

Update from the  
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**D**ear Friends of Fort Lewis College,

You know what it feels like when you get it right, don't you? I don't mean to brag but Fort Lewis College faculty and staff gets it right year after year. Our students receive an education at a level to be envied by most other colleges in the country, and an unparalleled preparation for their future.

SOBL (Student Organization of Business Leaders) and the Office of Alumni Relations joined forces on March 11 to offer a networking workshop for current Fort Lewis students, as well as recent graduates. The workshop was designed as an opportunity for these seventy-five young people to meet with many of the top business owners in the region and test out their newly learned networking skills. I'm not sure who was more excited about the opportunity—the students or the community leaders. Everyone seemed delighted to be there.

That night I was fortunate to meet many bright, ambitious, self-assured young, yet humble people who, just with their drive and energy, made me proud to be part of the Fort Lewis College family. I know many will go on to achieve great things in their lives and bring great honor to Fort Lewis. What wonderful recognition for everyone associated with these achievers.

During the event I had the great fortune to meet Amelia Burns, a recent FLC graduate. She is such a wonderful representative of this college and embodies all the adjectives already mentioned and much more. She is following a lifelong-passion of helping people in need, and is currently working as a caretaker for a disabled, elderly woman here in Durango. Amelia's sense of self was learned, in great part, through life-lessons taught by the individuals who crossed her path while at Fort Lewis. "Fort Lewis definitely gave me back a passion for life and learning," she told me. As she prepares for her future in business, she mentioned, "I know I'm not finished with my education and still have a long road ahead of me that will take me away from FLC and Durango. However, I see myself coming back here upon completing my education. Both the College and the town have such an amazing pull to the people and place."

Kudos to our talented faculty who make a difference in the lives of our students each and every day!

Warmly,

*Margie*

-Margaret Deane Gray  
Executive Director