

SKILLS CENTER **PRESS RELEASE**

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Skills Center Instructor Receives Gates Scholarship

Thanks to a scholarship from the Gates Family Foundation in Denver, Phil Baus, Diesel Technology instructor at the Clark County Skills Center, has just returned from an Outward Bound course at Ross Lake in the North Cascades of Washington. The course challenged participants to learn new skills, work as a team, care for the environment and further develop leadership skills.

Baus participated in a 7-day Mountaineering course designed to help educators bring the theory and practice of experiential education from the outdoors into the classroom. While at Ross Lake, he learned and practiced the techniques of safe and efficient paddling, hiking through the surrounding area and sharing insights with other group members. He also learned how to convert his course experiences into effective classroom teaching methods.

Opened in 1983, the Skills Center is located at 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver. It is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts providing technical and professional training programs to prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

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