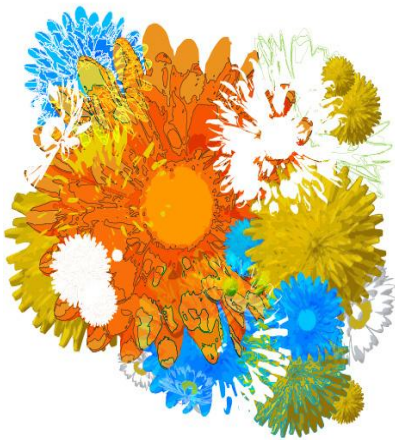


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PSSC's STRATEGIC PLAN

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Vision 2020 – Puget Sound Skills Center is in the midst of looking ten years forward to 2020 by consulting with Hagler and Associates, Boise, Idaho in a yearlong strategic planning process. To date, hundreds of PSSC stakeholders have been interviewed in person and via a web survey. Many of the PSSC students have had the chance to input their ideas as well. The data analysis process will continue on March 5th with staff and area leaders sifting through the various inputs. This process continues through the spring until five or six focus areas that constantly appear. The constant theme so far is PSSC is “Hidden in Plain Sight”. PSSC has been in existence for 43 years, yet many neighbors do not know we exist. Stay tuned as we implement the Strategic conversations and planning.



NEW PROGRAM COMING SOON

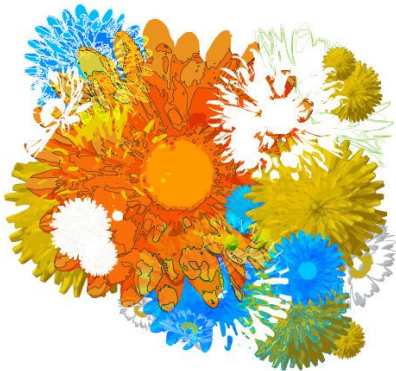
Highline Community College and PSSC have committed to a new relationship with a new program: Nursing Assistant: Certified. HCC will host a summer session for 20 students interested in a foundational health careers class: Introduction to Care Giving taught by HCC Registered Nurse Linda Harres. The class will feature college mentors and on-site training. An application process will start on April 1st. The first 20 students having a sincere interest in any health/medical field, a 2.5 GPA, are enrolled in a consortium high school and are at

least sixteen years old are eligible for this unique program. Starting fall 2010, the Nursing Assistant: Certified program will move to the PSSC campus. This new program is a result of a state High Demand Health grant which helps with the funding of needed supplies and materials. PSSC will be hiring a Registered Nurse this spring who will be the lead instructor. Applicants can apply through the Highline School District Human Relations Department this month.

Prospective Students-
March 10, Open House 5-7 PM at PSSC



MARIA WARDIAN: FORMER STUDENT



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I attended Puget Sound Skills Center in 2004/2005 as a senior from Highline High School. I was interested in film and video and I'd heard from my counselor that PSSC had a good course called Multimedia Information Technology taught by Mr. Etherington. In this program, I had a lot of freedom and flexibility to explore the world of film and video. I was able to use the many resources offered there and created a student made marketing video for PSSC, participated in a 6 month internship at Flicker and Blur, and received the WAVE scholarship. After PSSC, I

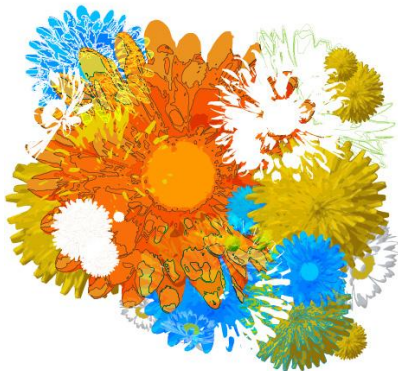
went onto taking the two-year film and video communications course at Seattle Central Community College and then finished my education at Evergreen State College to get a Bachelors of Arts Degree with an emphasis on Film and Video. Now 6 months after graduating, I have begun working as an assistant producer at Screaming Flea Productions where I am gathering and researching materials to be used for different A&E Biographies. I've been able to keep busy doing what I truly love to do of which I owe much thanks to PSSC in helping me discover how far I could go.

NEW YORK ADVENTURES!

The trip to New York was a great experience because we learned so much about the garment industry. We talked to many people that worked for big companies such as Ann Taylor, Seventeen Magazine, Textile Design Group, and Kenneth Cole, to name a few. We got to experience the businesses up close from people that do this work on a daily basis. While on this trip I learned that it is hard to get into the garment business, but

having an internship (like we do) is a key way to move further in your career. On this trip I also learned how to problem solve and maintain a positive attitude around the team members. I can honestly say that taking this trip was one of the best things I have done this year. I feel now more than ever that this is the industry I want to be a part of.

