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TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

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

Continuing Education:

As part of the 2011 Eugene Celebration event, Continuing Education hosted a Downtown Center open house from noon to 5:00, attracting more than 100 participants who learned about wide-ranging classes offered by CE, the Small Business Development Center, ESL, and the Successful Aging Institute. Many participants took advantage of free chair massage offered by Lane massage therapy students.

Health, PE & Athletic:

The Titans hosted the 18th Northwest Cross Country Classic on the September 24, 2011. Approximately 500 people attended the event including a number of colleges from around the region. The Titan men finish second in the team race. The course continues to be a favorite for participants and we all are eagerly awaiting next year's race.

High School Connections:

Lane Community College's High School Connections Department was recently selected as one of ten exemplary high school to college transition programs to be profiled in a new book about highly promising, evidence-based programs that are making a difference. The process of identifying successful programs was initiated by results of the CCSSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement), and Lane's High School Connections Department was nominated by Larry Cheyne, Oregon Community College and Workforce Development Education and Workforce Coordinator, as an exemplary high School to college transition program. Lane Community College and its High School Connections Department are honored to receive this outstanding recognition and continue to strive for continuous improvement in meeting the needs of Oregon's high school students and bridging the gap between high school and college.

International Programs:

International Programs received notification from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) that Lane has been recertified to continue to issue F-1 and M-1 visas. All colleges and universities will undergo this process over the course of the year and only schools that are recertified are able to continue to host international students.

International Programs, Women's program, TRIO, TRIO STEM, Honors and ESL held a welcome back BBQ and mixer on Friday September 30th. More than 200 students and staff from over 30 countries enjoyed hot dogs, games, and kicking off the school year together!

Library:

In preparation for the arrival of students this fall, the library refreshed its environment over the summer. We purchased a small amount of badly needed new furniture, rearranged existing furniture and printers, improved traffic flow, and created more inviting spaces for students to do their work. Students have expressed much appreciation for the changes. Thanks go to student governance and FMP, who made funding and planning available for this project.

Successful Aging Institute:

The new 'Community Education Schedule' premiered in fall 2011, replacing the old "Aspire" magazine sent to Lane County residents. President Spilde has noted that research has shown that "non-credit students continue to prefer to have printed information at their fingertips throughout the term." The Schedule focuses on career training and business solutions, uses new class categories for easier access, and contains fewer pages.

Certified Nursing Assistant students have a brand new scholarship opportunity. Named for outstanding former student, the Katrina Weaver Memorial Scholarship will provide \$1,000 to a Lane Continuing Education CNA student, enrolled in Fall Term 2011, who demonstrates compassion for the elderly and disabled, a strong work ethic, self motivation and the ability to overcome obstacles. Participation in community and professional activities is preferred and students must show a financial need for the scholarship.

Senior Companion Program received kudos from the northwest office of the Corporation for National & Community Service, which oversees the federal program, for creation of a volunteers' satisfaction survey which will help assess needs and increase retention of fine SCP volunteers.