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**Monitoring Report
on Cultural Enrichment**

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**Institutional Research & Planning
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BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MISSION

The mission of Big Bend Community College is to serve the educational needs of a diverse population throughout its service district. As a comprehensive two-year community college, the institution works with its partners to provide a variety of educational opportunities, including:

- courses and training for university and college transfer
- occupational and technical programs
- basic skills and developmental education
- community and continuing education
- pre-employment and customized training for local business and industry
- support services for students

GOALS

The college provides learning opportunities that include:

- critical thinking and problem solving
- computation
- communication
- workplace skills and values
- awareness and sensitivity to cultural diversity
- arts enrichment and cultural activities

ENDS STATEMENT E-6 CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

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**Executive Summary
BBCC Cultural Enrichment
January 2004**

Cultural Enrichment

Cultural enrichment at Big Bend Community College encompasses those regional activities that celebrate diversity in language, art, history, music, customs and origins of our residents and visitors to the BBCC service district. The college will sponsor, co-sponsor and encourage the planning and conduct of these activities. As a result of all such activities students, staff, and community members will report an increased awareness of diversity in the district; they will also report attendance at and/or participation in cultural enrichment activities.

Students

Cultural enrichment activities are offered through many avenues. This year ASB tied their “lunch fests” to cultural experiences, greatly increasing attendance at the events. The Swing Choir also performs quarterly during lunch.

ABE/ESL and related programs link their learning to multiple cultural experiences. They honor various ethnicities while helping their students explore new cultures.

College Bound and Student Support Services encourage their students to expand their cultural awareness by providing tickets to performing art events or taking them to plays, and this year a Pow Wow.

Fine and Performing Arts

BBCC and Columbia Basin Allied Arts sponsor many musical performances which students and the community attend. Handel’s Messiah, featuring the Community Orchestra, Community Choir and the Swing Choir is well attended. The Seattle Opera was attended by approximately 300.

Faculty and Staff

Individual faculty involvement with cultural and fine art events brings the experience to the classroom. Rie Palkovic encourages her students to participate in art shows. Pat Patterson’s musical enthusiasm encourages student participation ranging from a Mariachi Band to the Swing Choir to the Community Orchestra.

Cultural Enrichment Assessment

Two separate assessments will be integrated into our assessment plans this year to help us understand the impact of cultural events on all of our students. On the Winter Enrollment Questionnaire two new questions will be added:

- *Have you attended an Ethnic or Cultural activity since you’ve been enrolled at BBCC? (such as a musical performance, an art exhibit, a poetry reading, a lecture, an ethnic cultural experience, cultural cuisine or other)* Yes/No
- *If yes, did it enhance your cultural awareness?* Yes/No

The second assessment will be a two question assessment given at each event. The form will be adapted to meet ABE/ESL needs so their feedback will be obtained.

Big Bend Community College Cultural Enrichment Activities	
Student Involvement	
HAAP	Hispanic Academic Achievement Program recognizes the achievements of Hispanic Students. MariAnne Zavala-Lopez, Counselor, and Bonnie Russell, Outreach Advisor, provided BBCC information at the event in May '03.
Japanese Agriculture Training Program	At the end of the two-year program for Japanese Ag Trainees, the trainees have a "Japanese Evening." They dance, give a martial arts demonstration, sing and perform skits for the community. They also, with the help of Sodexho, cook some traditional Japanese food. Approximately 75-100 attend this event.
	Trainees go into the community for home visits.
International Student Activities	International students have a pumpkin carving experience where they carve their own pumpkins.
	International students attend the Autumn Leaf Festival in Leavenworth. This trip is used to emphasize the many cultures of the United States.
Student Involvement	Beginning on March 12, 2004, there will be a student art show at the MAC.
Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language/Related Programs	
ABE/ESL Students	ASB Events are more widely attended.
ABE/ESL Cultural Celebrations	Several cultural celebrations are held throughout the year that include Thanksgiving, End of Year Celebration, Back to School Celebration (where every child receives a backpack and school supplies) and Christmas. Othello's ESL class studied Thanksgiving and created a complete Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. The Christmas Celebration in Mattawa had 130 in attendance and featured hands-on learning activities for the kids, ethnic food, and Christmas carols in Spanish.
	In Summer '03 a very accomplished Scottish dancer in full Scots regalia, sang, danced and answered questions for students.
Citizenship Class	BBCC is offering a Citizenship Class to assist those who speak English as a second language. The curriculum focuses not only on the "100 questions" but on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and what it means to be a citizen.
ESL Students	The ESL program develops internships and job shadowing opportunities for their students, assisting them with their integration into the larger community.

