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On behalf of the Puget Sound Skills Center (**PSSC**) staff, we would like to give you a warm welcome to the 2008-09 school year. We believe you are embarking on an educational pathway that will make a difference in your life. We are **creating opportunities for excellence** and have done so for over forty years. Student success stories testify to this unique experience in preparatory career and technical education preparing them for college and careers.

PSSC offers you the benefits of seventeen small learning communities/programs:

- *A personal approach by instructors who respect high school students
- *Meaningful, relevant, industry-based training and skill attainment
- *Opportunity to obtain an industry specific national certification
- *The promise of affordable college credit
- *Credit equivalencies/cross-crediting
- *A collaborative experience
- *Leadership opportunities
- *Innovation instruction
- *Smaller classes

PSSC's seventeen quality programs strive to be "state of the art" and rely on their Advisory Committees for expertise in curriculum and industry skill knowledge needed to enter the workforce. The programs are as follows:

Auto Body/Collision, Automotive Technology, Computer Network Systems, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice Training, Culinary Arts, Dental Assisting, DigiPen Video Game Programming, DigiPen Animation, Digital Media Production, Engineering Design, Fashion Design & Marketing, Fire Services, Leadership & Management in Business, AP Environmental & Marine Science, Translation & Interpretation, and Welding Careers

We welcome our new Math Instructor John Wright who will be available for your personal math needs.

Research of high school students taking career and technical education (CTE) programs indicates higher student achievement, better attendance, fewer discipline problems and higher course passage. **PSSC** staff has high expectation for all students who attend our school of choice. We operate like a middle college and will go the extra mile in helping you be successful.

PSSC staff believes we can better prepare you for your next step, whether it be work, two or four year college, military or an apprenticeship. This past year **PSSC** students received approximately \$100,000 in scholarships. Some scholarships are only available to **PSSC** students – making it easy to apply for one.

Congratulations on selecting **PSSC** as YOUR school of choice. We look forward to meeting you and providing an excellent opportunity.

Sincerely,



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