

2011 League for Innovation Award
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Sustainability AAS Degree - \$1,500 (This project is the sole recipient of the League for Innovation Award and received a financial award from the Schafer Endowment for Innovation)

The Sustainability Coordinator Associate of Applied Science is an interdisciplinary degree developed through a collaborative process. It is the first program of its kind in the nation. Unlike other, discipline-specific degrees, this degree draws its interconnected content from across the curriculum. A set of professional outcomes was developed by team members, who then interviewed faculty and reviewed syllabi to find established courses which met these outcomes. 99 percent of the outcomes were met by existing courses; a 1-credit seminar by Lane's sustainability coordinator will meet the remaining one percent. This program provides leading-edge training for sustainability professionals while incurring no additional cost to the College.

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Computer Access Project - \$1,000

The Computer Access Project provides students who do not own computers and who are taking developmental writing classes the opportunity to borrow a netbook computer for an entire term. Students checkout computers from the library at the beginning of the term and return them at the end of the term. This allows them to work on their writing assignments on their time schedules and improves the quality of their work and writing skills.

Islamic Studies Visiting Scholar Project - \$1,000

This is a two-year, collaborative visiting scholar initiative between Lane Community College, University of Oregon and other community members. The group will explore topics and issues connect to Islam and other religions and invite prominent scholars to our community for public consortiums. Given the timeliness of the subject of Islam and the critical need for good information, Lane has a responsibility to present the complexity of the issues and a duty to provide educational opportunities to the entire community.

LCC Goes Tobacco-Free - \$1,000

Lane Community College became tobacco-free in the Fall, 2010 as a result of a three year, campus-wide process that involved students, faculty, staff and administrators. Lane's tobacco-free campus promotes health and wellness and enhances the learning environment through cleaner air and cleaner grounds/facilities. Lane's campus is now a more welcoming and accessible environment for all and has enhanced recruiting. Nearly ten thousand dollars a year is being saved on maintenance in addition to improving safety and increasing sustainable practices.

Poetry on the Walls - \$1,000

The Poetry on the Walls project will inform, educate and inspire members of the Lane community by offering poetry in public areas of the college. A wide range of poetry by both professionals and students will be printed poster-size and displayed throughout the interior public spaces of the campus. Within the context of a poetry course, students will help select the poetry and graphic design students will design the posters. The project will benefit students and staff at Lane by exposing them to a wide range of poetry from a variety of genres, topics and regions and promote dialog both in and out of the classroom.

Team-building as Wellness - \$500

One of the first assignments of the new interim IT manager was to develop better communication and collaboration among the network administration technicians...in short, to create a *Team*. Knowing how much he hated traditional “teambuilding,” the manager came up with his own idea: *Teambuilding as Wellness*. He worked with LCC’s Employee Wellness Coordinator to design a program to decrease stress, improve fitness and promote the effectiveness of his group. Now in its second term, the *Teambuilding as Wellness* program is viewed by its participants and managers as enthusiastically successful.