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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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Congratulations to Diesel Technology students Nick Reerslev and Darren Guile! They placed first and second respectively on June 27, 2015, at the Oregon Trucking Association Super Tech Competition held in Portland, Oregon. They competed against students from Portland Community College and Rogue Community College. Diesel Faculty member Steven Webb applauded their hard work and attention to detail.

CONFERENCE & CULINARY SERVICES:

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Late spring term, Lane Community College Construction Technology student Linda Perkins, with technical assistance from instructor Leonard Keen, built and designed a new gate for the main campus Learning Garden to replace the broken northern gate with a sturdy and functional one. Keen credits Perkins for having the perseverance and vision to design and complete this time-intensive and complex project on time despite numerous challenges presented.



The new gate will allow easier and safer access from the Child Development Center as well as permit tractor access. The design of the gate allows artwork to be displayed during events such as *Al Fresco* that was held at Lane on July 29. Dean Pat O'Connor noted that the project illustrates cooperation among numerous parts of the college, resulting in a positive student-centered learning experience.



LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & COMMUNICATION:

Contact: Susan Carkin, Dean, Language, Literature & Communication, carkins@lanecc.edu, 541/463-5418.

Dr. Anne McGrail of the English Department (Division of Language, Literature & Communication Studies) won a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, “Bringing the Digital Humanities to the Community College” (DH@theCC). The grant funded a week-long workshop (July 13-17, 2015) for humanities instructors from Lane and other Oregon schools, and from across the U.S. Twenty-nine humanities instructors attended to share ideas and engage in ways to integrate their teaching with the intersection of computing and humanities. The instructors worked with seven presenters and DH scholars, including Sandy Jensen of Lane’s English and Instructional Technology Departments. Sandy engaged them in a daily task of recording their own digital work using cameras, computers, or smart phones.

For more detail on the NEH workshop, readings, speakers, and faculty, see the blog created by Anne McGrail: <https://blogs.lanecc.edu/dhatthecc/summerinstituteinformation/finalreadinglist/>

For examples of the texts and other works created by faculty, see Sandy Jensen’s blog: <https://blogs.lanecc.edu/dhatthecc/summerinstituteinformation/finalreadinglist>



To view the videos created, you can go to:

Jarvis Slacks- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w66NiRtTPJE&feature=youtu.be>

Oliver Rosales- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyJ_tYiKDTE

Jesse Esparza- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRJx2Dfo-Jk&feature=youtu.be>

Megan England- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FLYxtj6Nn0&feature=youtu.be>

Sara Ducey- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2u8TDmamG4&feature=youtu.be>

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:

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Megan O'Connor, advisor for Lane Small Business Development Center, met with the Creswell Community Economic Development Forum on Monday, June 8. The forum invited Megan, advisor for the Start, Run, and Grow (SRG) Virtual Incubator Program to meet with them to help develop Creswell's strategic economic planning and a vision for community growth. Leaders see the hybrid nature of their community—part bedroom community and part stand-alone—as challenging to forward movement.

The panel, consisting of nonprofit, corporate, and entrepreneurial leaders in the community appreciated hearing about services available to their community through Lane's Small Business Development Center. Megan touched on SRG Virtual Incubator, specialty advising, capital readiness assistance, educational classes and programs, and help with government contracting. She was able to target the information for Creswell and give actionable next steps, which included suggestions for: developing a City of Creswell business plan that includes a needs and asset assessment, demographics, and outreach. Megan also encouraged the group to begin economic development immediately by championing local businesses, personally engaging with and supporting a local start-up, and encouraging and fostering entrepreneurship.

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Contact: Barbara Delansky, Dean, Student Life & Leadership, delanskyb@lanecc.edu, 541/463-5337.

The Rites of Passage summer academies at Lane Community College are designed to inform and inspire high school and middle school students of color in Lane County. Students representing four racial/ethnic groups are immersed in a five-week summer program focusing on their cultural history, literature, folklore, and traditions. These programs are based in an academic framework that promotes positive self-image and self-esteem. This summer, 78 high schools students participated in the program. The four affinity-based programs include:

- African American Rites of Passage
- Asian Pacific American Rites of Passage
- Bridge of the Gods
- Puertas Abiertas Latino/Latina Rites of Passage.

Over the last decade, more than 2300 students of color in Lane County have participated in the Rites of Passage programs at Lane Community College and students and staff from the program have gone on to attend classes here at Lane, and other colleges and universities. Many participants have also assumed leadership positions as students here, and in the community. This program continues to have

a profound impact on the students, and on our community.

Congratulations and thanks to Student Life & Leadership Development faculty Greg Evans, James Florendo, and Jim Garcia for their vision, leadership and commitment to service. For more information on Rites of Passage programs go to <https://www.lanecc.edu/mcc/rites-passage>.

There is a new "umbrella" on the Lane OrgSync site! Orgsync is the online system used to register student organizations, promote events and communicate with students involved in any number of areas. If you have a current L# and passphrase (same as you would use for MyLane) go to <https://orgsync.com/login/lane-community-college> to login and explore on your own. If you don't have a current L# and password to access OrgSync, go to <http://lanecc.orgsync.com/home> to see the public web site version of the system. In addition to the Student Life and Leadership Development "umbrella" that now is home to over 40 different student organizations, we've recently added the Student Support and Information umbrella so that departments and programs that work with specific groups of students, or who need to communicate and promote events and opportunities to large groups of students, can build their own content.

TRiO:

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TRiO Regular and TRiO STEM programs were each awarded five more years of funding from the Department of Education. The TRiO Regular program serves 180 students in non-STEM majors and was awarded \$257,000 per year, and the TRiO STEM program serves 120 students in STEM majors and was awarded \$220,000 per year. Both programs help students earn degrees by providing tutoring, advising, workshops, and other support services to help students stay in school until they graduate.