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TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

FROM: Maurice Hamington
Executive Dean, Academic Affairs

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

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:

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Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and Lane Community College have agreed to store the LCSO helicopter at the Lane Community College aircraft training department in an insulated and heated facility. Lane Community College will bring it back to FAA standards, provide routing maintenance and periodic FAA required inspections which are performed by or under the direct supervision of faculty members who are authorized by the FAA as Authorized Aircraft Inspectors. Since the helicopter arrived at Lane Community College, students have had the opportunity to develop hands on experience with light turbine aircraft representative of those in use around the world. ***The agreement is a "win/win" for both LCC and LCSO.***

The Flight Technology part of Lane's Aviation Academy took delivery on the first of our two new RV12 aircraft. Lane will take delivery of the second aircraft by the end of September. We have incorporated them into our approved training programs. Students and instructors love flying and training in these aircraft and they are a strong attraction for bringing in new students. We are deeply grateful for the Board's approval of these purchases.



Steve Boulton, Director, Aviation Academy, is the pilot.

GRANTS:

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The High School Connections office, in partnership with the 4J school district, won a \$100,000 planning grant from the Next Generation Learning Challenge (a Gates Foundation funded project) to help develop a robust early college program for the region. Director Deron Fort, and 4J's Brad New attended a kick off conference in San Francisco last month, and are gearing up to start the planning work with the college, 4J and other partners. Lane will be applying for a launch grant from the same organization this winter which could potentially bring another \$750,000 to the college for implementing the plans created during the planning grant, starting in fall 2014.

In addition, the High School Connections department has won two grant awards equaling \$10,000 from the Herbert A. Templeton Foundation and the Donna Shepherd Foundation to support the expansion of technical education to Creswell and South Lane school districts. Implementation will begin winter term.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:

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Derrick Pruitt, owner of Happy's Java & Soul Food Shack sells the unheard of–home-cooked meals from a drive-up kiosk in Springfield. Pruitt is a humble man and takes little credit for his success. He credits his wife, Marcella Pruitt–his business partner, and they both credit the Lane Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The couple insists they would not be in business without the support of Gary Smith, instructor/coach of the SBDC's Small Business Management Program (SBM) and Frank Plaisted, assistant instructor. As Derrick Pruitt explains, "Working with both Frank and Gary [of the BDC] has had the most impact on my business. Without their help, guidance and mentorship there is no Happy's Java and Soul Food Shack...Gary and Frank together are just genius."

Pruitt first came to the SBDC in December of 2009. He initially came to get help in writing a business plan. In December of 2010, Pruitt and Plaisted began working together, fine-tuning his business plan and addressing startup issues. In the spring of 2011, Pruitt started selling bagged beans and brewed coffee at Springfield and Eugene's farmers markets and the business plan was finally finished in the summer of 2011. Anticipating funding, Plaisted recommended the Pruitts join the three-year Small Business Management (SBM) program, for additional help with growing their business. The couple

entered the SBM cohort in the fall of 2011. During the SBM program's first year, the Pruitts were in transition with their business. Pruitt talks about his experience with the program, "We worked all day and then went to class. The SBDC has so much information." Pruitt explained, Gary Smith, the program director, "helped me to fine tune the systems I had in place." Happy's Java & Soul Food is making a healthy profit now. "I am very blessed. Every customer I meet is a life-long customer... as long as I keep doing what the SBDC tells me, be myself and serve great food."

The whole story of Derrick Pruitt and Happy's Java & Soul Food can be found at http://www.lanesbdc.com/home/lbd/smartlist_197/2013_testimonials.html.