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Bioenergy Program Launches



Throughout the next year, the Agriculture Center of Excellence will work with interested Community and Technical Colleges (CTCs) and industry partners, to build collaborations focused on offering the on-line Bioenergy courses and hands-on lab intensives regionally. [Read More.](#)

WACANE – Washington Association of Collegiate Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators

The Washington Association of Collegiate Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators is a group of post-secondary instructors who teach in related programs, managed by the Agriculture Center of Excellence. [Read More.](#)

Yakima Valley Community College Spotlight

YVCC worked with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), which oversees and accredits veterinary technology degree programs. We bring together the curriculum of veterinary science, technology and math for the highly trained students graduating from Yakima Valley Community College's Veterinary Technology Program. [Read More.](#)



L.E.A.D. Project

The first goal of the project is to reach out to Washington State's students in the 9th to 12th grade school system to interest, attract, and encourage students to enroll in post-secondary agricultural educational opportunities available at community colleges and universities. While the promotional efforts are targeted at all of Washington's secondary students, there is an emphasis on recruiting urban, Latino, and Native American youth. [Read More.](#)

Therapy Garden Donations to Local Food Bank

The Walla Walla Veterans Medical Center's Healing Grounds Therapy Garden has harvested and donated over 1,000 lbs. of produce. Blue Mountain Action Council has proudly accepted the donations and holds a very luscious Food Bank Pantry for the local Walla Walla Community. [Read More.](#)



From the Director's Desk

Mr. William (Bill) Griffith was recently appointed as the new Director for the Agriculture Center of Excellence. Bill comes to us from Walla Walla Community College's long running and successful Turf Management program. It is the mission of the Center to fulfill the needs of skill gaps throughout the industry and connect with the necessary partners to successfully close in skills gaps. [Read More.](#)