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NEW CRAFT BREWING ACADEMY
IN MAY. (SEE PAGE 3)**

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Skagit Valley College provides opportunities for students in pursuit of their educational and employment goals, while contributing to the economic and cultural enrichment of our communities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



FOCUSED ON EXCELLENCE

Access, Achievement, Community

Skagit Valley College is proud to be part of a community that embraces civic-minded collaboration, leadership, and service. In that spirit, we connect with individuals who give back to SVC — and the broader community — through their active engagement and support of the College's mission to provide a learning environment that is focused on excellence. Not only does their engagement support academic success for our students, it contributes to the economic vitality of our region and it enriches our quality of life.

Throughout Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties, many individuals have joined our commitment to students and community. They are key leaders in government, industry, agriculture, and economic development who foster innovations that help our region prosper and grow. They are dedicated educators who mentor tomorrow's leaders. They are passionate philanthropists who support educational opportunities for deserving students. Together, we are creating learning opportunities that lead to student success, offering industry-aligned training that responds to employer needs, and fostering relationships that last a lifetime.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students, we thank the many individuals who enrich Skagit Valley College and our community with their leadership, collaboration, and service.

Sincerely,

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CRAFT ★ **BREWING**

SVC launches Craft Brewing Academy

*The first offered among
Washington's community
and technical colleges*

Whether it's stepping out for a bite of dinner or taking a weekend drive in the sun, it doesn't take long to discover one of the many new microbrew establishments popping up around the area.

The Northwest — and the Skagit Valley in particular — is a vibrant hub for the craft brew industry. So, an amazing team of individuals and organizations came together to explore the idea that has blossomed into SVC's new Craft Brewing Academy. The program is the first to be offered among Washington's community and technical colleges.

With the Craft Brewing Academy, partnership is key. The Academy is the result of the College's participation in Governor Inslee's Skagit Valley Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) for Value Added Agriculture. The IPZ nurtures partnerships to enhance the agricultural industry, promoting innovative approaches that combine research and technology, producing a robust economy centered on the valley's rich agricultural resources. The partnership is a virtual 'who's who' in agriculture and community leadership: Dr. Stephen Jones, Director of The Bread Lab; Dave Hedlin of Hedlin Family Farms; Kraig Knutzen of Knutzen Farms; Steve Sakuma of Sakuma Brothers Farms; Wayne Carpenter of Skagit Valley Malting; Washington State University; Northwest Agriculture Business Center; Port of Skagit; City of Mount Vernon; and EDASC.

Working closely with partners who are on the forefront of innovation and share the excitement in bringing agriculture, brewing, economic vitality, and education together are a few of the qualities that make SVC's newest program so unique. New malting techniques developed by Skagit Valley Malting, combined with the exceptional flavor and quality of the wheat and barley grown in the Valley, promise to enhance the innovation of the craft brewing industry. Skagit Valley College's 40-credit, three-month Academy is built on these innovations and leverages the partnerships with local farmers and The Bread Lab. The Academy launches in May.

Classes will take place at SVC's new Cardinal Craft Brewing facility, located at the Port of Skagit in Burlington. The unique curriculum will teach an overview of the complete craft brew business, "from grain to glass." Providing the curriculum development are brewers from Rockfish Grill & Anacortes Brewery, Flyers Restaurant & Brewery, and Boundary Bay Brewery.

Students will gain a foundation of knowledge that is required for successful employment. They will learn about the science and practice of brewing in the classroom, in the on-site brew lab, and at internships at local breweries. The Academy is ideal for those considering entry into the brewing industry, as well as those pursuing wider knowledge

of the business in order to advance in their career goals.

The Academy's Advisory Committee is comprised of many of the region's best brewing professionals: The Pike Brewing Company, Westland Distillery, Chuckanut Brewery & Kitchen, Skagit Valley Malting & Brewing Company, Rockfish Grill & Anacortes Brewery, Malteurop North American, Inc., North Sound Brewing Company, Skagit River Brewery, Flyers Restaurant & Brewery, Hale's Ales, Golden Distillery, Boundary Bay Brewery, and WSU Research and Extension.

