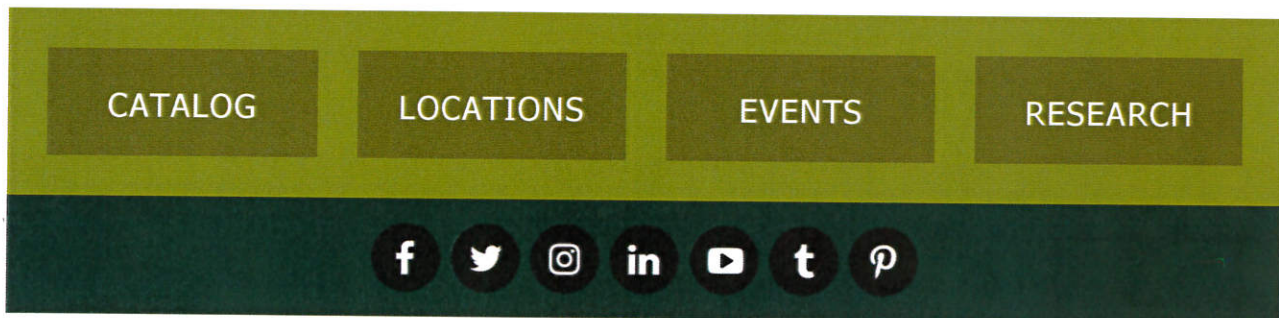
Timberland library card will be able to check out a laptop for all-day use in the library.

TRL Director Cheryl Heywood explains: "Job seekers will be able to research companies, search for jobs, write resumes and cover letters, and send out

applications, all from the comfort of their local library." Heywood continued, "Working in the library means being surrounded by books, newspapers and dedicated library professionals, whose jobs are to help people find what they need."

PacMtn CEO Cheryl Fambles believes this partnership will put workforce services where they are needed most, "in our rural areas, where libraries are already seen as connectors - the places people come to get information."

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance.

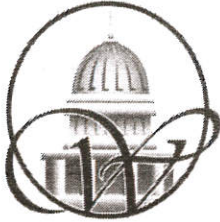


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# Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

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## **STUDENTS FROM ACROSS WASHINGTON BUILD TINY HOMELESS SHELTERS**

*Local teams selected for statewide competition that demonstrates real-world learning*

OLYMPIA—Students from across Washington are busy building tiny homeless shelters this month as part of a statewide competition that demonstrates the value of Career and Technical Education (CTE) through real-world, hands-on learning that culminates in a construction contest in Olympia on March 27 and the creation of needed homeless housing.

Twenty-two teams of students were selected to compete in the first ever CTE Showcase of Skills Homeless Shelter Project. The state's Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) is coordinating the one-day competition that brings together students from both the high school and college level to demonstrate their technical skills as they build portable, energy efficient, homeless shelters. Finished shelters will then be transported to Seattle where they will provide transitional homeless housing.

"When students tackle hands-on, relevant projects, they learn better and more deeply. That's at the heart of CTE and why we wanted to showcase this in front of both policymakers and the public," said Workforce Board Executive Director Eleni Papadakis, noting that the demonstration project is within walking distance of the Legislature, and legislators are expected to drop by and encourage the students as they put finishing touches on their shelters.

"This is truly a real-world opportunity for CTE students from across the state to show what they can do, while making a real difference in the lives of homeless people," Papadakis said.

The proposed line up of speakers at the March 27 event includes Gov. Inslee and his wife Trudi, as well as Chris Reykdal, the state's newly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Low Income Housing Institute of Seattle will be on hand at the event, and the organization will bring a homeless person to talk about the challenges faced by those who have no housing.

Students are busy working on their shelters right now within their CTE classes. They will ship their nearly completed shelters to Olympia in the days leading up to the competition, where they will add finishing touches such as hanging doors or painting trim. Each team is made up of five students and each was provided with a \$2,500 stipend to pay for supplies.

The shelters will measure 8-by-12 feet and each will include a door and at least one window. Solar panels will be installed on one shelter as a demonstration project.

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!



GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT  
ON CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

## GOVERNOR INSLEE'S SUMMIT ON CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

Washington was one of six states selected by the National Governors Association (NGA) to participate in an academy, led by the Governor's Office and the Workforce Board, to identify promising practices, resources, and policies aimed at increasing career-related opportunities in high demand STEM jobs for Washington's youth. As part of the NGA Policy Academy, a Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning, co-hosted by the Workforce Board, the Governor's Office, OSPI, Washington STEM, and WSU, will be held at the Microsoft Campus in Redmond, Washington as well as at multiple sites across the state. The goals of the summit are to:



- Build a network of champions committed to supporting early, frequent, and excellent career-connected learning opportunities for Washington's youth, especially those from under-represented populations.
- Highlight promising practices and programs in career-connected learning from Washington NGA Policy Academy Learning Labs.
- Inspire business, industry, and education stakeholders with actionable steps they can take in their own communities to support high quality career-connected learning and pathways to great jobs.

Regional sites will connect for a portion of the day through technology.

Visit the website for more information about the event. [www.washingtonstem.org/govsummit](http://www.washingtonstem.org/govsummit)

## OFFERING A VIRTUAL OPTION FOR YOUR REGION

A critical part of the 2017 Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning is a 2-3 hour session held at multiple sites across Washington using the successful WSU Extension's Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) model. As a group, participants will virtually join a general session on policy recommendations, including remarks from Governor Inslee to the regional sites. After the summit, regional work and issues will be shared for follow up.

Business and community leaders will learn about career-connected learning successes, identify new skills, find additional resources, and develop the capacity to solve workforce problems.

Please join us on May 31, 2017 by becoming one of the sites across the state to deliver this creative event in your region. We'd love to put YOUR community on the map!

- Connect your local business leaders to statewide resources while staying in your community.
- Help shape the strategies for career-connected learning opportunities.
- Add value to your existing business.

