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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

FINANCIAL AID:

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As a result of the financial aid office's unsubsidized loan request process first implemented in 2013-14, the amount of loans borrowed by Lane students is lower than ever before, having dropped for a second consecutive year. Thanks to this informative, student-centered, simple request process, students are making better-informed borrowing choices, avoiding unnecessary borrowing of as much as \$6000 per year. The first year of this program (2013-14) was a startling success, with 48% fewer students borrowing unsubsidized loans than the year before. In its second year (2014-15), we were astonished to learn that the rate of unsubsidized borrowing was 20% lower still than 2013-14. This simple, proactive financial literacy intervention has helped Lane students to progress without incurring excessive debt and without creating unintended barriers to transfer and future educational attainment.

MATHEMATICS:

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Several former engineering students from Lane have gone on to successful careers as engineers. Here are some examples from the past few years:

- Ian Harsey works as an engineer for SpaceX, currently in California working on the production of the life support system used to get mice to the International Space Station.
- Adam Lucke works as a civil engineer with Boeing in Seattle.
- Jesse Grimes finished his MS in engineering, and works on robotic rovers with Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.
- Diana Standish just started a new job as a mechanical engineer with Arcimoto, an electric vehicle startup company here in Eugene. (Mark Frohnmayer, the Arcimoto owner, took dynamics here at Lane before finishing an electrical engineering degree at UC Berkeley.)
- Royal Mortier finished his civil engineering degree at OSU and now has his own firm, Mortier Engineering, here in Eugene.

We're very proud of the accomplishments of these former Lane students, and happy that our instructors helped to launch them on their careers.