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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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**Advanced Technology:**

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**Construction Technology Students Build Field Office for College's "Learning Garden"**

This term, LCC's Construction Technology students completed a sturdy and aesthetically pleasing field office/storage building for the Learning Garden students. The garden produces a wide array of organic vegetables and fruit to provide healthy options for people who want fresh, local food in the cafeteria.

Established in the spring of 2006, the Learning Garden has evolved from one 20' X 20' plot to over 4,000 square feet of raised beds with deer fencing and an irrigation system. This year, it expanded to more than double its current size. The garden is located at the southwest edge of campus, behind buildings 24-27, with access through Parking Lot D. The new 12 ft. by 16 ft. field office/storage building is an important addition to the garden and helps further establish the sustainability of the initiative.

Construction Technology Lead Faculty Member Leonard Keen attributes the success of the building project to collaboration with the Learning Garden Committee and the careful planning and hard work of Construction Technology students such as Mike Gerger and Tim Kippel. For more information about the Construction Technology Program, contact the Advanced Technology Division of Lane Community College at 541 463-5380.



LCC Construction Technology students Mike Gerger (l) and Tim Kippel (r) pose in front of the soon-to-be-completed field office and storage building in the Learning Garden on the main campus.

## **Continuing Education:**

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Lane's Continuing Education will be a partner for the Oregon Online Nursing Assistant Home Health Aide (NAHHA) Training Initiative. This is available through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This will provide needed funds to offer training for Home Health Aides and a Nursing Assistant 1 class in Cottage Grove.

## Successful Aging Institute:

Trillium Community Health Plans contracted with the Successful Aging Institute to provide approximately trainings focusing specifically on aging-related issues for their staff during the 2012-13 academic year.

Gov. John Kitzhaber signed a proclamation designating May 7 - 11 as Senior Corps Week, in appreciation for the service of federal Senior Companion Program, Foster Grandparent Program, and RSVP volunteers' service in Oregon. He noted that the programs collectively took \$30 million in Federal funding, and leveraged local funding to create over \$35.4 million in impactful services to Oregon.

## **Cottage Grove:**

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The Business After Hours May event in Cottage Grove was hosted by Lane's Cottage Grove campus, and attended by approximately 50 people. It was a large turn-out for the Cottage Grove Chamber for this event and was the first time that Lane has hosted the event in many years.

Cottage Grove has determined 25 top priorities for their "2037 Vision." Five of the priorities pertain to Lane. "Vision Keepers" were appointed in May by the City Council to be stewards of the vision. Jenette Kane, Continuing Education and Cottage Grove Campus Director, was appointed as one of the Vision Keepers.

## **English as a Second Language:**

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## **Students in Health Professions and ESL learn together**

Students and faculty in Lane's English as a Second Language Program (ESL), the Nursing Students Association, and the Medical Office Assistant program teamed up to create learning opportunities for all of the groups on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Center. The 52 ESL students in four classes learned about nutrition and its relationship to health risks such as high blood pressure and diabetes as a part of a greater unit on nutrition and health. They practiced listening, speaking, reading and writing in English. Nursing students and MOA students came to ESL classes to measure students' blood pressure and glucose levels. The six MOA students and three nursing students gained experience

communicating with non-native English speakers and practiced skills they will use on the job in medical setting in the future.



### **Grants:**

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The Meyer Memorial Trust has awarded Lane Community College a \$150,000 challenge grant. The funds will be used to purchase smart classroom equipment for the Downtown Campus.

### **Health, Physical Education & Athletics:**

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Lane's Athletic Facilities were featured in Athletic Business magazine in the June 2012 issue "Facilities Showcase". The article can be seen at:

<http://athleticbusiness.com/galleries/project.aspx?id=547>