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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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS:

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Nicolette D'Erazo, Vice President of Lane's Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), went on a service trio to Costa Rica for members of NSLS. Service activities included cleaning a monkey cage, a beach clean-up, and painting a family's home. There was time for some fun including a national park tour, a boat trip and snorkeling, zip lining and horseback riding. The group met in the evenings and participated in self-motivation exercises, leadership development, and teamwork strengthening. Nicolette says: "The experience was incredibly inspiring and life changing. One I will never forget."

The NSLS is the nation's largest leadership honor society. Students are selected by their college for membership based on either academic standing or leadership potential. Candidacy is a nationally recognized achievement of honorable distinction. With 521 chapters, the Society currently has 637,820 members nationwide.

Lane's Chapter of NSLS began in the fall of 2014 and has had 270 members join, with 32 earning the induction status, and 2 members earning the National Enhanced Leadership Award.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:

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Tiny House Arrives at "Pilgrim Village."

The first of what could be several "hospitality houses" arrived at its new home behind St. John the Wonderworker Church in the Whitaker neighborhood. Built by the students in the Construction Tech program at Lane Community College and funded by the Church and other

local entities, the structure will house "Cowboy," a hard working parishioner at the church and homeless veteran. Other individuals helping with the transportation and set -up of the structure were Paul Hammer of Hammer Lumber and a group of employees from the nearby Ninkasi Brewing Company.



Pat O'Connor, Father Daniel MacKay of St. John The WonderworkerOrthodox Church and LLC Instructor at Lane, and Alexander Daniell, Tiny Houses Extended Learning Instructor at Lane



For more information about Lane's Construction Technology program, call the <u>541 463-4380</u>. For more information about the Tiny Houses continuing education class offered at Lane, call Bliss Newton at <u>541 463-6107</u>. For more information about Pilgrim Village, call Fr. Daniel at <u>541 484-5810</u>.

In addition to having a "Tiny Houses" class for Fall Term 2016. Continuing Education is also partnering with Advanced Technology to have a Welding Basics class and Auto Care Basics for Women.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS:

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Lane Community College Welcomes Thomas Jefferson Scholars from Tunisia

Lane Community College is pleased to welcome new international students on campus as part of the U.S. Department of State's Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program's Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program (TCCSP). Joining the Lane Community College family are Khaoula Ben Sghaier and Marwen Daboussi.

The Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program (TCCSP) builds the workforce and leadership skills of a diverse group of young technical institute students from across Tunisia. Through U.S.-based training, practical professional experience, community engagement and service learning, Tunisian youth gain the skills needed to contribute to economic and social development in Tunisia.

Through a year-long program of study in the United States, TCCSP participants develop academic knowledge and skills in their field of study. By interacting with Americans in the classroom, in the community and through service-learning activities, TCCSP participants develop a broad and nuanced understanding of U.S. values, become citizen ambassadors, and create links between Tunisians and Americans to increase cross-cultural understanding.

In order to gain practical hands-on experience in their fields of study, TCCSP participants engage in career preparation activities in the fall semester and undertake professional internships in the community during the spring semester. They return to Tunisia with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to be leaders and innovators in their fields and contribute positively to Tunisia's economic development.

The Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State, supported by the people of the United States, and administered by IREX. For more information about the program, visit: https://www.irex.org/project/tccsp

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MATHEMATICS:

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Lesley Stine, Project Coordinator in the Mathematics Division, has been doing some critical work at Lane. When Leslie came to Lane 6 years ago, she developed an Access database to help streamline many of the Administrative Coordinator's tasks. The efficiencies this created allow her to spend some time doing other projects to benefit both the Division and greater campus.

The most recent set of projects help generate data being used to assess programs and changes implemented by the Mathematics Division. This has instilled a new focus-on-data mentality the Division has adopted with the support of Kathie Hledik, Mathematics Dean. The projects so far have included assessing:

- The success of Online vs. Face to Face classes
- Placement Testing Cut Score assessment
- Overall success trends by course
- Individual instructor success rates
- Tracking the success of the new MTH 098 path to college-level math classes
- MTH 241 analysis to help inform strategies for successfully continuing on past MTH 111
- Several cohort studies including the Engineering Program

In addition to her work in the Mathematics division, Lesley is an artist. In her office, Lesley has several 3-D framed paintings that incorporate ceramic sculptures into the perspective of the painting. In one piece of art, a woman made from clay is hitchhiking, carrying just a light bag, with her arm out and thumb up, on the side of a long, straight tree-lined road. For Lesley, this image is only a passing wish. "It represents the feeling I have at times when responsibilities are overwhelming and I could use a little freedom or time to escape."

Lesley has a unique perspective on the College stemming partly from having had two adult children and her spouse attend Lane.

SCIENCE:

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On Thursday, October 13th, 7 PM, at the Downtown Center/Center for Meeting and Learning - Dr. Paul Ruscher (Science Dean, Fellow of the American Meteorological Society) will host a forum entitled "Climate Science, Chemtrails, and Clickbait: A Meteorologist Addresses Pseudoscience" - the event will be free and open to the public, and will include time for a Q&A period.

We are pleased to announce that Lead and Founding Faculty Member Stephen Clarke will take on the reigns of Coordinator of the Watershed Science Technician program beginning Fall Term 2016, in addition to his teaching duties. Steve joined the Lane faculty in 2012 and helped to design the new program which began that year.