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## **Failing Forward**

#### A Winding road

It took Kelli Ward a while to settle into a rhythm at Peninsula College. In 2005, she attended the Running Start program but didn't do very well. As a care-free teenager, she couldn't handle the freedom and additional responsibility of college. She earned poor



Kelli Ward, Peninsula College Alumn

grades and ultimately was put on academic suspension. She was told she wouldn't graduate from high school. "This consequence did not sit well with me, so I took nine classes at the high school during my last semester in order to graduate, and I succeeded," says Kelli.

In spring of 2007, she returned to Peninsula College and was placed on probation because of her poor grades from two years before. Working two jobs at the time, to pay her own way, and taking on a full academic schedule proved too much for her, so she withdrew.

Kelli returned for yet a third try at college in the fall of 2008, this time with the added responsibility of raising her daughter. Still on academic probation and now a new mother, she had to withdraw from one of her classes. She knew it was time to make some tough decisions, so she decided to quit her job to devote her full attention to her daughter and studies. This wise decision proved to be a positive turning point in her life.

By the fall of 2009, Kelli found the Administrative Office Systems (AOS) program, and it seemed like a good fit for her. She enrolled in an accounting class but quickly learned that accounting was not a match for her abilities. Instead of dropping accounting, she replaced it with a criminal justice class.

#### This is where it all turns around, right?

No. Because Kelli transferred into the program three weeks after the guarter began, she was behind in her studies, but when she decided to drop the class, it was too late, and ultimately she received a zero. The result was another academic suspension. After appealing for an early reinstatement of financial aid, she embarked on a new path of the Administrative Assistant Specialization in the AOS program. Kelli's appeal was approved but her cumulative GPA was not high enough to qualify for financial aid.

#### **Failing Forward**

What Kelli was doing is precisely the focus of John C. Maxwell's celebrated book, Failing Forward: Turning Mistakes into Stepping Stones for Success. Kelli was making her way through the obstacles that came with life experiences, but rather than becoming discouraged, she became inspired, moved forward in her pursuits, and ultimately achieved her goals.

#### People make the difference

Kelli experienced many delays in obtaining her degree, but credits PC advisors Sherry Sparrowk and Kate Reavey with helping her conquer those obstacles: "Not only did they provide guidance, but they stood behind me as my advocates when I needed support to continue pursuing my degree."

Kelli admits taking the steps to overcome these obstacles to success taught her to be persistent and determined. "If I didn't push back, I would not be where I am at today. PC was very willing to hear me out and work with me, and my advisors believed in me to the point of backing me up when I needed them. The staff at PC proved to me that they are invested in the success of their students, which is treatment that would be hard to get at a larger college," stated Kelli.

#### Back on track

Kelli worked hard to save the money to pay for a quarter at PC on her own and raised her GPA so she could meet the requirements for financial aid. She was back on track. Kelli qualified for the Presidents List and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.71 that guarter. She had clearly found her path.

When Kelli met with her program advisor, Sherry Sparrowk, to discuss the upcoming academic year, Sparrowk never lost faith in Kelli: "I met with Kelli many times as she worked her way through the reinstatement process. She never wavered from her goal to excel and to graduate."

#### **Opportunity knocks**

A month before graduation, Kelli was provided an opportunity that would change her life. She was recruited by Platypus Marine, Inc., and hired as a Sales Associate to re-create their website and assist in the development of marketing materials. She was quickly promoted to Assistant to the CEO before advancing to her current role of Special Projects Coordinator. As the Special Projects Coordinator, her main focus is government relations. "I've now worked for Platypus for almost three years, and truly believe if I hadn't been attending PC, my employer wouldn't have found me," says Kelli. "I was hired at Platypus about a month before I graduated, so this is the only job I've had that relies on the degree I earned."

Kelli realizes the strong ties between college and businesses in the community: "The CEO of Platypus Marine, along with many other local business owners I'm sure, regularly looks to the college for potential employees. Through my program advisor, my hard work and experience led her to recommend me for the position which I've already been promoted from twice in less than three years," notes Kelli. Couple this with the determination to overcome obstacles and anything is possible.

#### The finish line

Kelli graduated in June 2012 with an Associate of Arts in Applied Science degree in Administrative Office Systems with two specializations: Medical and Administrative Assistant. "Graduation was a proud day for me knowing I had really earned it and really had to work for it!" says Kelli.

