

What's New @ GRCC???

The Welcome Center!

By Timothy Anderson

http://www.greenriver.edu/welcome_center/

In line with Green River's commitment to student success, Green River opened a brand new Welcome Center that incorporates all new student services in one easy stop. The Welcome Center is a multi-functional center which helps eliminate some of the frustrations that incoming students face. Our staff is here to support students and community members with information, resources and services at Green River Community College. Services include: Admissions, Assessment and Testing, Campus Tours, General information, kiosks for registering online, and New Student entry advising

The Welcome Center takes the "bouncing around" out of getting started at college. We have included entry advising, students establish a firm foundation in the enrollment process and to help take the fear out of getting started at college.

The building is named in honor of Kent resident Dan Zgolinski, a long time Green River supporter who provided a major portion of funding for the project. A WWII veteran and career employee with Sears, Zgolinski never had the opportunity to go to college himself. Like Green River Community College, Mr. Zgolinski believes that every student should have access to a college education.

Program Spotlight: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

By Sabah Jabbouri

<http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/gis/>

Remember when Microsoft Office first came out in the 80s? If you were to ask the average person then if they use Microsoft Office or even know its purpose, they would be unfamiliar with it. Today, the same scenario is true for GIS Spatial Technology. Not many people know what GIS (Geographic Information Systems), or Geospatial Technology is. GIS Geospatial Technology is the technology of the 21st Century.

Geospatial Technology (GST) is fascinating in that it links databases to actual location on earth. It provides a visual representation of the data with respect to location. Geospatial Technology consists of three important components: Remote Sensing, GPS, and GIS. All three components play an essential role in facilitating a visual representation of the data.

In the near future, students, employees, businesses, hospitals, and individuals will be dependent on GST on a daily basis. We are already using GST in countless ways. That is how MapQuest, Microsoft Virtual Earth or Google Earth work. As GST advances, it will progress from a mere tool to become a multidiscipline science. In fact, just recently I learned that Microsoft and ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) are collaborating to develop a Geospatial Technology application for Homeland Security to effectively help protect citizens, prevent and solve crime, and enhance counterterrorism.

The GIS Department now offers three programs: a nine-month GIS Certificate Program, a two-year GIS AAS Degree, and a joint two year GIS/Natural Resources AAS Degree. In all programs students have the opportunity to conduct their final project in the field that interests them including, but not limited to: business administration, environmental science, geology, health, engineering, ecology, journalism, political science, criminal justice, homeland security, nonprofit organization, and Natural Resources.

Now you know... GRCC Kent Campus

Green River Community College's Kent Campus is a full-service satellite campus conveniently located in downtown Kent. It offers some of the most up-to-date and relevant educational programs available. Classes are aimed at providing the student with a strong core foundation for the future. Students who need to complete GED's or who have been away from school, will feel very comfortable in this small and supportive environment. Located in the Kent Station there is ample parking and employment opportunities for the students. So whether you are a running start, a newly graduated or returning student, Kent Campus is a great campus to earn your degree!

Did you know?

The GRCC Outreach team would be glad to provide presentations to classes, advisory groups or clubs. We can also work with our faculty to find just the right guest speaker. Call 253.288.3395 to schedule a guest speaker today.

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Gator Tracks:

GRCC Events and Dates to remember

- 11/13 New Student Registration for Winter Quarter Begins
- 12/5-7/08 Play: The Odd Couple
- 12/12-27 Play: Miracle on 34th Street (times/days vary)
- 1/27/09 Faculty Lecture Series Steve Kinholt (Math) Presents Using Tablet Computers to Teach Math
- 1/5 Winter Quarter begins
- 2/4/09 Faculty Lecture Series: Glen Martin (Carpentry) Presents Learning Together While Rebuilding a Home: Carpentry Students in Hurricane Katrina Country

Outreach Events:

- 12/4 & 6 Les Schwab Tipoff Classic @ Bellevue High School
- 12/5 Collins HS @ GRCC
- 12/9 GRCC Pledge Night on KCTS9
- 12/11 Enumclaw Campus Financial Aid Night
Information Table @ Chief Leschi School
WVWE Presentation
- 12/12 GRCC @ West Auburn Mini-College Fair
- 12/16 New Start Alternative School Presentation
- 1/8 Presentation Chief Leschi School
- 1/13 Mini College Fair @ Kent Phoenix Academy
- 1/14 Presentation @ Auburn Mountainview High School
- 1/15 Children's Home Society
- 1/19 Holiday Hoopfest @ UW Hec Ed Pavilion
- 1/22 Mt. Rainer HS Lunch Visit
- 1/24 Money for College Financial Aid Event Main Campus
- 1/29 Tukwilla Rotary Presentation

More information on these and other GRCC events can be found at: http://www.trumba.com/calendars/events_cal

