



Tent city (in front of Dietrich Activity Center) for firefighters battling the Blue Creek Fire.



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## *In Memory*

This issue is dedicated to:

### Sandy Johnson

Olympic College

2014-15 STTACC President

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2011-12 STTACC President Elect

Anyone who would like to send their sympathies to Sandy's family can send them to:

Olympic College  
C/O Steven Evans  
1600 Chester Avenue  
Bremerton, WA 98337



### *A Letter from the 2015-16 President - Kristine Horndt*



Dear STTACC Community,

I would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 year with STTACC... Staff Training for Technical and Community Colleges. I am Kristine Horndt and I am honored to be serving as President for 2015-2016 and am looking forward to a wonderful year with the STTACC Board.

*Kristine Horndt* Continued on page 2.

### MISSION

*"STTACC supports innovation, training and leadership by providing resources and connections to our Classified Staff members throughout Washington State."*



## Did you know Microsoft offers free training videos?

Microsoft Office  
Training video tutorials  
are available for  
Microsoft Word,  
Microsoft Excel,  
Microsoft Access and  
more

Watch online at  
[http://office.microsoft.com/  
en-us/training/](http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/training/)



### From the President (continued)

I want to take a moment to say a very special thank you to the 2014-2015 STTACC board led by President Sandy Johnson of Olympic College:

President Elect — Kristine Horndt, Everett Community College  
Past President — Jim Sorensen, Grays Harbor College  
Secretary — Chelcie Bailey, Grays Harbor College  
Treasurer— Glorianne Bora, Everett Community College  
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Webmaster — Steve Evans, Olympic College  
Region A Coordinator — Paula Boerner, Grays Harbor College  
Region B Coordinator — Marion Heard, Cascadia College  
Region C Coordinator — Jan Beatty-Adams, Everett Community College  
Region D Coordinator — Sarah Aschenbrenner, Walla Walla College  
Region E Coordinator — Shylowe Statzer, Pierce College

Now I would like to introduce you to the rest of STTACC's 2015-2016 Board:

President Elect — Paula Boerner, Grays Harbor College  
Past President — Sandy Johnson, Olympic College  
Secretary — Chelcie Bailey, Grays Harbor College  
Treasurer — Marjie Stratton, Grays Harbor College  
Communication Coordinator — Amelia Fortuno, Bates Technical College  
Webmaster — Steve Evans, Olympic College  
Region A Coordinator — Barb Crowell, Grays Harbor College  
Region B Co-Coordinators — Cathy King & Thao Pavy, Bellevue College  
Region C Coordinator — Jan Beatty-Adams, Everett Community College  
Region D Coordinator — Sarah Aschenbrenner, Walla Walla College  
Region E Coordinator — Eric Corp, Tacoma Community College

I would like to invite you to visit the STTACC website at [www.sttacc.net](http://www.sttacc.net). You can learn much about whom we are as the STTACC Community and the current Board members there. We are also looking to increase our presence on social media through our STTACC Facebook page, so please go to [www.facebook.com/STTACC](http://www.facebook.com/STTACC) and "like" us!!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year and can't wait until the next conference at LWTech next August!!

Sincerely,

*Kristine Horndt*

Kristine Horndt  
President - STTACC  
Everett Community College  
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## How can you get involved with STTACC?

### Facebook

Share your stories with us on Facebook, "Like" us and check in. Stay connected, view pictures, learn, laugh and explore STTACC on online.

[www.facebook.com/STTACC](http://www.facebook.com/STTACC)

### STTACC Chat

Become a contributor. We want your information. Expose the great things happening on your campus and find out what member colleges are up too. Send info to your college contact.

<http://sttacc.net/state-regions--contacts.html>





# 2015 - 2016 STTACC Board

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The STTACC Board meets during the year at different member colleges to conduct STTACC business and plan for the Annual Conference. The board meets at the host college in spring prior to the Annual Conference for final planning.

