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TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS:

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In 2010, as a response to a federal initiative to convert health care records to electronic formats, CCWD convened a statewide community college consortium. Lane faculty in the Business/ CIT department participated in this consortium and developed a Health Informatics (HI) program of study. Enrollment in the program has been relatively low for several years, and students who have recently completed the program report they aren't able to find employment in the field. As of 2015-16, Lane is the only remaining HI Associates Degree program in the state.

In 2014, Lane's Health Professions Division developed the Health Information Management (HIM) program in response to the continued demands in health care to move electronic records to digital format and the desire for graduates to have a deeper focus and understanding of health care related skills. This program was designed to lead to a recognized industry credential (RHIT) and easily allows students to move into a bachelors program. This program was not launched due to fiscal constraints. There is 30% overlap between the two programs.

Last fall, the Business /CIT contracted faculty proposed closing the HI program and transferring a faculty member who taught HI classes to Health Professions to allow the HIM program to be fully launched. By moving a faculty member (who is qualified to teach in both HI or HIM) to health professions, the program will gain the needed resources to have a fully developed program, and students will be better prepared to find jobs.

This recommendation was accepted and a decision made. The HI program will be put on suspension effective summer term 2016 and students currently enrolled will be allowed to finish their program of study. There are approximately 20 students currently enrolled. HIM will accept new students fall term 2016.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:

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Steve Webb, Lane Diesel Technology Faculty member, provided a hydraulics lecture, demonstration and hands-on activity for forty (40) home-schooled children and their parents last Friday



Lane Apprenticeship Plumbers under the direction of Instructor Rick Dobson designed and installed a sawdust evacuation system in the Construction Technology program during April. This system greatly reduces the amount of sawdust to the air and promotes a healthier work environment. Ferguson Plumbing of Eugene (3282 W. First St.) donated the materials for the project. ATD Dean Pat O'Connor said, "we are grateful to local businesses that support Lane in providing hand-on training to tomorrow's workforce."



Lane Workforce Partnership, Lane Educational Service District and local aggregate (sand and gravel) companies put on a day-long educational event for construction-related employment opportunities in the area. The event underscored the need for proper training in entering this growing field of construction in the Lane district. Attending were sixty students from around the area. At the event, participants were able to run an excavator. Companies involved included Eugene Sand and Gravel, Delta Sand and Gravel, Knife River Sand and Gravel and Wildish Construction.



The Construction Technology space in Building 12 continues to have a lot of activity. Attached is a picture showing two of the three classes happening simultaneously one evening. A Northwest College of Construction class is taking place in the lower left side of the screen and an Apprenticeship Plumbing class is taking place in the middle of the image. Not shown is the Trade Skills Fundamental class--a pre-apprenticeship class--underway just out of the picture.



Over 800 Springfield 8th graders attended the annual Springfield Middle School Career Day at Willamalane Recreation Center on Tuesday, April 26. Lane's Advanced Technology Division was actively recruiting at this Springfield Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event. Our special emphasis this year was recruiting more females into the professional career technical fields.



Amy Burbee, Advanced Tech Admin



Automotive Technology faculty and staff had a booth at the annual Auto Parts Convention at the Lane Events Center.



(L to R) Jake Wiliamson, Automotive Technology Instructional Specialist, Kelly Mathers Automotive Technology Faculty, Ed Glazier, Automotive and Diesel Technology Tool Room Specialist and Egan Riordan, Automotive Technology Faculty.

AVIATION ACADEMY:

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After many years of substantial financial challenges, Flight Technology finished last year in the black. This year promises to be financially healthy as well.

This turn around was based on lean staffing and administrative restructuring, negotiation for lower fuel rates and lease reductions from the Eugene airport, adjustments to aircraft rental rates, a new dispatch/invoicing system, an excellent aircraft lease on a Cessna 172, and the two Van's RV12 aircraft. The Board approved the purchase of these Van's aircraft and, as anticipated, they have been a crucial part of Flight Tech's financial improvement. We are deeply grateful to the Board.

