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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

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### **CONFERENCE & CULINARY SERVICES:**

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On Wednesday, October 1, the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (CAHM) program had its annual "Welcome Lunch" for students, faculty and staff in the program.

At the event, first year students introduced themselves and told the audience where they wanted to be in five years; second year student did likewise and provided advice to the incoming students. Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Faculty and Conference & Culinary staff welcomed the students as well. Vice President of College Services Brian Kelly and Interim CCS Dean Pat O'Connor provided opening remarks. The CENTER provided an excellent "100 Mile Meal"--a sustainable menu comprised primarily of food products grown within a one hundred mile radius.



Students doing ice carving for the event.



## **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

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Continuing Education has a new partnership with Goodwill Industries. Beginning this winter 2015, Goodwill will co-sponsor and host a CE Nursing Assistant class at their Seneca Goodwill Campus. This collaborative project will help people with barriers to employment become certified nursing assistants. Goodwill has also committed to helping students pay for the class through Individual Development Accounts.

Following Pres. Mary Spilde's keynote session at the National Council on Continuing Education & Training conference, Kathy Calise, Barbara Susman, & Jenette Kane gave presentations entitled "Oregon Non-Credit Training Certificates" and "The Successful Aging Institute Entrepreneurial Community Model."

Several participants of the Senior Companion Program, which Lane has hosted for 34 years, were asked to participate in an invitation-only special meeting with US Sen. Ron Wyden concerning chronic conditions affecting older adults on Oct 17, 2014.

## **COTTAGE GROVE:**

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The Cottage Grove Campus provided mandatory New Student Academic Advising Sessions to students in the southern service area for fall term admission. Offering these sessions at the Cottage Grove campus works to minimize financial and geographical barriers to learning for new students enrolling from South Lane and Northern Douglas Counties.

## **SCIENCE:**

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Three Lane faculty were featured in the Fall 2014 Eugene Magazine article, "Best in Class." They are Bill Burrows (Social Science), Harriet Behm (Science) and Chris Blackburn (Math). The article is based on the Rate My Professor scores of these faculty. Our faculty were joined by 3 faculty from UO and 2 from Northwest Christian University. (See Attached)

## **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:**

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Lane Small Business Development Center (SBDC) recently obtained a portable assistance grant from the Small Business Administration to help fund continued business development assistance. The grant will also go to Linn-Benton Community College SBDC and Oregon SBDC Network, both of whom partnered in the proposal and helped obtain the grant. The year-long grant, awarded on October 1, will help businesses in distressed communities start, stabilize, grow and create jobs. Lane SBDC expects funds will help Advisor Megan O'Connor counsel a minimum of 60 clients in the targeted area and provide 250 counseling hours. She anticipates the initiation of ten new business startups and \$100,000

in new capital infusion.

Megan, who is the advisor/instructor for the Start, Run, Grow (SRG) Virtual Incubator program, brings a wealth of knowledge and immense enthusiasm to her new efforts. She explains, “With this funding, we will be able to focus efforts in rural communities, where rural chambers have been asking for assistance. The program currently serves the Eugene and Springfield areas. The project will target early-stage and small-established firms (1-9 employees) in rural Lane and Linn counties. I will provide entrepreneurial training and advising in Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence, Junction City Lowell, Leaburg, Oakridge, the Fern Ridge Area and Vida.”

## **STUDENT SUCCESS:**

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Lane hosted the annual ASPIRE Fall Conference for site coordinators and volunteers on Friday, October 3, 2014. A program administered by the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC), ASPIRE is a state-wide mentoring program that helps middle and high school students access education and training beyond high school. Students receive information about college and career options, admission, and financial aid from trained and supportive, ASPIRE volunteer mentors who work one-on-one with them at their schools throughout the year. ASPIRE is expanding their reach and Lane is about to become one of the first post-secondary ASPIRE sites in the state.