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**TO:** Lane Community College Board of Education

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**RE:** Highlights that are featured as part of the Board Report

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### **Continuing Education:**

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Lane's Workforce Development and Foundation will provide scholarships to those in need interested in attending the conference entitled "Is Caregiving YOUR Encore Career?" The conference will be co-sponsored by the college's Successful Aging Institute as well as AARP Oregon, Senior & Disabled Services, & the ARC of Lane County.

### **Cottage Grove Campus:**

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The Lane Cottage Grove campus is now offering free tutoring for students Monday through Thursday at selected hours in the mornings and evenings. In addition to having paid student tutors 6 hours a week, the Tutor Lab has math instructors who are volunteering time to tutor students through Math 111. Next term, the Cottage Grove campus is hoping to add tutoring in writing and Spanish.

### **Financial Aid:**

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The financial aid office has thoroughly revamped the Credit Limit notification, appeal, and review processes. This was done in order to improve communication, provide a learning opportunity for students regarding student loan debt and academic and career goals, and improve students' academic achievement by encouraging more timely degree completion. Students must now provide a much greater level of detail regarding their long-term academic and career goals. They must also demonstrate their understanding of student loan debt accumulated so far, project total debt and monthly payments upon completion of their academic goals, and show that they have a realistic understanding of typical salaries earned in their future careers. Finally, they must list the courses needed to meet their degree or certificate program goals.

## **Language, Literature & Communication:**

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The French program at Lane has a number of new and enhanced opportunities for students and community members to meet and converse with members of Eugene's French speaking community.

(1) The French Department offers two opportunities to participate in extended conversations in French through two open settings:

- There are weekly gatherings in the cafeteria. Three tables feature Moroccan French (Mounir), Burkina Faso French (Issouf), & France French (Remi). Because of thoughtful scheduling and the willingness of native speaking volunteers, it is possible to attend all three in a week and appreciate the diversity of cultures and French language variants that have arisen in different countries.
- The French Circle is a monthly gathering open to students and community members and has been active for many years. It meets at Cozmic Pizza on late Friday afternoons, and is well attended by French speaking residents and students. A Lane French department faculty member attends to facilitate the conversation for students.

(2) The French Department, with Lane's International Programs Office, has begun a Study Abroad program in Caen, Normandy this June. Students will take 6 credits of immersion French study for three weeks and spend the fourth week in Paris. We are in the process of creating an Honors opportunity for this program. There is some scholarship support for Lane students.

(3) This summer the French Department launches its first summer classes in a semi-intensive format using hybrid support for teaching. Students will be able to complete French 101 and 102 in an eight week summer session, attending class 4 days a week and working online as well. These courses represent the minimum requirement needed to enter colleges or universities in the OUS system and are especially valuable for high school graduates who need to fulfill the language prerequisite for admission to the Oregon University System.