Family Literacy Project	Two family literacy projects in Mattawa and Royal City have served 22 families over three years. The program provides ESL instruction, Early Childhood Education, Parent Education and Home Visits to work with parents and their children with learning activities.
Farm Worker Program	Farm workers are trained in automotive, computers, and welding.
Gear-Up Dive into Science	Gear Up Dive into Science was held at the Moses Lake Aquatic Center. The activities focused on science experiments and water safety. Many who attended had never been to a pool before. Approximately 150 attended from Moses Lake, Warden, Soap Lake, Mattawa and Royal City.
Gear-Up with CWU & WSU	Gear Up is a program for middle school students in Royal City, Mattawa, Othello, Warden, Soap Lake, and Moses Lake. Middle school students and their parents are engaged in activities that encourage them to think about post-secondary education options and help them in school to get the basic education fundamentals required for higher education. Campus visits for the families are arranged with financial aid workshops in Spanish and English, planning for college sessions, and tours of the campus. Willie Lopez, an inspirational speaker, spoke about the challenges of Mexican Americans.
Medical Office Class for Spanish speakers	The class is held in Mattawa for Spanish speakers.
MEES Project	This program partners with a program in McAllen, Texas. Four staff members will travel to McAllen in January to visit their program, meet students who will travel to Warden during the summer, share assessment information and share an on-line ESL program that a BBCC instructor has developed.
Migrant Even Start Program	Each program serves 15 Mexican families in Mattawa and Royal City who migrate each year to work in agriculture. Families have the same opportunities as the Even Start program with a greater emphasis on learning "technology" so that learning on-line is available to them as they travel. Technology is taught in Spanish to increase understanding.
Partnership with CWU to provide a mobile Tech Van	Basic computer classes are offered in Spanish one evening a week from November through May in Royal City, Mattawa, and Othello. Students create children's books that feature their family stories in Spanish or English.
Spanish CDL Class	BBCC is currently offering a CDL class in Spanish. Opportunities Industrialization Center, SkillSource and the CDL instructor recruited students for the class.
WorkFirst ESL Class	This class takes field trips to grocery stores, the court house, libraries, post office, banks, the Grant County Fair, to learn more about U.S. systems.
WorkFirst GED Class	Students make children's books, volunteer at the Food Bank, Senior Citizen Center, and make Christmas tree decorations for the Convalescent Center.

College Bound/Student Support Services	
College Bound	College Bound provides cultural and new experiences for their students. During this year, their students attended a Tutximepu Pow-Wow in November, had dinner at the Spaghetti Factory and attended "A Christmas Story" at the Civic Theatre, went ice skating, and completed a community service project. During the summer, students participate in numerous activities including dance lessons, a Mariners game, a visit to Pike Place Market and many more.
Student Support Services (SSS)	SSS provides many cultural experiences for their students which include tickets to the ASB sponsored Stir Fry Fest and the Seattle Opera. Students will also be able to attend Beauty Lou and the Country Beast with their children.
ASB/Clubs/Multicultural Enhancement	
ASB sponsored Cultural Events	<p>ASB sponsored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Black History Month Speaker will be Edgar Hargrow, speaking on Martin Luther King, Jr. *Suzanne Griffith spoke about life in Afghanistan <p>Lunch Fests now tie in more cultural experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Canadian Folk Duo performed at the Chocolate Fest *Taco Fest with a Mariachi Band *Stir Fry Fest with Japanese Taeko drummers *Pasta Fest with bass and cello musicians
Cultural Heritage Fair	<p>Our May 2003 Cultural Heritage Fair was attended by approximately 250 people from the college and community. Six cultures were represented—Japan, Mexico, Africa, Ukraine, Ireland and Russia. We had performances from each of these cultures, as well as a visit from the Mattawa and Royal City school districts (who toured the campus and then took in the cultural heritage fair and performed as well!)</p> <p>Wanapum Tribes brought their cultural van to the fair.</p> <p>ASB helped fund the Cultural Heritage Fair</p>
MECHA	MECHA students visit state universities, hold food drives, fundraise through tamale sales, hold a potluck, participate in Othello, Mattawa, and Royal City Gear Up Programs, sponsor a dance and have inspirational and informational speakers.
Multicultural Enhancement	Cultural Heritage Months are highlighted on the bulletin Board in the 1400 Building. Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islanders, Black History and Women's History Cultural Heritage months are celebrated through the informational bulletin board display.
Multicultural Enhancement /ASB	Four students attended the Students of Color Conference in Yakima. The students are normally MECHA or SSS students. Conflicts with work schedules prevent more of our students from attending.