Visit www.skagit.edu/craftbrew



SVC in the News

There's a lot of **MEDIA BUZZ** about SVC's new Craft Brewing Academy. Check out a few of the recent highlights:

KING 5 TV in Seattle, March 17th
www.skagit.edu/KING5

Skagit Valley Herald
www.skagit.edu/skagitvalleyherald

Whidbey News Times
www.skagit.edu/whidbeynewstimes

Tap Trail in Bellingham
www.skagit.edu/taptrail

Northwest Brew Talk Podcast
www.skagit.edu/nwbrewtalk

Washington Beer Blog in Seattle
www.skagit.edu/wabeerblog

Spotlight on Student Success

Excelling at SVC and beyond: All-Washington Academic Team 2016



Samantha Martin

Two outstanding SVC students, Samantha Martin and Kevin Felt, were named to the 2016 All-Washington Academic Team and honored at the annual ceremony that was held March 24th in Olympia.

Each year, All-Washington provides an opportunity for community and technical college students to be recognized for their achievements. Governor Jay Inslee provided the keynote address to honor the team and each student received a medallion from their college president. Kevin and Samantha received their commemorative medallion from SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan.

Samantha Martin first enrolled at SVC's Whidbey Island Campus through Running Start. In addition to majoring in Psychology and maintaining a 3.88 GPA, Samantha is Student Government President and Vice-President of Phi Theta Kappa. Now, she's excited to graduate in June with her high school diploma and associate's degree. "Attending

SVC has been one of the most influential and beneficial experiences in my life thus far," she said. "SVC offers a small and intimate learning environment and the tight-knit community on campus fully embraces students and encourages student success." Samantha's goal includes earning a Ph.D. in Psychology, with a focus on Neuroscience and a minor in Nutrition.

With a 3.87 GPA, Kevin Felt is majoring in Molecular Biology/Biochemistry at the Mount Vernon Campus. In his free time, Kevin likes to do woodwork, exercise, and spend time with his friends and family. Next fall, he will transfer to the University of Washington to study Molecular Biology/Biochemistry and pursue a bachelor of science and a Ph.D. For Kevin, Skagit was the right fit. "I appreciate the time I've spent at SVC because it offered me a legitimate, robust education at an affordable cost," he said. "I am just now turning 21 and I've come to the conclusion that SVC has been a very wise decision for beginning my undergraduate education."



Kevin Felt

Excelling on and off the court — SVC student athletes recognized for Academic Excellence

Three student athletes, Nianiella Dorvall, Nikkie Froehlich, and Daryon James, were recognized for their Academic Excellence by the Northwest Athletic Conference for Winter Quarter. To be eligible, each must be a sophomore, have earned a minimum of 36 credits, have a 3.25 cumulative GPA, and be recommended by their college.

After graduating from SVC, Nianiella plans to complete medical school and work with "Doctors without Borders." Nikkie will transfer to a four-year university to become a dental assistant. "Both of these young women are outstanding students and leaders," said Women's Basketball Head Coach Steve Epperson. "Their accomplishments represent the very best in higher education, Cardinal athletics, and student success."

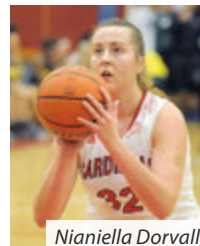
After graduating from SVC, Daryon will transfer to a four-year university where he will continue his academic and athletic career. "I am truly proud of the effort Daryon has given on the court AND in the classroom," said Men's Basketball Head Coach Brock Veltri. "He characterizes everything that is great about being a student athlete today."