### 2015-16 Board Meetings

- November 6, 2015 – Everett Community College
- February, 19 2016 – Grays Harbor College
- May 20, 2016 – Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- August 10, 2016 – Pre-conference board meeting/dinner – Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- August 11 & 12, 2016 – STTACC Conference – Lake Washington Institute of Technology

For State Regions & College Contact information visit:

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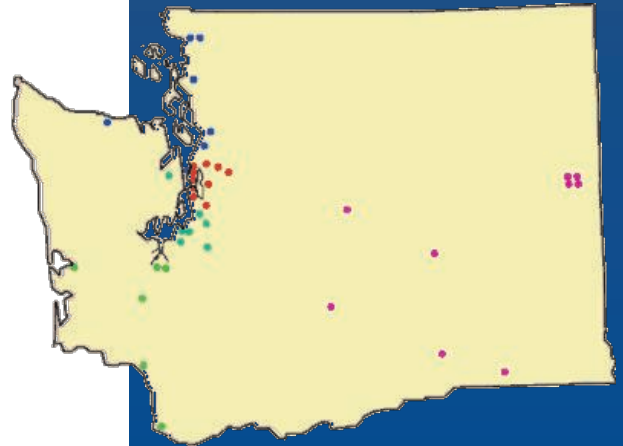


2014-15 STTACC Board

The STTACC Board is made up of Classified Staff employed at technical and community colleges throughout Washington State. From Spokane to Grays Harbor they volunteer their time to manage the business of running STTACC and planning annual events.

### There are three ways you can get involved with STTACC:

1. You can be a STTACC College Contact.
2. You can be a STTACC Region Coordinator representing a specific region. Region Coordinators are elected positions.
3. You can run for a STTACC Executive Board Office; elected positions President-Elect, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Communication Coordinator. Webmaster is an appointed position. The position of President is a transitional position.





**Exemplary Award Winners that attended the STTACC Annual Awards Dinner.**  
L to R: Janet Parker (Region A, Grays Harbor College), Mony Loeum (Region B, Lake Washington Institute of Technology) and Rhonda Sample (Region E, Bates Technical College)

## *Congratulations to our* **2015 Exemplary Award Winners**

STTACC Exemplary Staff Awards have been established to provide annual recognition of Community and Technical College Classified Staff. These distinguished awards will serve as an accolade to recognize one of the most critical attributes to successful institution.

**Region A: Janet Parker from Grays Harbor College**

**Region B: Mony Loeum, Lake Washington Institute of Technology**

**Region C: Raynette Parks, Skagit Valley Community College**

**Region D: Robin Arriaga, Big Bend Community College**

**Region E: Rhonda Sample, Bates Technical College**

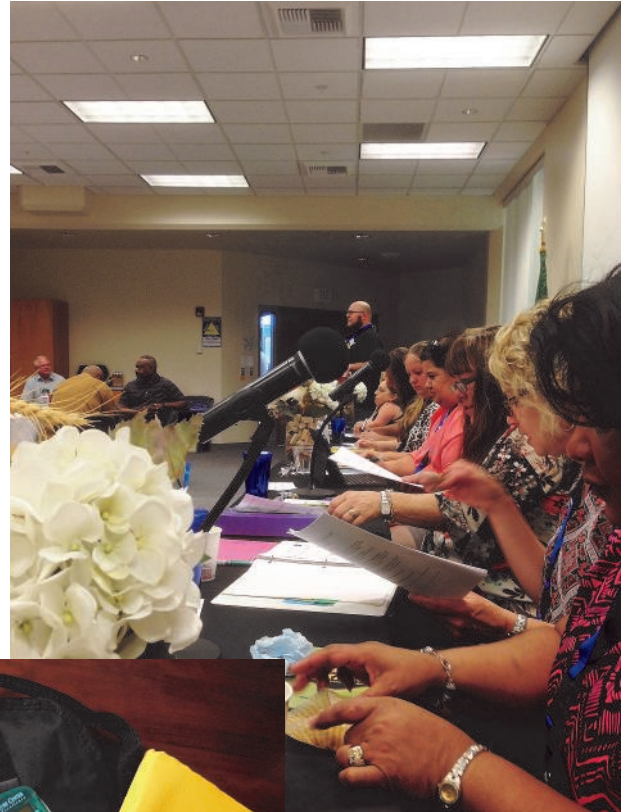




# 2015 STTACC Conference Photos



Keynote Speakers: Allyn and Rick Griffin



2014-15 STTACC Board



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# 2015 STTACC Conference Photos



