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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

### **Athletics:**

Lane's Baseball teams late season run of victories got them to the NWAACC Championships where they finished second place.

The Women's Track and Field team finished a close second in the NWAACC Track and Field Championships and Coach Grady O'Connor was awarded NWAACC Women's Coach of the Year.



Grady O'Connor

Cross Country runner Travis Stevens received the Art Fiero Award for the top male/female scholar athlete in the NWAACC for 2009-2010. Travis was Southern Region Cross Country Champion, third in the NWAACC Cross Country Championships and hold a 3.992 GPA.



**Travis Stevens** 

#### **Continuing Education:**

Jenette Kane has accepted the position of Director of Continuing Education. She has been the interim director during the 2009-10 academic year. Jenette's previous experience includes serving as Employee Training manager and in the Office of Instruction at Lane and managing large retail operations.



Jenette will complete her MBA program at Marylhurst University this spring and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Humboldt State University and an associate's degree from College of the Redwoods.

#### **International Program:**

Jennifer Falzerano will be Lane's first director of international programs and will start work at Lane later this month.

Jennifer has served as coordinator of retention services and assistant director of recruitment at Chemeketa Community College since 2006. She oversees all aspects of international retention system from arrival to graduation and coordinates services across all departments for at-risk international student. From 2004-06 she was coordinator of the Chinese Exchange Program at University of Minnesota and was also responsible for international student recruitment and admission.

Jennifer has a master's degree in international and multicultural education from University of Minnesota, Duluth and a bachelor's degree in French and political science from University of Minnesota, Morris. She has also completed certificates and leadership training from NAFSA – Association of International Educators. She is fluent in French and also speaks elementary Spanish and Serbo-Croatian.

Jennifer is very passionate about international education and comes to us with ideas and experience in international student recruitment and retention. She is optimistic in meeting the aggressive agenda we have set for the growth of the international program at Lane.

# **Language, Literature & Communications:**

There were 39 students enrolled in two sections of Lane's Learning Community "Show Me the Money" in Winter Term, 2010. Of the 39 students enrolled, 23 won scholarships with 1 student winning the \$5,000 annually renewable Staton Scholarship and 3 students winning the coveted Ford Foundation Scholarship which covers approximately 90% of financial need and is renewable annually including through graduate school if the student decides to pursue that level of education. This does not include all of the non-Lane Foundation scholarships that students applied for through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and other private foundations that have yet to be awarded.

**Board Highlights** 

## **Successful Aging Institute:**

The Senior Companion Program co-sponsored an annual county-wide Older Americans Month event on May 25 with nine other area senior organizations. The event drew 120 participants and honored 11 Lane County elders including Lane's own Bev Farfan and her mother Donna for their many years of vital volunteer work.

The Successful Aging Institute and the brand new Aging & Disability Resource Center met on May 26 to initiate a new collaborative relationship, and clarify cross-referral. The Center, the product of a large PeaceHealth/Senior & Disabled Services grant, will receive and share information from the monthly SAI e-newsletter.