## **Programs at a Glance**

www.pencol.edu/Programs

## **College Transfer**

Two-year degrees that transfer to almost any major college:

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Arts Honors
- Associate in Business
- Associate in Elementary Education
- Associate in Math Education
- Associate in Science

### **Bachelor of Science**

Earn your four-year degree right here at PC either online or face-to-face. The Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management program is designed to enable applicants with AAS, AAS-T, AA, and AS degrees to combine their lower-division technical or transfer preparation, regardless of the discipline, with upper-division credits in business management, resulting in a practical, application-oriented, four-year degree.

 Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management

## **Transition Programs**

Been away from school for a while? PC has programs to get you on track to a college degree:

- Adult Basic Skills/GED
- English as a Second Language
- Continuing Education
- Learning Center
- Tutoring

## **Career Training**

Degrees to change or enhance your career. Professional Technical programs offer Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Applied Science – Transfer and short-term certificates.

#### **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Addiction Studies
- Administrative Office Systems
- Advanced Manufacturing -Composites Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Alternative Fuels Program
- Business Administration
- Commercial Driver's License
- Computer Applications Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity and Computer Forensics
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Energy and Innovation Entrepreneurship Program
- Energy Efficiency
- Family Life Education
- Food Service Management
- Green Building
- Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- Information Technology
- Medical Assistant
- Multimedia Communications
- Nursing
- Nursing Assistant Certificate
- Welding

## **University Partners**

Earn your Bachelor's degree on the Peninsula with one of **our university partners**:

- Central Washington University
- City University
- Evergreen State College
- Old Dominion University
- Western Washington University/ Huxley

## Community and Business Education

PC offers a variety of classes to refresh your business skills as well as enhance your lifestyle:

- All of the Arts, including pottery wheel throwing, watercolors and quilting
- Computers/Technology, including web design, social media and home computer security
- Health and Wellness
- Job Training/Professional, including Flagging and Medical Billing & Coding
- Language and Culture

## **Entrepreneur Institute**

The Entrepreneur Institute provides timely and targeted entrepreneurial training, offering classes, workshops, and seminars targeted to a variety of different experience levels. Access additional business development resources throughout the region to provide comprehensive support.

#### Business courses include:

- Business Plan Intensive
- Employee to Entrepreneur
- Web Marketing
- Financial Matters

Now accepting applications for the Nursing and Medical Assisting Programs!

Deadline for the Nursing program is May 1, 2015. For details, visit: http://pencol.edu/proftech/nursing

Deadline for the Medical Assisting program is June 1, 2015. For details, visit: http://pencol.edu/proftech/medical-assisting

## 7 Steps to Get Started at PC

discoverpc.pencol.edu **Discover PC** Explore the programs and degrees Peninsula College offers.

www.pencol.edu/GetStarted Apply / Reapply Apply online or in person (Clock Tower Building D). There is no application fee.

www.pencol.edu/Financial/Apply-for-aid Find Money Plan ahead and do this at the same time as steps 1-7. Applying for financial aid and scholarships is a process, not a single step.

www.pencol.edu/Admissions/Testing-Center **Take Placement Test** To enroll in classes, an evaluation of your skills is necessary. Take the test and/or submit transcripts for review.

www.pencol.edu/Advising/Orientation **Get Oriented** New students must participate in the online orientation. Check out the flipbook!

www.pencol.edu/Advising **Advise and Register** Meet with an advisor to create your roadmap for success and register for classes.

www.pencol.edu/Financial/Payment-Options **Pay Tuition** Make sure to pay on time. Missing the due date will mean missing out on the classes you registered for.

## Which quarter do you want to start?

Desired Start Quarter:	Apply to PC Before:	Complete Financial Aid File  No Later Than:
Spring 2015	March 2014	February 27, 2015
Summer 2015	May 2015	May 1, 2015

## Peninsula College Locations Serving the North Olympic Peninsula and Beyond!

Port Angeles Main Campus Forks Campus



(360) 452-9277 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd. Port Angeles, WA 98362



(360) 374-3223 481 S. Forks Avenue Forks, WA 98331

Port Townsend Campus



(360) 385-4605 Fort Worden State Park 200 Battery Way Port Townsend, WA 98368

Online



www.pencol.edu/GetStarted

Classes also available in Sequim and Port Hadlock. Call the main campus for more information.

## **Apply for Financial Aid**

Applying for financial aid is a PROCESS - not a single step. It is also about dates and deadlines. To start the process, visit <a href="https://www.pencol.edu/Financial/Apply-for-aid">www.pencol.edu/Financial/Apply-for-aid</a>.

