

**DATE:** June 11, 2014

TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

**FROM:** Kerry Levett

Executive Dean, Student Affairs

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

### **Advanced Technology:**

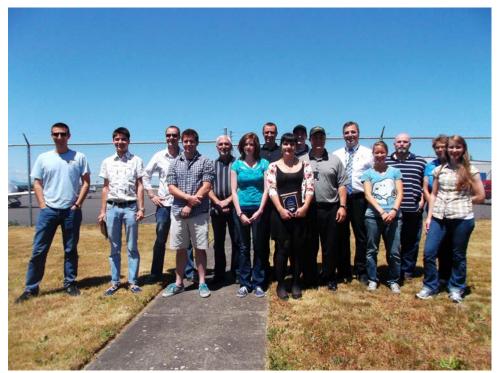
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Ashley Floyd has worked hard over the last two years completing her degree in Diesel Technology. She will be graduating in June and continuing her full-time employment in the industry.



Midway through her training at Lane, she secured a mechanic's position at M.O. Nelson Trucking in Springfield, an established company in the industry with over 40 years of experience. Over time, her cooperative education position at M.O. Nelson has become a full-time career. She has had the opportunity to work on heavy haul, freight and logging trucks. She was given the opportunity to expand her knowledge in the industry by being made responsible for inventory control and working with computer the diagnosis systems.

Diesel Technology Instructor Al Clark points out that Ashley is one of a few women who have completed this program. At the year-end Diesel barbecue at Lane recently, she said that her experience at Lane has been instrumental in furthering her professional interests in the field.



Lane Aviation Academy held a Student Appreciation Day was held on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

### **Continuing Education:**

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Jenette Kane, Director of Lane Community College Continuing Education, has been named to the board of the National Council for Continuing Education and Training.

Successful Aging Institute/Senior Companion Program Director Barbara Susman presented "Building & Sustaining a Successful Advisory Council" to 70 directors and other staff at the National Senior Corps Association conference in San Antonio, Texas.

# **Disability Resources:**

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During graduation this year, Service Providers from the Disability Resources office will be providing real-time text access for graduates and the attendees using TypeWell. TypeWell is a system for capturing spoken content and generating an immediate meaning-for-meaning transcript using advanced abbreviation software by a trained TypeWell transcriber who synthesizes the essence and renders it in clear English text. This form of communication access is commonly used by individuals with hearing loss in the classroom.

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

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Lane Community College Athletic Director, Greg Sheley, accepted the 2014 Directors Cup from former NWAACC Executive Director, Dick McClain, at the NWAACC Hall of Fame and awards banquet held in Vancouver Washington on May 29, 2014. The Titans were awarded the Directors Cup in recognition for their athletic teams' outstanding performances over the 2013-14 competitive year.



# **Honors Program:**

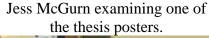
Contact: Susan Carkin, Dean, Language, Literature & Communication, <u>carkins@lanecc.edu</u>, 541/463-5418.

Katie Morrison-Graham and Ce Rosenow, Co-coordinators for the Honors Program, took six honors students to the OSU Honors College Thesis Fair on Friday, May 16. We attended a presentation at the Honors College and then went to the thesis fair and to lunch.



Maria Sullivan standing by a mural her mother painted when she was an undergraduate at

OSU.





### **Financial Aid:**

Contact: Helen Faith, Associate Dean, Financial Aid, faithh@lanecc.edu, 541/463-5266.

The latest figures on the rate of unsubsidized loan borrowing for 2014-15 are in: as of June 3rd, just days from the end of the academic year, unsubsidized loan borrowing is down 47% from last year. To be more specific, 63% of financial aid recipients borrowed unsubsidized loans last year, while just 33.3% borrowed unsubsidized loans this year. This represents a reduction of as much as \$6000 in annual borrowing per student.

### Language, Literature & Communication:

Contact: Susan Carkin, Dean, Language, Literature & Communication, <u>carkins@lanecc.edu</u>, 541/463-5418.

