

SKILLS CENTER FOUNDATION **PRESS RELEASE**

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Two New Members Added to Skills Center Foundation

An international business owner and a Port of Vancouver longshoreman have been named to serve on the Clark County Skills Center Foundation Board.

Doug Schmitt of Battle Ground, is the co-owner of Royal Family Ginseng Plaza in Portland. The former primary shareholder and president of Lincoln Cristi Incorporated, an environmental services contractor, he began his career as a Certified Public Accountant. He and his wife Valerie are partners in developing CLOAK: an educational and manufacturing outreach project based in Portland and Suzhou, China.

Cager Clabaugh, a lifelong Clark County resident, is a third-generation longshoreman and vice president of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 4. He is also the President of the Clark, Skamania and West Klickitat Labor Council: a branch of the AFL-CIO. Clabaugh is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Clark County and a 1992 graduate of Battle Ground High School.

The Skills Center Foundation develops and manages financial resources to support the Skills Center operation. Opened in 1983 at 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver, the Skills Center is owned and operated by nine southwest Washington school districts. It provides 15 technical and professional training programs to prepare Clark County high school and college students for the work force.

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