Do you know where your food comes from and how far it has traveled before it arrives at your kitchen door? Under what conditions was it grown and harvested?

If your veggies come out of a cellophane bag, chances are they were picked weeks ago and trucked in from Florida, California, or Mexico. When you buy produce from a local Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) group, your veggies were probably harvested and packed that morning—by the same farmers who planted, watered, weeded, and worried about their crops throughout the growing season.

The Colchester Farm CSA, located near Galena, provides fresh, seasonal, locally grown veggies to its shareholders for weekly pick-ups. The pick-up spot most convenient for Washington College employees is Kingstown Farm, Home & Garden. Every Tuesday, between 4 and 6, you can drop by to pick up your weekly share.

And you may actually know who’s raising and harvesting your peas and carrots; Washington College alumna Kathy Thornton ’13, a former environmental studies and history major, is working at Colchester as a farm apprentice this year.

Depending upon the size of your family, you can purchase small, medium, or large shares that are distributed throughout a 26-week growing season—from early June through the end of November. While the season is already underway, Farm Manager Theresa Mychek is offering pro-rated shares to individuals who don’t want to miss another week. Interested? Please email manager@colchesterfarm.org.

For more information, please contact one of the Colchester Farm CSA board members on the Washington College staff—Marcia Landskroener or Aundra Weisert—or visit http://www.colchesterfarm.org.
The featured employee/team for the month of June 2015 is the Business Office Staff

Debra Bergen
Robyn Moore
John Moore
Penney Farley
Tracey Yiannakis

Nominated on February 1, 2015
Penney Farley was nominated and chose to share the award with her Business Office team.

Here is what the nominator had to say about Penney:

Penney has gone above and beyond her job duties to assist us in a number of issues. She is pleasant, patient, efficient and knowledgeable. When I have questions or just need clarification, I have been very grateful to know that she is only a phone call away. I worked with her on the Middle States reaccreditation, and she was consistently well prepared and friendly. Since then, she has also helped me navigate a number of budget questions, successfully walked me through a whole host of policy changes and done her very best to help our department understand budgetary issues.

Most importantly, she is a problem solver. If we have a tricky situation, she makes every effort to figure out how we can find a solution. I have been impressed by her efficiency, friendliness, and willingness to find solutions to problems. Penny is an asset to the College. I’m grateful for her flexibility and efficiency. We are in the process of bringing candidates to campus for a job search, and one of the candidates had some financial issues that made it hard for us to follow the typical policies in place for reimbursing travel expenses, etc. Penney was understanding of the situation; she was able to help me find ways to get the candidate to campus without any inconvenience to him. She did all of this quickly as well; she looked into the various options right away. In the course of just a couple of hours, she was able to resolve the issues. As a result, I think, the candidate has a favorable view of the College even before arriving. I’m so grateful for her help and professionalism.

Penney says:

The Business Office staff makes up the heart of the financial world within the Campus community. They are responsible for billing, receipting and disbursing every penny, making sure faculty, staff and students get paid on time (snow, sleet, hurricane or earthquake), allocating transfers, making journal entries, and reconciling accounts just to name a few of the primary functions. They are a relentlessly loyal, compassionate and hard-working team that cares deeply about our College, employees and students.
2015 Summer Conference Programs

Horizons of Kent County (Monday – Friday), June 22 – July 31
   Shirk LAX, June 23 – 25
   CTY First Camp – June 28 – July 17
   Coerver Boys Soccer, June 28 – July 1
   The Wheelman, June 29 – July 4
   ODP Soccer – July 5 – 8
   Chesapeake Adult Rowing – July 5 – 9
   LADO, July 6 – August 21
   WAC Women’s Soccer, July 10 – 12

Upper Chesapeake Summer Center for the Arts, July 11 – 18
   Maryland Leadership Workshop ALS, June 12 – 18
   Dixon’s Writing Camp (Monday – Thursday), July 13 – 23
   Chesapeake Girls Rowing Camp, July 13 – 16
   Shirk LAX, July 13 – 15
   CTY Second Camp – July 19 – August 7
   Maryland Leadership Workshop MSEL, July 19 – 25
   Revolution Field Hockey, July 19 – 22
   Maryland Leadership Workshop SHW, July 26 – August 1
   Shirk LAX, July 24 – 26
   College Soccer, July 26 – 29
   Chesapeake Boys Soccer, July 27 – 30
   On the Fly LAX, July 31 – August 2

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Please welcome the following staff members to WC:

Amanda Spears, Valerie Barhdi, Madeline Martin, Jennifer Wilson, Kayla Young

The following staff are no longer with WC. We wish them well in their next adventure.

Alan P. Chesney, Owen Bailey, Michael Buccino, Iwona Rtecka-Diaz, Reggie Dyer, Karen Fuhr, Robert Nugent, Obella Obbo, Eric Rice, Andrew Wright

***please notify us at staff_council@washcoll.edu if we have inadvertently missed a name and we will include in the next newsletter

From Our Health and Counseling Center

Lori Bunt, RN
Ida Dacey, MSW & LCSW-C
and Vickie Anderson

All traveled to the American College Health Association Conference Orland Florida in May. We love to see our staff participating in Professional Development
OUR GRADUATES

HUGE Congratulations go out to the following Washington College staff members that were May 2015 Washington College graduates

We are extremely proud of

Maria Hynson
Shirley Loller
And Chris Rainer

Did you know???

As employees of a not-for-profit, Washington College staff and faculty may be eligible for the Public Service Student Loan Forgiveness program.

The program is open to full-time employees with certain types of loans, on specific repayment plans.

For more information, visit: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service or speak to a representative at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)