Lunch entertainment by James Bogley.



A third of the raffle prizes donated by colleges from all over the state that were given out throughout the two-day event.







## 2015 STTACC Conference Photos



A bit of fun at the photo booth, during the awards banquet.



Tacoma Community College smiling their way through the conference. Above: Jeanne Ernst and Rich Langhorn. Below: Sean VanDommelen







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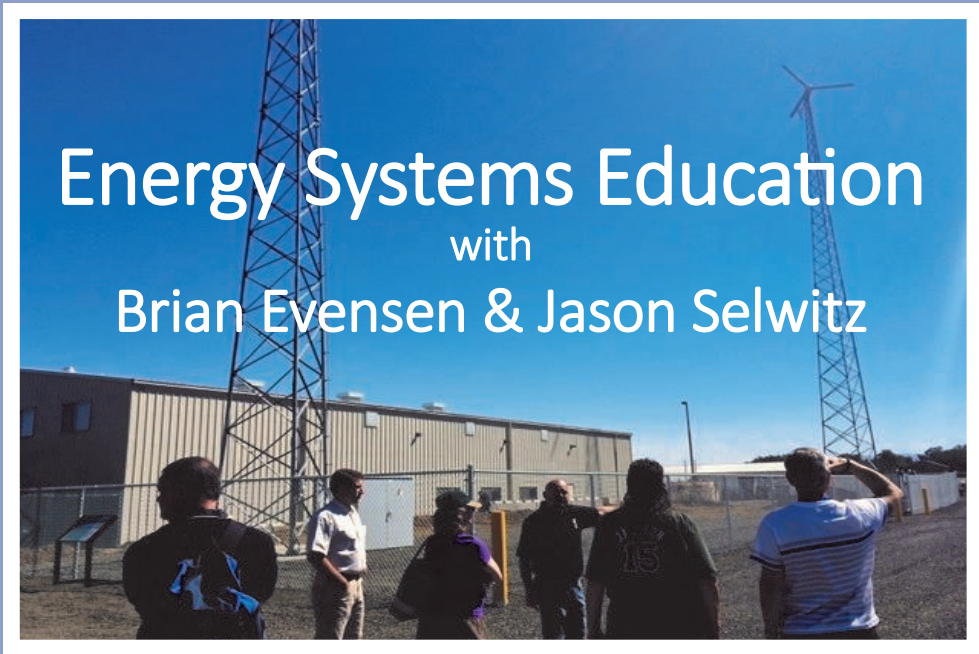
## Container Garden Design WITH DAVE STOCKDALE







# 2015 STTACC Conference Photos







# 2015 STTACC Conference Photos

## What's in the Water? with Melissa Holecek







## 2015 STTACC Conference Photos

# Enology & Viticulture Tour & Wine Tasting with Timothy Donahue



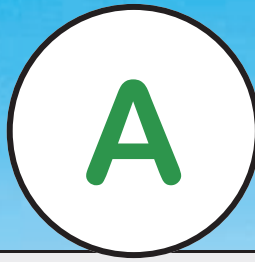
**Give us your feedback on this year's event.**

### Input Survey

This is your opportunity to let us know what you enjoyed about our event and what can we do to improve your experience. We are also interested in what type of training you would like to be offered in the future. Your input is valuable in planning next year's event. Deadline to submit your survey is September 14, 2015.

