

# SMART GOVERNMENT

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## State Board Helps Build Strong Communities

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) is responsible for administering the Community and Technical College Act. The nine-member board, appointed by the Governor, coordinates the state's system of 34 community and technical colleges.

The SBCTC sees the community and technical college system building stronger communities, individuals and families by raising the knowledge and skills of the state's residents. Nearly 500,000 students attend a two-year college every year to receive job training, academic degrees or basic skills education.

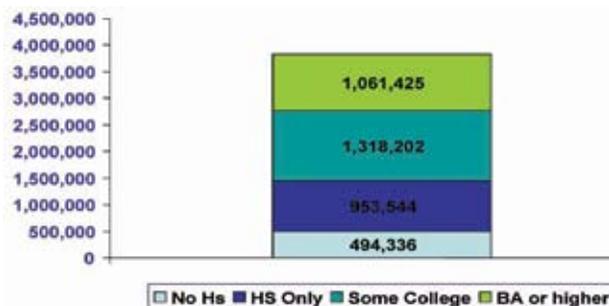
Our state's need for an educated population is accelerating. Advancing technology, flatter organizations, and the churning in the state's economy, as resource-based industries decline and knowledge-based industries grow, mean people must be more flexible, innovative and creative. The economy demands higher levels of knowledge and skills. Higher education must adapt to provide lifelong learning and make educational opportunities available to everyone.

The following goals set by the SBCTC for the two-year college system are designed to build the future workforce and meet the state's economic demands:

- Strengthen state and local economies by meeting the demands for a well educated and skilled workforce;
- Achieve increased educational attainment for all residents across Washington State;
- Use technology, collaboration and innovation to meet the demands of the economy and improve student success.

The SBCTC's work is organized in pursuit of these goals. Collaborative partnerships with state and local agencies, and measurements to track the progress of the colleges are all aligned to advance these goals for the viability of Washington's future.

Nearly 1/3 of all working adults (1.4 million) have at most a high school education. This is inadequate for today's knowledge based economy. (Census 2000)



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The two-year college system has made a significant mark on Washington state over the past 40 years. The colleges' good work is nothing new, but the degree to which the colleges are stepping up to meet these new economic and demographic demands is certainly increasing.”

CHARLES N. EARL  
SBCTC Executive Director

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# EXCELLENCE

## INNOVATIONS IN STATE GOVERNMENT

### Outstanding Honors



**Don't miss PSRW celebrations across the state**

#### Olympia

- May 9
- 11:00-1:00
- East Plaza across from Tivoli fountain on Capitol Blvd.

#### Spokane

- May 10
- Time: 12:00-2:00
- Digital Archives  
960 Washington St SW  
Cheney

#### Tri-Cities

- May 10
- 5:30-7:30
- Columbia Park/  
Lampson Pits  
Kennewick

#### Vancouver

- May 8
- 11:00-1:00
- Washinton State  
Patrol/Department  
Of Transportation  
Headquarters

### Employees honored for saving more than \$3 million dollars

Secretary of State Sam Reed recognized 42 state employees for saving \$3,295,995 last year in government spending. Through the Productivity Board, state employees put their innovative, money-saving ideas to work to help streamline government. Each year the Innovations in State Government Awards Ceremony recognizes the top suggesters for money-saving and innovative ideas and agencies with outstanding savings.



Erin LeRoy, Bonnie Jubb and Colin O'Neil from the Liquor Control Board were recognized for creating a database that simplifies the refund process, saving the agency \$42,589.



Kenneth Noland with the Washington State Patrol was recognized for his innovative idea, which was to make the radar and laser Speed Measuring Device information available on the internet for the courts, which would eliminate tickets being dismissed because of lost documentation. Because of this suggestion, the agency developed a web page for instant disclosure.

# WORD SEARCH

Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges

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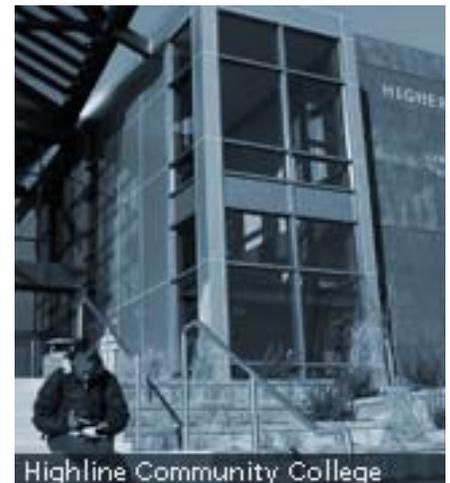
## Did you know?

The 34 community and technical colleges are separate from the four-year public colleges and universities.

Two-year colleges offers an open door to every citizen, regardless of his/her academic background or experiences, at a lower cost, and/or within their economic means.

Washington's first junior college was started in 1915 in Everett with 42 students.

Higher education must adapt to provide lifelong learning and making educational opportunities available to everyone.





**Productivity Board  
Coordinator  
Pam Kelly**

Pam has more than 17 years of state government service working in human resources. She currently serves as Human Resource Representative for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in Olympia, a position she has held since 2004. Pam was recently appointed the agency's Productivity Board Coordinator and serves as liaison to Washington's 34 community and technical colleges.

QUARTERLY

**SPOTLIGHT**

"It is so rewarding to work for an organization that places such high value on both personal and professional growth. We are constantly learning more effective ways of doing business in order to better meet the needs of students, our colleges and the state."

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