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

**FROM:** Don McNair  
Executive Dean, Academic Affairs

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

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### **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:**

*Contact: Patrick O'Connor, Dean, Advanced Technology, oconnorp@lanecc.edu, 541/463-5710*

Lane students Cory Sceva of Eugene and James Holland of Harrisburg recently received a "mikeroweWorks" Foundation Tools Scholarships made possible through the Associated Equipment Distributors Foundation. Both students received a \$1,000 tool scholarship, a congratulations letter from the AED Foundation, a scholarship certificate, and a personalized signed photo from Mike Rowe of the television series "Dirty Jobs" on the Discovery Channel.

Both students say they enjoy the troubleshooting aspect of their profession and are grateful for the training opportunities provided by their instructors and Lane. Instructor Steve Webb said that the scholarships were made possible by the college's affiliation with the AED. "They have been very supportive of our efforts at Lane and recognize the importance of our training program to the industry as well as the community."

### **CHILD & FAMILY EDUCATION:**

*Contact: Sue Norton, Director, Child & Family Education, nortons@lanecc.edu, 541/463-3301*

Lane's on campus child care center collaborated with the center for meeting and learning staff to display children's art in the David Joyce Gallery. Children visited the gallery to see how the art was displayed. They worked in the classrooms for over a month creating their interpretation of "sweet". The exhibit Taste and Flavor: Sweet" is open at the David Joyce Gallery in the Center for Meeting and Learning at Lane Community College. The spring exhibit includes work created by 26 Lane Child Center students, and 14 Oregon artists. Adults and children are exhibiting artwork interpreting their idea of sweet.



## **CONFERENCE & CULINARY SERVICES:**

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Students in Lane's culinary arts program and Chef Clive Wanstall received the Group-Team 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award from United Way of Lane County at its annual luncheon on April 18.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

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US Congressman Peter DeFazio sent a letter on April 19 thanking Lane for sponsoring the Senior Companion Program for almost 40 years. His staffer Nancy Pierce read the letter to Companion volunteers at their annual recognition event April 23. Defazio wrote, "I am proud to be a long-term supporter of the (program), first as a program staff person and now as a member of Congress. I know the compassion and companionship of program volunteers are priceless assets. Despite ongoing federal budget challenges, LCC has been and continues to be an excellent steward for the Senior Companion Program in Lane County . . . I am confident the LCC Senior Companion Program will continue to thrive in the decades ahead."

## **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:**

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Thanks to a partnership with Lane County Public Health Department, 114 adults without health insurance (Lane students, family members and some Lane employees) received Tdap immunizations April 10 and the week of April 15. Lane County Health Nurse Heather Young, who is a Lane nursing graduate and former Lane English as a Second Language teacher, coordinated the clinic with assistance and coordination from ESL staff and Lane's Student Nurses Association. They administered 90 immunization in the evening at Downtown Campus and 24 on Main Campus during the day. ESL teacher Indira Bakshi said English as a Second Language teachers included activities related to the

immunization in their English Language/Civics classes. The immunization, for most students unaffordable at \$40, is important to reduce the incidence of whooping cough, especially in babies. The clinic was possible thanks to a grant the Health Department received to provide the immunizations to uninsured adults.

## **ENROLLMENT & STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES:**

*Contact: Helen Garrett, Dean, Enrollment Management, [garreth@lanecc.edu](mailto:garreth@lanecc.edu), 541/463-5686*

Students have a new tool allowing self-service in myLane to monitor their progress toward a Lane degree or certificate. The tool is called the Progress Report and already students are thrilled to have a way to track their progression toward completion. Enrollment and Student Financial Services are monitoring feedback on the tool and are continuing to make improvements.

## **HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

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Lane's local chapter of the National Student Nursing Association has won the Global Initiatives in Nursing Award. Usually presented to one college, this year's award is shared with San Diego State University. The award was announced at the NSNA 61st Annual Convention held April 3-7 in Charlotte, N.C. Also at the event, Lane student Jesse Kennedy was elected 2013-14 NSNA President.

## **SCIENCE:**

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Lane Community College is joining the Earth System Science Education Alliance (ESSEA; <http://essea.strategies.org/> ). Lane is the organization's first community college member and the first higher education institution in Oregon to join. Paul Ruscher, the new coordinator for the Watershed Science Technician program and lead faculty for the Earth and Environmental Sciences discipline, has brought the national group to our campus as a means of improving access to curriculum materials across the sciences. These materials have been developed by teachers as outgrowths of work funded by federal agencies such as NOAA, NASA, USGS, the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. In addition, Lane will also become the third Oregon partner for the GLOBE program (<http://www.globe.gov/> ) in 2013. GLOBE is an international hands-on environmental education program for students and teachers of all ages, which Ruscher has been involved in for 15 years. These organizations will provide opportunities for local teachers to participate in K-16 teacher professional development training opportunities in Earth and environmental sciences.

Biology faculty member Stacey Kiser became President Elect of the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) January 1, 2013. NABT is the leader in life science education, consisting of two year college, four year college/university, and K12 educators. <http://www.nabt.org/>

**TRiO:**

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At Lane Community College, we are proud of having built a culture of success using On Course. A number of practices and strategies have supported this new culture including the development of a comprehensive first-year experience that includes First-Year Learning Communities (FYLC) using *On Course* as an anchor course linked with Writing or Math classes. Mary Parthemer was selected as a recipient of the 2013 On Course Ambassadors of the Year award in recognition of her work to bring On Course to students and colleagues at Lane.