#### You will need to:

- Complete the FAFSA and list PC as your college.
- Login to the Student Financial Aid Portal: www. pencol.edu/financial/student-financial-aid-portal (Step 3 on page 4).
- · Complete PC's Financial Aid Data Sheet.

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#### Submit Your FAFSA

The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) process opens January 1. File as early as possible for maximum benefits every year!

- Create a FAFSA PIN: www.pin.ed.gov
- Go to <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> and fill out the FREE application.
- Look for your Student Aid Report in the mail/email.
   Call 1.800.4.FEDAID if you need it resent.

The FAFSA opens before most people can complete their taxes. Submit it early, then add information as it becomes available.

## **Financial Aid Follow-Up**

- Check application status at the Financial Aid Portal: <a href="https://www.fas.ctc.edu/portal4/?col=220">https://www.fas.ctc.edu/portal4/?col=220</a>
- Complete the PC Financial Aid Data Sheet online: Log into the Financial Aid Portal and a link will be available under "Information We Need From You."
- Respond to any other requests, all listed in the Financial Aid Portal under "Information We Need From You."

## **Apply for Scholarships**

#### Plan ahead... it is never too early to start!

 Create a profile at <u>www.theWashBoard.org</u>, a free web-based scholarship clearinghouse for Washington State students. It includes not only PC scholarships but external scholarships as well.

**DON'T FORGET:** PC scholarship application season is usually the end of January through April for the following academic year.

#### 2014-2015 Tuition & Fees

Credits	Resident	Nonresident	Resident Baccalaureate	Nonresident Baccalaureate
1	\$126.74	\$139.74	\$265.35	\$278.35
2	\$246.48	\$272.48	\$523.70	\$549.70
3	\$366.22	\$405.22	\$782.05	\$821.05
4	\$485.96	\$537.96	\$1,040.40	\$1,092.40
5	\$605.70	\$670.70	\$1,298.75	\$1,363.75
6	\$725.44	\$803.44	\$1,557.10	\$1,635.10
7	\$845.18	\$936.18	\$1,815.45	\$1,906.45
8	\$964.92	\$1,068.92	\$2,073.80	\$2,177.80
9	\$1,084.66	\$1,201.66	\$2,332.15	\$2,449.15
10	\$1,204.40	\$1,334.40	\$2,590.50	\$2,720.50
11	\$1,267.39	\$1,398.08	\$2,610.38	\$2,741.07
12	\$1,330.38	\$1,461.76	\$2,630.26	\$2,761.64
13	\$1,393.37	\$1,525.44	\$2,670.02	\$2,802.78
14	\$1,456.36	\$1,589.12	\$2,556.02	\$2,688.78
15	\$1,519.35	\$1,652.80	\$2,689.90	\$2,823.35

\*Tuition includes a student self-assessed building fee of \$2.90 per credit, fitness fee of \$2.00 per credit, a \$8.00 tech fee per credit and a \$7.00 bus pass fee. Additional fees may apply.

## **Opportunity Pathways**

Through Opportunity Pathways, Washington State provides a variety of financial aid programs to help students and their families pay for college. For more information regarding state support visit:

http://sbctc.edu/college/studentsvcs/2013-14\_statesupportletter.pdf
This information is provided by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WASAC) as
required by BCW 288 10 044



#### VETERANS PRIORITY REGISTRATION AND RESOURCES

Veterans and National Guard Members can participate in Veterans Priority Registration. Peninsula College also offers additional veteran's resources. **Find out if you qualify at www.pencol.edu/Veterans** 

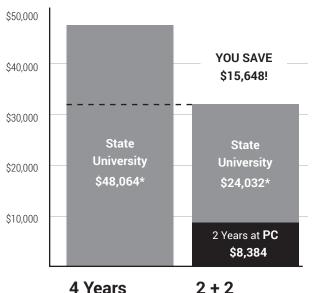
AFFORDABLE.

Did you know?

1 year at PC is about one-third of the tuition when compared to a four-year university.

## **Bachelor's degree at PC = Savings for YOU!**

Save money by attending PC for two years and earn your Associates degree before transferring to a university for a Bachelor's degree. Savings means less debt when you start your career after college. Manage your time and your money – start planning for your future now!



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\* The tuition average between University of Washington (\$12,396) and Washington State University (\$11,636), Calculations based on full time credit hours during the academic year.

at a state university

2 Years at PC +

2 Years at a state university

Want to learn more facts and figures? Visit www.pencol.edu/aboutpc/facts-figures

## Earn your high school diploma and your associate degree at the same time!

#### What is Running Start Program?

The Running Start Program enables eligible high school students to enroll simultaneously in high school and college classes, or solely in college classes. It offers junior and senior high school students the opportunity to take college-level courses and earn college credits while completing high school graduation requirements. For more information, visit www.pencol.edu/Running-Start.