"We are especially proud of the academic achievement of our student athletes," said Dr. Dave Paul, SVC Vice President for Student Services. "This is an important acknowledgment of the hard work of Nianiella, Nikkie, and Daryon, both on and off the court."

www.skagit.edu/athletics



Daryon James



Nianiella Dorvall

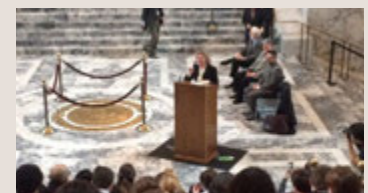


Nikkie Froehlich

Committed to their education:

Students visit Olympia for Student Advocacy Day

In January, SVC student leaders and advisors traveled to Olympia for Community & Technical College Student Advocacy Day, an annual event organized by the Council of Unions and Student Programs. During their visit, the students learned about current legislative items, discussed how specific bills impact students, and engaged with legislators.



Senator Barbara Bailey, 10th Legislative District, attends Student Advocacy Day

OUTSTANDING Faculty and Staff: Committed to Students

Our college community is comprised of exceptional faculty members who engage and inspire and devoted staff who support teaching and learning. Together, their commitment is creating a vibrant learning environment that enhances instruction and supports student success.



Meet Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo

Vice President of Administrative Services

Skagit Valley College is pleased to announce that **Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo** was selected as Vice President of Administrative Services. He began his new role in February, succeeding Mary Alice Grobins who retired at the end of last year.

Dr. Jaramillo brings a rich and varied background to SVC, in both administrative services and community college instruction. He has 12 years of experience in the Washington community and technical college system. Most recently, he served as the Director of the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Program at Peninsula College. In this role, he was a tenured faculty member, teaching management and multimedia courses and served as a part-time administrator. He also served as Chair of the statewide BAS Directors' group and served as Chair of the College Council/Safety Committee at Peninsula College.

Prior to his higher education experience, Dr. Jaramillo served 27 years in the U.S. Navy, with the last 15 years as an officer. In his last military position, he served as the Executive Officer of the Naval Magazine Base Indian Island at Port Hadlock, WA. In this role, he was responsible for all administrative services at this highly secure and complex facility. Prior to that, he served as a Naval Chief Financial Officer in Washington, D.C., overseeing a budget of over \$2.5 billion.

An avid photographer, Dr. Jaramillo completed his Master of Fine Arts in photography in December 2015. His work has been exhibited in galleries in Seattle, Coupeville, Portland, and the Olympic Peninsula.

Dr. Jaramillo also holds a Ph.D. in Information Systems Management, a Master's degree in Business Administration, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Three SVC staff members are pursuing their educational goals, thanks to scholarship support from the Skagit Women's Alliance & Network.



Enrollment Services Program Manager **Sindie Howland** is pursuing her bachelor's degree at WSU and eventually a

master's degree in higher education leadership.



Maestros Para Pueblo Liaison **Daisy Padilla-Torres** is pursuing a master's degree that will enrich her role of encouraging others to

pursue a college education.



Environmental Conservation Lab Manager **Corrin Hamburg** is earning a master's degree in Environmental Science with a

focus in Water Resource Management.

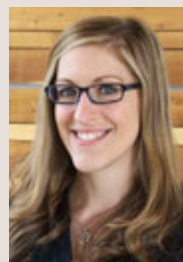
COMMITTED TO STUDENTS



Bob Malphrus, Human Services Co-Chair, received The Evergreen State College Teacher Excellence Award for 2015-16. Incoming students at Evergreen nominate a teacher they felt made the biggest difference in their education.

In nominating Bob, the student wrote: "Bob has encouraged me to always

strive for the best in my education. He also helps me in my professional life definitely in the roughest of times. I wouldn't be at Evergreen if it weren't for him and his guidance."



Crystal Allison, Associate Dean of Financial Aid, was honored with the Washington Financial Aid Association's Unsung Hero Award. The award recognizes a WFAA member who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to Washington students or WFAA by working quietly and without

reward or recognition on committees, at their institution, and in the community.