Fine and Performing Arts	
Columbia Basin Allied Arts	Columbia Basin Allied Arts, partnering with BBCC, provides a diverse cultural enrichment and lifelong educational opportunities through the arts. They offer a variety of musical, theatrical, and children's performances for the community. Performances offered in 03-04 include The Second City, The Arrogant Worms, The Seattle Opera, The Nutcracker, Tingstad and Rumbel, The Truth About Daughters, Todd Green, Beauty Lou and the Country Beast, and Miss Nelson is Missing.
Film Cult	Each Thursday a group of students view a pre-selected movie followed by discussion and debate led by English Instructor David Owens. Films that have been shown are: <i>Frida</i> , <i>28 Days Later</i> , <i>Alien's 3 (Director's Cut)</i> , <i>Dead Alive</i> , <i>A Mighty Wind</i> , <i>M</i> , <i>Willard</i> , <i>The Brain that Wouldn't Die</i> , <i>A Fish Called Wanda</i> , <i>Six Feet Under (Pilot Episode)</i> , <i>Session 9</i> , <i>Cold Comfort Farm</i> , <i>Grave of the Fireflies</i> , <i>Animatrix</i> , <i>The Cowboy Bebop Movie</i> , <i>Spirited Away</i> , <i>Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas</i> , <i>Bowling for Columbine</i> , <i>Now and Then - Here and There</i> , <i>Secretary</i> , <i>Eddie Izzard: Dressed to Kill</i> , <i>Opera</i> , and <i>Mr. Show (season 1)</i> .
Lecture by Famous Photographer	On February 24, 2004, Graciela Iturbide will lecture at BBCC. Her work will be displayed at the MAC in May.
Musical Performances sponsored by BBCC	Handel's Messiah December '03: Presented by BBCC Music Department, featured the Community Orchestra, Community Chorus, BBCC Swing Choir, and soloists. This year 12 BBCC students participated in the orchestra, which is the largest number we have had participate. One faculty member and a faculty member's spouse also participated. 250 attended in Ephrata and 500 attended at Wallenstien.
	The Swing Choir and the Community Orchestra perform every year at Commencement.
	Swing Choir will perform at an Eagles benefit in Ephrata during winter quarter and quarterly at Jazz for Lunch.
	Pianist Peter Mach, Professor at Seattle Pacific University, will perform February 27, 2004
	BBCC Winter College Concert will be held in March '04
Poetry Readings	In early April '04 Red Shuttleworth has arranged for poetry readings by Paul Zarzyski. Typical attendance from students and community members is around 90.

Various Courses	
Various Courses	English: <i>Shakespeare, Dramatic Literature, American Literature Film Study, Creative Writing</i>
	Music: <i>First Year Theory, Piano, Guitar, Swing Choir, History of Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra</i>
	Art: <i>Design, Drawing, Ceramics, Oil Painting</i> A variety of Art courses allow students and community members to select courses from such fields as art education, two and three dimensional design, drawing, painting and ceramic art. In its curriculum the Art department is promoting cultural enrichment through emphasizing creativity and technical competence in the art lecture and studio classes. Each year the Art department holds an open house or promotes student shows in an outside venue where students have an opportunity to show their work and where faculty, students and the community are invited to view student projects.
	<i>Art History:</i> Students are required to attend an outside Art Event, which could be an Art Exhibition, Poetry Reading, Music Event, or Theater Performance.
	<i>Art Appreciation:</i> As part of the classroom experience, students are taken to an exhibit at the MAC. In addition, students are given the opportunity to display their works at the MAC and at the Old Hotel in Othello.
	<i>Anthropology: Cultural Anthropology, Indians of the Pacific Northwest:</i> Students are encouraged to attend the Wanapum Day Demonstration-a celebration put on by the Wanapum tribe where they demonstrate making string, arrowheads, objects out of elk hide, throwing atlatls, sinew backed bows, and tule mat houses. Samples of salmon are provided.
	Sociology Classes: <i>Introduction to Sociology and Marriage and Family</i>
	Nursing Curriculum: A five-hour block is taught on cultural diversity for first-year fall quarter nursing students. Culture as it relates to health is taught in all of the nursing courses.
Faculty and Staff	
Faculty Involvement	Pat Patterson volunteers every Friday at Quincy H.S. to facilitate the development of a Mariachi Band/Latin Music Ensemble.

	<p>Red Shuttleworth will have his play, <i>When It Goes Haywire</i>, produced at the Foothill Theatre Company in Nevada City. He will also have staged readings of his one-act plays - <i>Rumors and Borders</i>. The production and development of the plays are supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.</p>
	<p>Rie Palkovic led a tour to Italy during summer '03. Two other BBCC instructors and three students toured Italy visiting numerous museums and churches.</p>
	<p>Rie Palkovic is planning an educational trip to Paris in September '04.</p>
<p>Childcare Staff</p>	<p>The ethnicity of the children in the childcare program is reflected in the childcare staff. We have bilingual Spanish and Ukrainian staff in all rooms. Children's books in the center reflect different cultures and in Mattawa we have children's books in Spanish. We have purchased musical instruments from South America for children to explore and play with.</p>
<p>Opportunity Center Staff</p>	<p>At the Opportunity Center, there are three staff who are bilingual in Spanish-English and two who speak, Russian-Ukrainian-English. All of the workstudy students are bilingual as well.</p>
<p>Staff/Student Involvement</p>	<p>Several childcare workers in Royal City and Mattawa are BBCC students who are the first in their families to attend college. They are bilingual and provide tutoring, mentoring, student assessment, serve as role models, and links for the families to the school district and education.</p>