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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

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:

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Approximately 150 students from 17 local high schools participated in Lane Community College's Apprenticeship Open House on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. They heard presentations from several of the nine (9) professions available at Lane. Apprenticeship provides students with an opportunity to learn highly skilled professions through on-the-job training and related classroom instruction while being sponsored by individual employers.



On December 10, 2014, twelve (12) students from McKay and South Salem High Schools (Salem, Oregon) visited programs in Lane's Advanced Technology programs. Led by staff from Lane's Student Recruitment and Outreach, these future Lane students had the opportunity to visit several subject areas including Apprenticeship, Drafting, Manufacturing Technology, Construction and Electronics.



CHILD & FAMILY EDUCATION:

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Lane Child and Family Center rated 5 Stars

Lane's on campus child care center, Lane Child and Family Center has achieved a 5 Star rating in Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)—a program to validate and raise the quality and consistency of child care and early learning programs across the state.

Child care providers and early learning programs who choose to participate in the QRIS are evaluated on a range of elements that are essential for quality care and preparing children for kindergarten and beyond. Each program then receives a rating (1-5 Stars) as well as information about how to access free tools and professional advice to make their program even stronger.

The Lane Child and Family Center is committed to quality care and learning for all children. We know the first years of life build the foundation for lifelong learning and success. That's why we are among the first child care and early learning programs in the state to participate and receive a QRIS rating.

We are particularly proud of our efforts in the Learning and Development, Health and Safety, Personnel Quality, Family Engagement, Business and Administration standard areas. We have one of the lowest staff turnover rates in the field. We are the only National Association for the Education of Young Children accredited child care center in Lane County. Our program excels in all essential standards that support quality early learning for all children.



CONTINUING EDUCATION:

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Jenette Kane, Director of Continuing Education, received the *International Innovative Practice in Business & Industry Award* from the national Learning Resource Network (LERN) at their annual conference on November 22, 2014. Accepting on behalf of the Oregon Association of Continuing and Community Education (OACCE) in her role as President, Jenette credited Continuing Education Program Coordinator Kathy Calise for leading the 10-college statewide initiative to create an Oregon Noncredit Training Certificate. The Certificate, as a “legislative concept,” is currently moving through the legislative process.



GRANT OFFICE:

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The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians has made a gift of \$6,000 to support Child Care Providers

LCC's *Child Care Provider Support* (CCPS) program aims to improve child care in Lane County by supporting the training of childcare providers who lack early-childhood education so that they can rise in the Oregon Registry (state-mandated/funded tiered registry for individual childcare providers) and earn credentials in the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) national system for rating and improving state-licensed early-childhood programs). Both systems require providers to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities in specific content areas so that the care of children in our entire state is

improved. CCPS supports low-income child care providers in Lane County so they can meet both the requirements and the *purpose* of the registry and rating systems—to enrich care and education for our young children.

The project will provide \$200 partial-tuition scholarships (covers half the cost of a 3 credit ECE course) to 30 providers who a) serve low-income clients, and b) are low-income themselves. Tuition scholarships pay for college-level, credit courses specifically in areas targeted by the QRIS (children's learning and development; health and safety; collaborative family partnerships; personnel qualifications, and; administration and business practices).

CCPS will focus on building a college going culture in this population of providers who may have never taken college courses before. The project will recruit with the help of community partners, existing networks, and will target rural areas of Lane County in particular, such as Junction City, Veneta or Florence.

Lane part of \$500,000 Oregon NASA Space Grant

Lane physics instructor Dennis Gilbert was funded as part of the Oregon NASA Space Grant proposal to redesign Astronomy curriculum in Oregon community colleges. Reform of the Astronomy series curriculum was identified in the Physics discipline as the highest curriculum priority in their last unit plan. On a larger scale the project involves development of curriculum elements of the ASTR series for use throughout Oregon, including some remote viewing lab elements developed jointly with UO. These courses are also a part of a goal of developing a Space Sciences AS (Associate of Science) community college degree and a Space Sciences bachelor's degree in Oregon, as well as curriculum enhancements attracting and supporting students for engagement in STEM education. Gilbert will be working with faculty from Linn-Benton and Portland Community College as well as Oregon State University the Space Grant Program lead.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:

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The LCC Titan Toastmasters Club gathered Wednesday, December 3, for a club charter celebration. At the event, Lane Small Business Development Center Director Jim Lindly was awarded one of the highest Toastmaster Awards, “Distinguished Toastmaster.” The Lieutenant Governor of Marketing for Toastmasters District Seven, Leanna Lindquist, conducted the Charter Ceremony. She explained, as she presented Lindly’s plaque, “Only a small percentage of Toastmasters actually achieve this award.” The Charter Celebration included a Club banner presentation to President Thomas Price. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor gave each of the more than twenty members an honorary charter member certificate.

Lindquist explained, “To Charter a club is a really big deal; it’s a big undertaking. It is a lot of work on the part of Jim and Thomas. This is an exceptional group.” She talked about the hope that the group will continue to grow and that it will become “one of those clubs people talk about.” LCC President Mary Spilde visited the celebration, making a few congratulatory comments including, “How pleased I am that we have this group at LCC and how many faculty and staff are participating.” The Center for Meeting and Learning, provided delicious culinary treats, coordinated by Charter Member Paula Westgate. This is the fourth Toastmasters club that the Lane SBDC is hosting. Several Lane SBDC

staff members, as well as clients, are charter members of the club. Lisa Bohannon, with Bohannon Coaching, says, “Toastmasters is ... an amazing resource for developing my business and professional skills, in a very warm and supportive environment.”



SOCIAL SCIENCE:

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Patsy Raney will embark on a research trip to Nairobi, Kenya, December 6-23, 2014. She was invited to Nairobi to study a nonprofit nongovernmental organization, TICAHA (Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health). The invitation was extended by TICAHA's Executive Director and founder, Dr. Mary Ann Burris. The work, vision and mission of TICAHA can be found at their website, www.ticahealth.org. Of particular interest are projects related to sexuality and reproductive rights education; strategies to combat child abuse and gender-based violence in a community framework; and Art Projects and Art Spaces projects which include Body Mapping (art produced by rape and torture survivors as part of sharing their stories and supporting healing). TICAHA takes innovative approaches to enhance the positive links between health and cultural knowledge, practice, belief, ritual and artistic expression. Information will inform curriculum as well as possibly provide some future opportunities for potential student research projects in direct collaboration with TICAHA.

On November 5, 2014, Sgt. Mike Brewster and Sgt. Alan Gilbert of the Oregon State Police delivered guest presentations in two Criminal Justice CJA 100 classes. They delivered community information

regarding the Oregon State Police and were seeking to recruit potential officers. Sgt. Brewster was an LCC Criminal Justice (CJ) student 17 years ago and became a State Trooper as a direct result of Cooperative Education involvement. He reported that three CJ program students have been hired this year by the Oregon State Police. The most recent is a female, U.S. Army Reserve soldier who has done a tour in Iraq.

On November 10, 2014, Phil Martinez has been appointed to the Editorial Review Board of *Thought and Action*, the peer-reviewed journal of the National Education Association, as reviewer for articles on the economics and education. The editor is Mary Ellen Flannery.