PARTNERING with Business and Civic Leaders throughout the District

Connections throughout our community play an important role in our work. By forming partnerships with key leaders in education, government, business, healthcare, and economic development, we are exploring employment trends, emerging technologies, and innovative pathways that lead to academic success. These collaborations support our focus on excellence and help us provide industry-aligned training, prepare students for success in the workforce, and enrich our community.



SVC's Veterans Education Office is ready to help members of the military, veterans, and family members achieve their educational goals.

Mark Wanless, Veterans Education Coordinator at the Whidbey Island Campus, is now visiting the Navy College Office on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island from noon to 4pm on the first and third Thursday of the month. Contact Mark at 679.5392 or mark.wanless@skagit.edu

SVC San Juan Center, WSU Extension San Juan County, and the Port of Friday Harbor

With a beautiful view overlooking the Friday Harbor Airport, SVC San Juan Center, WSU Extension San Juan County, and the Port of Friday Harbor celebrated 20 years of partnership at a reception on March 3. Hosted by the College and the SVC Foundation, the event provided an opportunity for community members to gather and learn how the relationship serves the educational needs of the residents of the San Juans.



(Left to Right): Marilyn O'Conner, Executive Director, Port of Friday Harbor; Greg Hertel, Friday Harbor Port Commissioner and SJC science instructor; Dr. Tom Keegan, President of SVC; and Kristina Bayas, Interim Director of WSU Extension San Juan County.

Shell Puget Sound Refinery welcomes San Juan Center Chemistry class for special demonstration

On March 4th, Shell Puget Sound Refinery welcomed Dr. Michael Balise's Chemistry class from SVC's San Juan Center for a demonstration of Shell's "Mini-PSR distillation unit." The demonstration was delivered by Process Engineer Steve Williams and Civil Engineer Monick Estrada.



The "Mini-PSR Refinery" is a special distillation unit, made mostly of glass, which allows the viewer to see how the distillation process works. While the actual refining process distills crude oil and creates critical products that people depend on such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and propane, the "Mini-PSR Refinery" models the distillation process with water and food coloring, to demonstrate how molecules are separated within the various towers at the Puget Sound Refinery.

This unique learning opportunity helped bring to life the chemical concepts being explored in the SJC classroom. Thank you, Shell Puget Sound Refinery!

SVC'S SOUTH WHIDBEY CENTER: Meeting the needs of the community

Thanks to a partnership between the College and the South Whidbey School District, SVC's South Whidbey Center continues to serve the south end of Whidbey Island from its location at South Whidbey High School. The Center offers small class sizes, personal interaction, and Women in Transition, a program that includes resume development, job search techniques, and life skills.

The Impact of Philanthropy & Community



The Impact of Philanthropy

Philanthropy takes a prominent place at Skagit Valley College every spring quarter. This time of year is when students eagerly apply for SVC Foundation Scholarships, donors and community members are invited

to help with the selection process, and student achievement is celebrated at our Honors Receptions. It's also a time when we recognize the College's supporters who help make dreams of a college education come true.

But this spring is special. Thanks to the support of a generous donor, the lab experience for students in the nursing program will be transformed.

As they say, timing is everything. And it couldn't have been more perfect when this contribution arrived. Just as the service licenses were expiring on the nursing program's old simulation manikins, a donor gave \$180,000 to purchase two new, top-of-the-line manikins (SimMan)—one for each nursing lab in Mount Vernon and Oak Harbor. These manikins are so advanced in their technology and capability that the Washington State Legislature is considering an update to the Washington Administrative Code governing licensure for nurses and allowing for work on the SimMan to supplant up to 50% of the internship requirements nurses need to achieve the state license.

Imagine a student environment where nurses can safely apply new skills and experience almost everything they'll face in the professional setting (dilated

pupils, blood, sweat, rapid breathing, increased pulse, reaction to medication and so much more) while learning in a controlled setting that replicates the real world. Our old manikins could provide some of the same experiences, but not with the level of detail and "reality" that these new manikins bring. They also come with countless simulation activities and two days of specialized training for our nursing faculty.