**Please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VS25H3G>**





**State Regions,  
Region Coordinators  
& College Contacts**

Did you ever wonder what region your college is in, or who to contact to give or receive information about STTACC events, college events and training resources?

The function of a region is to share ideas and to establish a communication network, assist in defining classified staff development regionally, furnish material to a newsletter and resource library once a quarter, and elect a regional coordinator who coordinates those activities.

Contact your Region Coordinator or College Contact for more information about what's happening in your area.

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## A Region A Colleges

*Submitted by Heidi Wood*  
**Grays Harbor College**

### **STTACC**

We would like to announce that Barb Crowell is the new Region A Coordinator.

### **Staff Development and Training Happenings**

Our Staff Development and Training Committee (SDTC) will soon be busy planning our next year of events for Grays Harbor College. SDTC Breakaway Day will be held August 13, 2015. This year we are heading to Astoria to visit the Maritime Museum, have lunch, and then visit our campus extension centers in Ilwaco and Raymond.

### **Wrap of for spring 2015**

Spring quarter, SDTC sponsored an All Staff Potluck/BBQ which had a great turn out. The classified staff quarterly award recipient was Anna Patrick. Door prizes were handed out.

### **Moving forward in 2016**

New possible committee members have been selected for 2016. We are waiting to see who have accepted the nomination. The new job assignments will be selected at our yearly planning day.



## B Region B Colleges

*Submitted by Pavy Thao*  
**Bellevue College**

A total of 11 Region B Classified Staff from Bellevue College joined in the fun at the "Thinking Outside the Box" conference in Walla Walla. We enjoyed workshop topics about updates on CPR, personal safety and how to create opportunities for professional growth. We also got to assemble our own plant arrangements at the container garden design workshop. Here's a group of us learning how to golf with a PGA Golf Pro!







## B Region B Colleges Continued

### *Submitted by Rhonda DeWitt* **Lake Washington Institute of Technology**

Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech) created an Engagement & Learning team this year that focuses on providing personal and professional development opportunities for all employees that support the mission and vision narratives of the college. This summer they kicked off a Wellness Challenge for all employees, and had 74 participants sign up! The focus was on creating a fun environment where employees could get to know one another and also focus on wellness together. It ran for 6 weeks and included Weekly Events hosted by staff and faculty on topics such as Goal Setting, Healthy Cooking Demo, Hydrotherapy, Circuit Training, and Creative Stress Relief through Mindfulness and Collage. It has created a sense of comradery and a bit of fun competition among colleagues.



Teams and committees across the college continue to collaborate to create quarterly trainings and in-services that cover a wide variety of topics such as: Assessment Teaching & Learning, Accessibility, Customer Service Best Practices, Diversity & Inclusion, Tools for Active & Engaged Learning, awareness of Veteran's with PTSD and more. They are also proud and excited to be dreaming up the theme and events for next year's STTACC Conference.







## 2016 STTACC Conference August 11th & 12th, 2016

Lake Washington Institute of Technology



*Next year, STTACC's Annual Conference will be held at Lake Washington Institute of Technology on August 11 & 12, 2016.*

*For more than 50 years, LWTech has served our community by providing students with innovative, high-demand workforce training options. Their main Kirkland campus is located ten miles east of Seattle. The Redmond campus is next to Marymoor Park. For more information about STTACC's Annual Conference email [board@sttacc.net](mailto:board@sttacc.net) or visit [www.sttacc.net](http://www.sttacc.net).*



## 2015-16 STTACC Chat Deadlines

Your input to the STTACC Chat publication is critical to the mission of this organization. Below are the quarterly deadlines to submit news about the professional development opportunities available at your campus. Articles may also include interesting facts about your college and photos. This your chance to share what is happening at your college.

### Articles are due to Region Coordinator

Please see pages 12-13 for your region contact information.

Fall Edition	September 11
Winter Edition	January 15
Spring Edition	April 8

Include the following in the subject line of the email:

1. Your college name
2. The words "STTACC Chat Article"