

Work Force Development Center



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WFDC Newsletter

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Congratulations Class of 2006



On May 17th almost 300 family members, individuals, school and elected officials as well as business partners and WFDC program supporters came to graduation to celebrate the success of the 46 students pictured above as they received their certificate of program completion.

WFDC in a Nut Shell

Providing vocational training to vulnerable youth, 16 to 21 years of age, WFDC offers

- students an opportunity to learn marketable skills increasing their potential for an economically improved future
- high school counselors an excellent vocational training option for students
- socially conscious businesses an avenue of outsource partnerships



Each year students are asked to submit designs for their class banner. Submitting this year's winning design is Levi Crabtree, Monroe High School. He received a \$50 Everett Mall gift certificate for his efforts. John Meaney, Student Services Director, unfurled and displayed the 2006 banner. Jake Jabilinske, NWRLC, and Michelle Eiseman, Inglemoor High School, each received a \$25 mall certificate for their entries. Making the presentation is David Trader, Executive Director (far left) while Board President Mike Whitmore and Stephanie Berntsen, Board member congratulate Levi on his efforts.

Welcome new Business Development staff.....



....**Liz Betbeze** had been working in the business management profession for over the past eight years. After deciding to make a change she took the opportunity to do something she had always dreamt of and back pack through Europe. After returning from a four month trip Liz was eager to find a bigger purpose in her daily work.

She was introduced to Work Force Development Center and after her first visit found her heart was with helping these students stay in school. Liz had moved out on her own when she was only sixteen years old and struggled to make ends meet while finishing high school. Realizing the difference it had made in her life to stick to it and get her high school diploma, Liz is devoted to helping the students of Work Force Development Center realize their own potentials. Liz has a genuine passion-filled desire to make a proactive difference in people's lives.

In her free time Liz is very active in her church and participates in the Big Brother Big Sister's program. She loves the outdoors and spending time with her Pug Diego.



....**Marty Markey** exuberantly joined Work Force Development Center in March of this year. After 15 years of various sales, marketing, and managerial experience in the corporate world, she is thrilled to join the non-profit arena and diversify WFDC's client base to include additional partnerships providing manufacturing and assembly outsourcing possibilities.

Marty moved to the beautiful Pacific Northwest 11 years ago. She lives with her children Zach, Alicia, and Liam, in Tacoma. Through the years Marty has been very active in her community as a volunteer with the Pediatric Interim Care Center, American Liver Association, FareStart, PTA, Girl Scouts of America, Washington State Youth Soccer Association, and in her children's classrooms. She and her children enjoy any and all outdoor adventures although soccer usually rules their weekends.

A lifelong learner, Marty saw the gift of giving children a chance that WFDC offers the students in Snohomish County and is excited to help change the world, one valuable person at a time.

From the President.....

Time Magazine's April 17th cover story reports some very shocking statistics – 30% of American high school students will not graduate. I became entranced as I read this on an airplane during a recent business trip. The story centers on one small town and how several students make life-changing decisions at age 14, 15, or 16. Then suddenly they find themselves in their mid-twenties trying to raise a family or buy a home. They face the reality that the decision to leave high school early impacted the rest of their lives. A teen might view leaving high school as a decision that frees them from the discipline of learning, when in fact that fateful decision inhibits their choices and their potential.

Work Force Development Center (WFDC) provides a safe, industry-certified environment for students to learn critical work/life skills. More than just a workplace, the program builds character, a sense of achievement, pride in work well done and recognition within our community. Alan Mullaly, President of Boeing's Commercial Airplane Division, invited the students on a VIP tour of the Boeing facility in Everett. They had a chance to tour the 777, 747 and other aircraft in development for world-wide customers and they saw components they assembled within the body of these aircraft. What a tremendous opportunity to see their own contributions for a world-class company!

The excitement about the program and the students at WFDC continues to grow as we have shared our vision with new prospects in aerospace, automotive, marine and other manufacturers. These firms share our passion for excellence and dedication to community service.

All of this boils down to the students and these ongoing questions – how can we help more teens finish high school? Can one person's achievement affect society? Can we teach joy in work and in accomplishment? These are the challenges for Work Force in 2006 and in the future.

Thank you to all who attended our graduation services on May 17th where our newest graduates shared their joy and accomplishments with all of us. They have dedicated themselves to graduating and this is a huge step for them into a world of limitless opportunity.

Mike Whitmore

John's Corner...

In this newsletter we recognize **Steffanie Johns** who received the Scriber Lake High School ACE award for the month of February of this year. ACE stands for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" and is sponsored by the Edmonds Exchange Club and she was presented the award at a breakfast that they sponsored.

The award recognizes those students who have shown significant improvement in their grades and general attitude. She had been nominated by one of her counselors and was voted the awardee by the staff of Scriber Lake.

Since she has been at WFDC she has done well with her grades in the classroom and has been able to very quickly learn the skills required in each area she has been assigned. She has exhibited a positive, cheerful attitude and a willingness to work past her required hours.

WELL DONE STEFFANIE!!



Seeking Additional Business Partners

Work Force Development Center (WFDC), as a nonprofit organization providing vocational opportunities to at-risk high school juniors and seniors, is always seeking additional community business partners to enhance training possibilities for our students. Through those partnerships with WFDC, our students are provided an opportunity to learn skills in a high-quality manufacturing center. Training in a certified Education and Assembly ISO 9001/2000 and AS9100B quality environment, our program sets a positive example of what "work and working together" can achieve. While learning valuable social and work ethics, students earn high school credits. Work Force Development Center currently provides the following services:



Painting	Assembly
Countersinking	Part Mark
Micro Shavings	Riveting
Safety Wiring	Seal and Bonding
Kitting & Packaging	

If your company is interested in learning more about the WFDC program and how you could become a part of it, please contact Liz -(425) 349-1800 ext. 231 or Marty -(425) 349-1800 ext. 230.

Do you know someone that would like to receive a copy of the WFDC Newsletter? Please contact Pat Bergsman at 425.349.1800 ext 229 or email: wfdc@wfdcenter.org.

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In January, thanks to former instructor Andy Novack, a VIP tour was arranged for our students by Boeing Presiden/CEO Alan Mulally. Our BCA Global Partners staff joined the tour and were available to answer the many student questions. Thank you Steve DeWater, Dennis Michael and Carey Severa. We appreciated your time and assistance to some very excited kids. Our thanks also to David Reese, Government Relations, for the excellent tour.

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graduation silent auction*

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