There's another side to this gift that may not be so obvious. And that is the indirect effect it has on other workforce program areas on campus. Now that the cost is eliminated to pay for maintenance, upkeep and replacement for two aging simulation manikins, the College can redirect some of our modest equipment budget to other priority needs across campus. The true impact is immeasurable!

No matter the size or type of gift, philanthropy changes student's lives and impacts our community in countless ways. Whether it's a \$35 donation that helps a student purchase a bus pass, a \$500 contribution that pays nearly half a quarter's tuition, or a gift like the one described here, Skagit Valley College is stronger and more reflective of our community thanks to your support!

The Impact of Community

1st Annual Whidbey Island 5K Fund Run

Thanks to event sponsors: underwriter *Whidbey Island (Heritage) Bank, Boeing, Associated Students of Skagit Valley College – Whidbey Island Campus, Flyers Restaurant, and the SVC Foundation*, the 1st Annual 5K Fund Run was an amazingly fun and successful event! Despite the early morning cool temperatures, spirits were high for all who registered to run or walk the 12 laps.

The run was hosted by the Skagit Valley College Foundation and *SVC Whidbey Island Campus Student Life* and helped raise money for scholarships for students studying at SVC's Whidbey Island Campus.

If you weren't able to join us at the 5K Fund Run, you can still make a donation online by visiting www.skagitfoundation.org

Thank you, Whidbey Island community!



Representing Whidbey Island Bank (left to right), Letta Meaux, Melissa McCumber, Tiffany Martens, Mitchell Frondoza, along with 5K winner, Christopher Banks.

WAYNE CARPENTER



IF WAYNE CARPENTER ISN'T A SKAGIT VALLEY HOUSEHOLD NAME YET, IT SOON WILL BE.

Wayne and his company, Skagit Valley Malting, have been key players in Governor Inslee's Skagit Valley Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ). The Value Added Agriculture IPZ was created to bring together research (Washington State University),

workforce training (Skagit Valley College), and many organizations and private sector businesses — including Skagit Valley Malting and local farmers — to support entrepreneurship and innovation around Skagit Valley's greatest resource, agriculture.

 This is how SVC's Craft Brewing Academy was born—an outgrowth of the Innovation Partnership Zone. WSU will provide research in crop varieties, farming systems and a nationally recognized research bakery; Wayne, Skagit Valley Malting, Flyers Restaurant & Brewery (owned by Tony Savoy), and Chuckanut Brewery and Kitchen (owned by Mari and Will Kemper), and local farmers will represent business; and Skagit Valley College's new Craft Brewing Academy will provide workforce training in craft brewing. We expect additional SVC programs to support the IPZ as well, including Culinary Arts, Sustainable Agriculture, Business Management, and others!

This is truly an innovative approach to value added agriculture—fostering new markets (craft brewing) for locally grown wheat and barley, which is typically a low value cover crop for farmers, and using Skagit Valley Malting's approach with advanced process manufacturing concepts. Wayne is also connecting SVC with leaders

in the industry who continue to help us shape our new craft brewing program.

As if his work with the IPZ isn't recognition enough, Wayne and Skagit Valley Malting have recently been named a semifinalist for a James Beard award, one of the food world's highest honors. This award recognizes people who are making a substantial impact, at the national level, in the wine, spirits and beer industry.

One of Skagit Valley College's greatest strengths, and commitments, is partnering with our community and leveraging multiple resources to serve our community's needs and make it an exceptional place to live. Together with Wayne, Skagit Valley Malting, local farmers, and WSU, we carry on this tradition. One day people will see the Skagit Valley a destination for craft brewing and a thriving culinary scene.

One of the core missions of the SVC Foundation is to connect the College with the community in deep and meaningful ways. The Skagit Valley College Foundation celebrates the partnerships that have resulted from the IPZ in the Skagit Valley.

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