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TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS:

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Lane's Academic Progress Standards project was awarded the League for Innovation of the Year Award. The Academic Progress Standards are designed to increase persistence and success by actively supporting all Lane credit students to make continual progress on their academic paths, reaching key milestones and momentum points and then achieving their academic goals. A four-stage intervention system identifies students who are struggling academically as evidenced by not meeting the minimum standards of a 2.0 GPA and 67% completion rate each term. Students are placed on a graduated Alert Status and are required to complete the appropriate intervention prior to being able to register for the following term. The interventions are aimed at helping students recognize barriers and create plans to overcome those obstacles.

Maurice Hamington, ASA, had his chapter, "Care as Personal, Political, and Performative" published in Gert Olthuis, Helen Kohlen, and Jorma Heier, eds., *Moral Boundaries Redrawn: The Significance Of Joan Tronto's Argument For Professional Ethics, Political Theory And Care Practice*, Peeters in Leuven, Belgium, 2014.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:

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On February 25, 2014, R & D Plastics and the Eugene Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) held a seminar at Lane on plastic part design for plastic injection molding. Audience members included LCC students, faculty and staff, U of O engineering students, SME and ASME members, and individuals from the general public. The focus of the seminar was on designing for manufacturing and pricing.



ACADEMIC LEARNING SKILLS:

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On Feb. 27, Academic Learning Skills hosted a Reading Apprenticeship workshop for 35 developmental education faculty from six different community colleges. Supported by funds from Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Chabot College instructor Cindy Hicks highlighted the experiences of Chabot College whose developmental English program integrated reading and writing more than 20 years ago and began offering accelerated developmental classes in 1997. The reading apprenticeship approach helps students build on their strengths as readers, writers and problem solvers to develop skills, habits of minds and academic literacies they need to be successful in college. ALS is using the approach in the revised developmental reading curriculum at Lane.

FINANCIAL AID:

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The financial aid office was awarded a \$1000 Schafer Innovation Award by the Lane Foundation to recognize the creativity and overwhelmingly positive impact of the unsubsidized loan request process (project title: Reducing the Student Loan Burden Through Education) that we implemented in June 2013. The rate at which students are borrowing unsubsidized loans has gone down by 49% so far for the current academic year.

HEALTH, PE & ATHLETICS:

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The NWAACC Executive Board has accepted the nominations of instructor Lyndell Wilken and former Lane decathlete Tom Pappas for induction into the NWAACC Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held on May 29th in Vancouver Washington. Congratulations to Lyndell and Tom.

The Women's Basketball completed another fantastic season finishing with an overall record of 24-8 and took 4th place at the NWAACC tournament. The Lady Titans reached the semifinal game at the NWAACC tournament for the 8th time in the past 10 years.

Titan Track Athletes sign National Letters of Intent. Three Lady Titan Track and Field athletes recently signed Division 1 scholarship offers to continue their education and athletic careers. They are: Kara Hollock (Oregon State), Leah Wilson (Boise State) and Maddy Seaman (University of Wyoming).

HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

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The health information management program approved by the Board of Education in February has been approved by the State of Oregon.

Continuing Education's schedule of courses, distributed throughout Lane County, will highlight the April 1, 2014, start of our Community Health Worker program. This program represents a wonderful collaboration between continuing education, health professions, community organizations and cooperative education. The first cohort of 10 students will have scholarships provided by Lane Workforce Partnership.

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & COMMUNICATION:

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Lane's Debate Team, under the leadership of communications instructor William Anderson has practiced all fall and is competed in several competitions winter term. They collected trophies at "The 10th Annual Earl Wells Memorial Speakeasy Speech and Debate Tournament" at Oregon State University, February 21-23, 2014. Each of the debaters from Lane won their semi-final ("Bronze Medal") round to advance to the finals ("Gold/Silver Round"). In one of the brackets, Joel Bazzle of Lane won his debate 3-0 to win the Gold in that bracket. In another bracket, Travis Jensen (competing in his first forensics tournament ever) lost a close one 2-1 to claim the Silver in his bracket. In a third bracket, Justice Sky lost another close one (2-1) and claimed the silver in his bracket.

In addition to the team's success in debate, they also enjoyed success in the individual speaking events. The two most entered events, Impromptu and Extemp, had two entries each from Lane. Lane won a finalist award in Impromptu, and 2nd place in Extemp.

Finally, the tournament gives awards for the top speakers overall at the tournament. Lane student Joel Bazzle earned 2nd top speaker at the tournament.

On February 28-March 2, 2014, the Debate Team also participated in the "Hatfield Debate Tournament" in Salem with a strong showing.

MATHEMATICS:

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The Math Division is developing a new 5-credit math course called Math Literacy, designed for students who are headed into non-STEM careers. Math 98 will be offered for the first time in the fall, and will allow students to move from Math 20 to Math 98 to Math 105 in 3 terms. Many programs require a 100-level math class, so often students have been taking Math 20, 60, 65, 95, and then 105. This class will allow them to shorten that path by two terms, and should lead to higher rates of completion. This creation of a non-STEM pathway in math is part of a growing national movement, and should meet the needs of many of our students.