-Student, Fashion Design and Marketing



FASHION DESIGN & MARKETING HELPING OUT THE CAUSE!

When the Fashion class arrived to start on the new sewing unit for the end of the semester, a patchwork quilt didn't sound as useful for our fundraising auction as it did prior to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. As a group of young men and women from Puget Sound Skills Center preparing for college and career employment, they decided to do something to help with the victims of this tragic turn of events that their counterparts in Haiti may not be able to experience. On the news, we saw Haitians carrying what few items they had in buckets and plastic bags. An idea came to us on how we could combine school and community service. For the past week the students have been using their basic sewing, teaming, and pattern making skills to work by assembling tote bags for Haitians. The beautiful, yet durable fabric was donated from our internship site, TRAMMELL-GAGNE at the Seattle Design Center. The tote bags are complete and ready to ship to Haiti and the local businesses donated toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products to fill the bags. Once again schools and community working together, teaching, learning, helping!

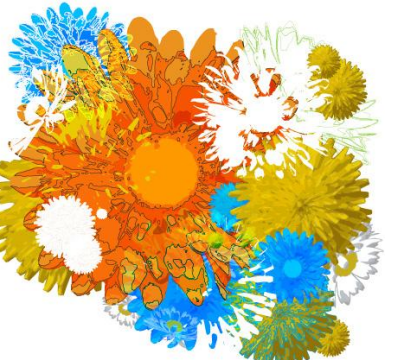
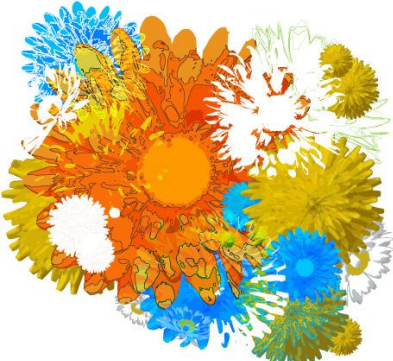
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THOUGHTS FROM THEIR INTERNSHIP SITE...

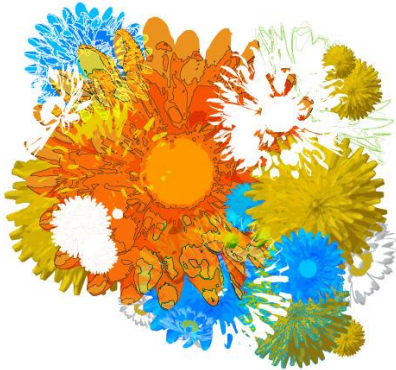
What wonderful youth must be working at Puget Sound Skills Center. It is very nice to know that they have put our donated fabric samples to such great use. The kudos go to you and your students. How wonderful that they are making a difference in the lives of a few Haitians.

With Warm Regards,
Tom Hunter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- February 12-16th ... Mid-Winter Break- No PSSC
- March 5th ... Online Assignment- No PSSC
- March 10th ... Open House 5-7pm @ PSSC
- April 2nd ... Online Assignment- No PSSC
- April 2nd ... End of 3rd Quarter
- April 5-9th ... Spring Break- No PSSC

***STUDENT OF THE QUARTER: 2ND QUARTER
CONGRATULATIONS!***

- Automotive Tech... Oscar Islas-Padilla & Cody Flodin
- Auto Body Tech... Jedidiah Hilmo
- Computer Network Systems... William Pitts & Keanu Shrinski
- Construction Tech... Bailey Bowell & Ke’Juan Taylor
- Criminal Justice... Yves Maganya & Valier Velez
- Culinary Arts... Kimberly Schlosser, Matt Rodarte, Eddy Brito, Theresa Bullock,
& Duc Nguyen
- Dental Assisting... Danielle Eagloski & Tiah Eskidsen
- DigiPen Animation... Katie Pfeilschiefter & Nathan Trotter
- DigiPen Programming... Kenai Whitney & Gabriel Tuliau
- Digital Media Production... Vanessa Martinez & Alex Matthews
- Engineering Design... Mathew Russell & Kim Salter
- Environmental & Marine Science... Jeanny Jackson & Amanda Schiripo
- Fashion Design & Marketing... Ryan Langan & Patricia Lizarras
- Fire Services... Alicia McAlvey & Heath Ballstaedt
- Leadership & Management... Ashley Smith & Mercedes Carillo
- Translation & Interpretation... Maria Nava & Emilia Ruiz
- Welding Careers... Kevin Narverud