Running Start Students: Emma Moseley, Hunter Hathaway, Brianna Kettel

# **Running Start Information Sessions**

Join us for an informational meeting on our Main Campus in Port Angeles. Three dates to choose from:

Wednesday, February 18 Maier Hall Performance Hall. E125

Thursday, March 12 Maier Hall Performance Hall, E125

Thursday, April 16 Keegan Hall Lecture Hall, M125

6:30 pm Campus Tour 7:00 pm Presentation and panel discussion

An informational meeting will be held in Forks on: Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 pm in Room 101.

#### Port Townsend:

An informational meeting will be held in Port Townsend: Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 pm in Room D.

For more information, please contact Cindy Lauderback at clauderback@pencol.edu or (360) 417-6341.

# FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

#### FERPA is a federal law that protects students'

- Right to inspect and review educa-
- Right to seek the amendment of educaton records
- Right to consent to the disclosure of education records, and
- Right to obtain a copy of the school's FERPA policy.
- For complete written policies and guidelines, please contact Student Services at (360) 417-6340.

## Join a Community of Scholars: The Peninsula College Honors Program



The Peninsula College Honors Program brings together students motivated to achieve academic success. Together, they move toward completion of their AA or AS degree requirements in a series of Honors seminars that allow

them to explore the evolution of American political discourse, the foundations of knowledge, and sustainability in the 21st century. At the same time, Honors students pursue their own unique interests as they develop and complete an Honors Project, an outcome that demonstrates their capabilities as students. Through this program of study, students prepare themselves for lifelong success in continued study, a career, and community engagement.

For more information on the Honors Program and its application process, visit http://pencol.edu/honors-program

## Engage in Global Debates: Take a Special Linked Speech and Global Issues Class



In this era of globalization, there are many issues that transcend borders and affect the common fate of humanity, such as human rights, democratization, international trade, global crime and disease, and environmental issues. In this interdisciplinary

course, Professors Ritu Lauer and Lara Starcevich explore a variety of current events and, through rational argumentation and persuasive speaking techniques, exercise each student's ability to express their point of view through a series of stimulating speech contexts. Search for CMST&220: Public Speaking and SOCSI 101: Global Issues on the online class schedule: classes.pencol.edu.

For more information on this class, contact Dr. Lauer at rlauer@pencol.edu or Dr. Starcevich at lstarcevich@pencol.edu.

## NEW - CNC Machining and Composites Recycling Classes



In today's Advanced Technology
– Composites industry environment, there's an increasing
demand for people who can
program and troubleshoot
CNC (computer numerically
controlled) machines and have
knowledge of reclamation and

recycling of advanced composite materials. If you want to be part of a growing field that needs trained personnel, Peninsula College can help you get the start you need. Enroll now! Go to classes.pencol.edu to register.

ADMFG 141: Introduction to CNC Programming
ADMFG 142: Advanced CNC Programming
ADMFG 143: Advanced Materials Machining
COMP 220: Introduction to Composites Recycling

For more information, please contact Maitland Peet, Program Coordinator, Advanced Manufacturing – Composites Technology at mpeet@pencol.edu or (360) 417-6336.

### Microsoft Office Specialist Certification Now Available



Peninsula College is now part of the Washington State Library Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification Pilot which allows us to offer the MOS Certification exams to students, staff, and community members. Proficiency in

Microsoft Office Products is the third most requested job skill by employers. These exams demonstrate mastery of Microsoft Office Products by earning professional credentials which are globally recognized standards for digital literacy and desktop computing proficiency.

For more information and test preparation materials, please contact the Testing Center at (360) 417-6346.



## **Need Money for College to Re-Train for Work?**

If you're a dislocated worker, a displaced homemaker, formerly self-employed, eligible veteran, vulnerable worker, or previously laid off and are now making 80% of your former wage, you may qualify for worker retraining. The Worker Retraining (WRT) program provides funding to enter approved training programs and receive related support services, including financial aid, career advising, educational planning, and referral to training resources. Peninsula College will assist eligible students with the funding of tuition and fees, books, childcare, and program-specific supplies.

If you think you qualify or wonder whether you do, please contact Rachel Lee at rlee@pencol.edu or (360) 417-6390.



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