Another part of our financial health is our increasing enrollment. In addition to an increase in American citizens enrolling at Flight Tech, we are now getting students from Korea and Vietnam. We have serious inquiries from Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Brazil. As we pursue these international opportunities, we expect an increase in foreign students and a continued rise in enrollment.

One of our biggest challenges has been our aging fleet. This year, a Review Team consisting of Lane leaders and the Director generated a capital improvement plan to begin replacing our current fleet with a newer, more uniform fleet. This fleet upgrade will contribute to successful recruitment, retention, and completion of our students. In 2015, Flight Technology's retention rate was 91%, matched by a 91% success rate.

BUSINESS/CIT:

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The Advisory Committee to the Business Department is comprised of local employers representative of organizations that hire Lane Business students. The Advisory Committee is sponsoring a Job Skills Fair for Lane's Business students on May 20 from 10:00 - 2:00 in the CML. The Committee members and their colleagues will provide workshops, presentations, mock - interviews, and networking with employers. Participating employers include:

Royal Caribbean
Chambers Construction
City of Springfield
City of Eugene
Office Team
Accountemps
Lane Workforce Partnership
NEDCO
Oregon Medical Group



CONTINUING EDUCATION:

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In late March, and in partnership with High School Connections' CoderDojo, Continuing Education's new Spark Academy held a Spring Break Preview of one of the eight youth day camps they are offering for the first time this summer. The preview camp was full with 18 youth attending and was covered locally by Tom Adams of KVAL news. (kval.com/news/local/spark-academy-camp-helps-kids-unlock-code-behind-computer-games). LCC Spark Academy (lanecc.edu/sparkacademy) offers June and July summer day camps on computers and coding, 3D game design and digital music. Appropriate for youth entering fourth through eighth grades, ages 10-15. These day camps will teach computer-based skills through fun activities that kids love like video games, digital world and character development. In addition to computer skills, summer day camps are designed to encourage skill development in collaboration, communication, and problem-solving, all while having fun. Registration for summer camps is now open. See (lanecc.edu/sparkacademy).

NW Boomer & Senior News May edition devoted one-half page to Lane Community College. The main article focused on Lane's Senior Companion Program volunteers, with a large full-color photo. The smaller article highlighted upcoming Lane Successful Aging Institute classes, including "Get a Job at 50+" presented by Goodwill, Experience Works, and SAI staff.

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Volunteers needed to be senior companions

Are you a "people person" who truly enjoys making a difference in the lives of others?

As a volunteer for the Senior Companion Program, you can help frail elders and adults living with disabilities stay independent and connected to others by providing them with weekly ongoing visits.

Volunteers are needed in Springfield, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence, Junction City, Veneta and Oakridge. You earn a tax-free hourly stipend of \$2.65 per hour, as well as reimbursement for meals and mileage.

Comprehensive training is provided.

Senior Companion Program volunteers must be age 55 and older, meet low-income guidelines, serve 15 or more hours

weekly, and pass a physical exam and criminal background check.

Contact Beth or Elaine, 541-463-6260, for more information. Get program details at lanecc.edu/SCP, or by visiting the office at Lane Community College's Downtown Campus, 101 W. 10th Ave., Eugene. Look for the program on Facebook as Senior Companion Program of Lane County.

The federal Senior Companion Program has been sponsored locally by Lane Community College for almost 40 years.

If you are looking for help from a Senior Companion or other resources, contact the Aging and Disability Resource Connection at 541-682-3353 or adrcoregon.org. ■



Courtesy photo
Being a senior companion means spending about 15 hours per week helping frail elders and adults with disabilities to live independently and stay connected.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:

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The ESL Department had strong representation in the recent Teachers of Speakers to Other Languages (TESOL) International Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland, from April 5th to April 8th. Two ESL faculty highlighted the innovations in Lane's ESL practice and programming.

Tracy Henninger, FT ESL Faculty, presented on the panel "Career Pathways & WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act) to ELL's (English Language Learners): Vision to Implementation. The following is an abstract of the panel:

Increasing career opportunities for adult ELLs is an important goal under WIOA 2014. This panel, composed of researchers and practitioners, examines the programmatic designs and instructional practices of various career pathway models. Participants take away ELL issues to be considered as well as best practices for designing career pathways.

