# CEO INSIDER



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# **Spring Quarter Begins April 2**

## **CEO CLUB NEWS**

### Flour Power Bake Sale

11 am to 2:30 pm - Thursday March 15th - C Building lobby

FLOUR POWER

A springtime flower child bake sale. Includes gluten free and vegan treats!!

Billionaire **WOOK CLUB** We read books by and about self-made billionaires. We are building a group of motivated individuals to have mastermind discussions. Your voice is welcome! We meet in the L building Lobby. 425-628-3429 for date and time of



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The Disability Resource Center is in need of scribers for Spring quarter. Stop in at B132 to find out more!

**New Student INFO SESSIONS!** Tuesdays March 13, 20, 27 4-5 pm in A130 Bring a friend and come share your experience in CEO!

Stay tuned for exciting news coming in April!



# CEO INSIDER - Spotlight Section

#### JESS VILLA – CEO LEADERSHIP SECRET KEEPER



In 2015, I came to Bellevue College as part of the Running Start Program. I had tested into a high math and could take the bus all by myself; I had a bright future ahead of me. As it is in life sometimes, everything went horribly wrong. Turns out going into college straight from a sheltered life with unresolved functionality issues is not for everyone.

After careening through six quarters of Running Start, I used the sheer horror of two wasted years of my life to fuel my fire, and I started over. With no other option to graduate high school, I turned to CEO. At first, it felt like giving up and admitting failure. I quickly realized that being in the CEO program does not mean that you are a failure. It's an amazing opportunity to get a college education for virtually free and have a wide variety of resources available for your success. You just have to welcome it. Through CEO I found a group of supportive friends and teachers that have helped guide and motivate me towards my academic success.

#### I used to be Aaron Burr, but now I'm Alexander Hamilton.

I have no life outside of school. The CEO program just keeps me in a glass box until they need me again. All that I can tell you is I'm a Leo, I like the sound of the wind through the willows near a streambank on a warm summer afternoon, and I long to run barefoot and free, sounding my barbaric yawp over the rooftops of the world, in hot pursuit by the authorities.

### **BRENDAN HERRIMAN – CEO SUCCESS STORY**

When I started in the CEO program, I didn't quite have the drive or expectations that I do now. I made it out of the first class with a C and I was ecstatic. For the first time in a long time I was making progress! Slowly over the course of the next few quarters, my grades began to go from C's and B's to B's and A's. I started to feel comfortable in school again. As my grades improved, so did my confidence. Three years ago I felt hopeless. I felt lost. There was no light at the end of my tunnel. Now, thanks to the CEO program, I feel like Brendan is back. I am finally turning into the person that I was always meant to be. Not only did this program give me a second chance, but it helped me gain the skills necessary to be a successful student in college. I've learned to work hard and never give up on myself, even when things get tough. Without the help of the CEO program, I wouldn't be the person I am today, and that is why I am forever thankful for this opportunity.

