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TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

FROM: Sonya Christian
Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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

Business Development Center

Daniel and Chris McGrorty, started Red's Fire Protection, Inc., in March 2008. Chris has been attending the Strategies of Success (SOS) Program that the BDC is facilitating at the Cottage Grove Chamber. SOS is an individualized training and one-on-one advising program developed for rural outreach and designed to help owners maintain and grow their business within their unique communities.

In a tough economy, Chris and Daniel's growth goal for this year is 30% and they are well on their way with the help of the BDC's SOS Program. They have been awarded a \$20,000 microloan through eDev's SBA MicroLoan Program.



Continuing Education

Continuing Education added a new section of Nursing Assistant (CNA 1) training in Junction City for Spring Term. In partnership with Lane Workforce Partnership, WorkSource Lane and the Junction City School District, we are providing the training to 20 low-income or dislocated workers. Funds to equip a new nursing lab at Junction City High School, instructor wages and all costs for the students have been covered by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant.

The ARRA grant has, also, provided curriculum development and supplies funding for two new trainings: Clinical Laboratory Assistant (CLA) and Personal Care Aide (PCA). Seventeen low-income or dislocated workers have had all of their expenses covered by the grant for the CLA class that began on March 29th. Offered under the auspices of the Successful Aging Institute, the PCA class will begin on April 19th and will be free to the first 20 dislocated workers who Workforce Development approves.

In partnership with the Lane County Sheriff's Department, Continuing Education will offer a low cost class for parents and guardians to learn Internet Safety for Your Kids. Funds for curriculum development and marketing for this course were provided to the Sheriff's Department by Symantec.

Kathy Calise, Lida Herberger and Jenette Kane attended the Learning Resource Network (LERN) Institute in San Diego. LERN is an international association offering information and resources to providers of lifelong learning programs. They set the benchmarks for Continuing Education and Customized Employee Training Departments at community colleges. Kathy and Jenette took the exam and became Certified Program Planners that demonstrates their knowledge of lifelong learning programming.



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Jenette Kane received the Trucking Solutions Consortium Award for Education Partner of the Year for her unwavering support and leadership for the trucking industry in the South Valley Region.

Jenette has partnered in the launch of the “Lean Operations” and “Leadership and Coaching High Performance” Classes, as well as the delivery of “Trainer Certification” and the “Professional Truck Driver Certificate” in our region.

The Successful Aging Institute (SAI) has been working with credit programs to help find community internships for Human Services students interested in working with older adults. In addition, five Senior Companions volunteered to participate in a lively interactive panel presentation with students in Toni Fudge’s “Social Gerontology” class. The presentation was so valuable that the Companions will participate in future sessions of this class.

SAI's offered its first "Leadership & Supervision" class which helped 10 emerging residential care managers from area facilities develop their skills. The class was evaluated as highly successful by the three instructors and all of the participants.

Student Affairs:

Girls in fifth through eighth grade and their mothers or grandmas learned about engineering education and careers at Hypatia Day April 3, in the Center Building cafeteria. There was a nationally recognized author and engineering educator, Celest Baine, gave the keynote address and the girls participated in hands-on activities. Baine's non-profit Engineering Education Service Center, volunteers from Eugene-Lane Branch of American Association of University Women and AAUW's Lane branch/campus liaison Cathy Lindsley worked with partners at Lane Community College to provide the workshop free to 15 teams of girls and moms/grandmas.



MyLane, the college's new web portal, is being implemented. MyLane will provide a one-stop service that helps students manage their accounts and courses; explore their options at Lane; get timely information about academic divisions, student services, student clubs and organizations, and success tips that can help them throughout the term; and allows students to join groups, share files and pictures and post announcements to the other members of their group.

Employees can use MyLane to submit their timesheets or check benefits and can send email and announcements to specific groups of students using identifiers such as financial aid status, academic major, or GPA. MyLane will help us get important information to student and get people connected across campus.



MyLane Implementation Team (Left to Right): Barb Delansky, Helen Garreett, Ron Rourke, Darlene Baker, Eric Edmond, Vicky Kirkpatrick, Bob Choquette, Carol McKiel, Mary Parthemer, Russ Carr, Tracy Simms, Kate Barry, and Todd Lutz (Not in Picture: Anne McGrail)

Faculty Recognition Awards, Winter 2010

Each term, faculty members (including classroom instructors, cooperative education coordinators, librarians, and counselors) are selected for their excellence and how they have contributed to Lane Community College's vision of "Transforming Lives Through Learning". Winter Term, the recipients of this recognition were: Cynthia Schweigert (Academic Learning Skills), Christina Howard (Health Professions) and Beth Thorpe (Health Professions).



Cynthia Schweigert and Don McNair

Beth Thorpe and Sonya Christian



Christina Howard, Beth Thorpe and Sheryl Berman