Sean McClelland, PT ESL Faculty, presented "Trouble in Paradise: Mobil Language Learning Expectations Meet Reality." The following is an abstract of the presentation:

Smart phones and tablets were expected to revolutionize language learning, but have so far had a relatively limited impact on in-class language instruction. This presentation examines teacher's attitudes toward mobile devices and how that translates to a lack of classroom use.

HEALTH, PE & ATHLETICS:

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Women's Basketball:

The Lane Women's basketball team finished their outstanding season with a 32-1 overall record. They were crowned NWAC Champions and also won the Southern Region title.

Four sophomores from the 2015-16 Lady Titan team have signed letter of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at four year institutions. They are:

Shelby Snook, Western Oregon
Bre DuBois, California State University at Dominguez Hills
Jordan Kimbrough, Cal Poly Pomona
Gabby Heehn, Cal Poly Pomona.

As a result of the outstanding season, Greg Sheley was selected NWAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year.

Men's Basketball:

The Lane Men's basketball team had a much improved season, finishing with a 23-7 overall record and tied for second place in the Southern Region. The men qualified for post season play but lost their first round play-off game to Highline CC 72-70.

Baseball:

Spring is in the air and the Lane Baseball season is under way. The Titans are off to a good start and have compiled a 15-9 record through this point in the season. The Titans have completed pre-season play, and are now starting Southern Region action with the goal to make the NWAC play-off in May.

Track and Field:

Track and Field season is off and running. The team continues to train and compete with the goal of peaking at the NWAC Championship meet on May 23rd & 24th at Mt. Hood CC. Lane will be the host site of the Southern Region Championship meet on May 14th.

Athletics:

Lane student athletes attempted 2,310 credits during the winter term, completing 88.7% of those credits with a department average 3.010 GPA.

SCIENCE:

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The faculty members of both the Biology and Anatomy & Physiology disciplines participated in the Annual Northwest Biology Educators Meeting (NW Bio) at the University of Oregon in mid-April. Lane faculty led field trips and conducted seminars, workshops, and teaching demonstrations and served on the local organizing committee for this event, which attracted hundreds of biology instructors from across the western United States. Lane Community College was a co-sponsor of the meeting.

Lane's Science faculty and staff participated in a Lane outreach event on 8 April with visiting 8th grade students and teachers from Lincoln Middle School in Cottage Grove, where students experienced science across our spectrum of our offerings. Numerous hands-on stations were set up to allow students to examine samples and specimens and run scientific experiments related to anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, ecology, geology, and oceanography.

Dean Paul Ruscher provided the keynote address for the kickoff meeting of the Leadership Team of the new Lane STEM Hub at the headquarters of the Lane Educational Service District. The Lane STEM Hub is one of 11 regional hubs funded by the Oregon Department of Education to help focus resources on enhancements for STEM programs and partnerships at the K-12, college and university, and public education programs, and development of partnerships with government, non-profit, and business entities in their regions. Lane Community College was an active partner in the development of the successful proposal. VP Dawn DeWolf and Dr. Ruscher are both represented at the STEM hub as members on its leadership and operations team, respectively.

Lane Community College, the University of Alaska, and the University of Montana form the organizing committee of the Northwest Regional GLOBE Science Fair, which will be held at the World Forestry Center in Portland on May 20-21. Oregon will be represented by a team from Roseburg and teams from South Dakota and Alaska are also finalists for this competition. The GLOBE program is an international environmental education organization that supports student and teacher training in environmental

stewardship in over 110 countries. Lane has been a partner since last year, and is the first community college partner for the GLOBE program. Further information about GLOBE is available online at <http://www.globe.gov>.

Science Division is pleased to announce and invite all comers to its 2nd Annual Science Undergraduate Research Day (SUGR), Thursday May 26th in Building 16 from 10:30 - 2:30. Students in our science classes (majors and non-majors!) are actively engaged in research investigations as part of their coursework. Led by exceptional science faculty members, and the students will be presenting their work for public engagement.