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TO: Lane Community College Board of Education

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

Academic & Student Affairs:

Signifying a strong commitment to student success and completion, Lane Community College is one of 30 community colleges nationwide selected for the Achieving the Dream 2011 cohort. With these 30 new institutions, Achieving the Dream's network now includes 160 institutions in 30 states and the District of Columbia, serving more than two million students. This will support Lane's efforts to improve student success, close achievement gaps, and increase student retention, persistence, and completion rates.

Through Achieving the Dream, Lane will have the opportunity to learn from other Achieving the Dream institutions, and receive assistance from experienced practitioners in building a culture of evidence campus-wide, using data to identify problems, setting priorities, and measuring progress toward increasing student success.

Lane is a partner with Central Piedmont CC on a grant awarded by the Next Generation Leadership Challenge, a project funded by the Gates Foundation. This program targets students in the developmental education program.

Central Piedmont Community College will lead a consortium of community colleges from across the nation in the adoption of the Online Student Profile Learning System (OSPLS), a technology-enabled solution that has a proven track record of improving the academic success of young adult learners enrolled in developmental education courses. The OSPLS technology platform and four integrated OSPLS components include an orientation course, student assessment tools, online student profile, and staff professional development. The partner colleges will implement the OSPLS on their campuses and will support the goal of scaling up across the nation beyond the NGLC project period. You can learn more at <http://nextgenlearning.org/the-grants/wave-I-winners>.

Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning:

All Oregon community colleges and hundreds of other community colleges across the country that will be participating spring term in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). This national survey of students focuses on teaching, learning, and retention in community colleges. The survey is designed and coordinated through The Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin.

Lane last conducted the CCSSE in 2008 and findings from that survey were instrumental in helping us create classes like First Year Experience that are intended to improve student success and retention. The findings also helped us design new strategies to improve student engagement even before students get to campus. One of the most recent initiatives linked to our CCSSE findings is the Back On Course intervention that serves some of our highest-risk students – those who had financial aid suspended and who, before this program, usually left Lane.

The survey will be administered in classes randomly selected by staff from CCSSE to ensure a representative sample of Lane students participates in the project and to preserve the integrity of the survey results.

You can learn more about CCSSE from the project website at www.ccsse.org. If you have any questions about the CCSSE at Lane, please contact Craig Taylor at ext. 5364 or taylorc@lanecc.edu.

Arts:

LCC Airport Gallery Exhibition

The Lane Art Gallery in the Fine Art Building is one of four partners who support the Eugene Gallery at the airport by installing an exhibition from April through June each year. This year's "Mentors--Student Exhibition" features the paired work of full-time art faculty and a student selected by the faculty member. Additional information and photos are available on the Arts Division Website at <http://www.lanecc.edu/arts/> under the 2D Link.



LCC New Dance Studio

Lead Dance Instructor Bonnie Simoa instructs Modern II students in the new Lane Dance Studios. This is the first of two new dance studios approved by the Board of Education to meet extraordinary growth of over 30% for the last three years. This studio was completed Winter term and serves over 400 student enrollments each term.

Please join the Dance faculty, staff and students for a celebration of the completion of Studio 5 on April 28th from 5-7 pm in the studio. The Lane Dance Company will perform, and you can enjoy live music, food and beverages.

International Program:

During spring term 2011 International programs welcomed 45 new international students. The total international student population rose to 237 international students of which 177 are full time representing over 30 countries and 60 are part time international students who are coenrolled at University of Oregon. This represents a 21.5% increase from spring term 2010.

International students volunteered 25 hours of time to raise \$1,400 for the relief efforts in Japan. The funds were sent directly to Fukushima prefecture to support the rebuilding efforts. Currently 20 international students from Japan attend Lane, 3 of which are from the affected area.