



**DATE:** January 13, 2016

**TO:** Lane Community College Board of Education

**FROM:** Dawn DeWolf  
Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs

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

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### **FINANCIAL AID:**

*Contact: Helen Faith, Director, Financial Aid, [faithh@lanecc.edu](mailto:faithh@lanecc.edu), 541/463-5266.*

Helen Faith was nominated to run for President-Elect of the Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (WASFAA). WASFAA provides training and professional development to financial aid administrators in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, the Pacific Islands, and Washington. If elected, Helen will lead the work of the association and she will represent financial aid professionals as the regional representative on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).

### **LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & COMMUNICATION:**

*Contact: Susan Carkin, Dean, Language, Literature & Communication, [carkins@lanecc.edu](mailto:carkins@lanecc.edu), 541/463-5418.*

Lane's "Summer in France" program is reserving space now for up to 15 French students who will immerse themselves in the study of language and culture. Based at the University of Caen Normandy, students live with host families who are carefully selected in advance.

Karin Almquist, Ph.D., will lead the group. She has been with Lane's Language, Literature and Communication Division since 2001. She hosted the first cohort of students in the inaugural program in 2012. Karin has worked and travelled throughout France bringing a rich background to her role.

The group departs for Paris on June 30. Students will spend three weeks in international French classrooms in Caen where they will have the chance to strengthen their French language skills and enjoy cultural enrichment activities. They will spend five days in Paris visiting the most famous monuments and museums. Integral to truly learning the language, students will have the opportunity to listen to and speak with native French speakers throughout the trip. Prior to travel, students will take part in an orientation to help them with practical matters such as packing, but

also prepare them for culture shock. They will also reflect on their experience in regular blog entries.

“I truly learned the art of living or ‘joie de vivre’ from the French people. I treasured the ability to take time to slow down and linger over conversation and to savor meals,” wrote one student in his blog.

The full cost should be under \$5,000 including: airfare, lodging, six credits of Lane tuition, most meals, group transportation and excursions. Interested students can attend an information session, on January 8, 15, 29 or February 5, from 11-11:50 a.m. in Center Building, Room 451. The application deadline is March 1, accompanied by a \$500 deposit. Contact Karin Almquist for details, (541) 463-5140, or [almquistk@lanecc.edu](mailto:almquistk@lanecc.edu) or visit the website: <https://www.lanecc.edu/international/summer-france>

Below are some pictures from the trip made in 2012.





**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:**

Contact: Sandy Cutler, Director, Small Business Development Center, [cutlers@lanecc.edu](mailto:cutlers@lanecc.edu), 541/463-6206.

Mark Gregory, director of the Oregon Small Business Development Network states that the Lane SBDC leads Oregon's job creation numbers for 2015. As of December 17, 2015, the SBDC has created 120 new jobs in Lane County this year.