The annual Student Literary & Arts Magazine, Denali, has been published under the able leadership of Jennifer Scott. Jennifer has a Bachelor's degree in Education and has been a writing tutor at Lane for three years. Jennifer started attending the University of Oregon in the fall of 2013 and is still taking classes at Lane. She is working toward her master's in education so that she can either be a middle school, high school, or community college teacher.

Jennifer says she "was amazed at all the talented artists. It was hard for [the] editorial board to choose from the many artists." She continues, "I am so glad that Lane gives writers and artists a platform for their creative expression." Jennifer offers gratitude to Susan Carkin, Linda Schantol and Candice Johnson for their help, their kindness, and their support and Neil Isaacson in Lane's Printing and Graphics department for his helpfulness, patience, and kindness.

# Library:

Contact: Marika Pineda, Director, Library, pinedam@lanecc.edu, 541/463-5824.

Lane Community College hosted the spring meeting of OCCLA-Dir (Oregon Community College Library Association Directors). They were impressed by the scope of our remodel of the library and learning commons, and they expressed excitement about what the future holds for our students.

# **Small Business Development Center:**

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The explosion of self-publishing provided a niche for Patricia Marshall, an experienced writer and editor. Her home-based Eugene business, Luminare Press, helps authors research the best and most affordable options for publishing in order to produce high quality and professionally designed books.

In late 2010, Patricia came to the Lane Small Business Development Center (Lane SBDC) for help. She met with Lane SBDC advisors, who helped her to create a business plan and see a big picture analysis of what a publishing business might look like. With their assistance, Patricia focused on overall objectives, strategies and implementation of her business plan, working out the details to start her business.

In the fall of 2011, Patricia signed up for the Small Business Management program, the SBDC's signature program, which introduces and then reinforces key-business concepts over a three year period. Patricia, now concluding her third year, says, "I know I wouldn't be where I am now without the program." She traces many of her clients back to the networking in her first-year class. She also has high praise for Gary Smith, the program instructor/coach, and for his ability to present ideas, and then build and expand on them. With the Lane SBDC's help, Patricia shifted her business focus from a retail outlet to a publishing service. Her successful business provides editorial, marketing, electronic book and author's website services. The business bridges the gap between do-it-yourself publishers and professionals in the publishing world. In partnering with do-it-yourself publishers, Patricia helps authors create the best possible self-published product.

## **Student Life and Leadership Development:**

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Students and staff are busy wrapping up the year and getting ready to jump into summer Rites of Passage programs and transition retreats for ASLCC. Since January, in addition to all the good work and activities of ASLCC, Student Clubs and Organizations have sponsored 436 events on campus, ranging from large community gatherings to small club meetings. Examples include:

#### **Black Student Union:**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration with keynote speaker Giancarlo Esposito

#### **Native American Student Union:**

Spring Pow Wow

Native American Graduation (6/13)

#### MEChA de LCC

Workshop: Living and Learning in Fear: Understanding Immigration Policy while Serving

Undocumented Students in College

Matt Sedillo Poetry Slam Performance

Juan Carlos Arean – Breaking the Cycle: Fathering after Violence

#### **Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union**

Luau (5/29)

#### **Gender/Sexuality Alliance**

AIDS Skate – support for local HIV alliance

Divas through the Ages "Queer History 101" Drag Show

Lavender Graduation

### **Learning Garden**

Spring Workshops: Propagation Fair, Container Gardening and Botany Basics

### **Outdoor Adventure Club**

Trips and activities have included day hikes to Mt. Pisgah, Spencers Butte, Fall Creek and visits to the Eugene Raptor Center and Heceta Head on the Oregon Coast.

# **Upcoming Activities:**

Summer Rites of Passage Academies Bridge of the Gods Leadership Academy 6/23 – 6/29 Puertas Abiertas Leadership Academy 7/14 – 7/25 African American Leadership Academy 7/7 – 7/25 Asian/Pacific Islander Leadership Academy 7/28 - 8/7