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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

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### **Academic & Student Affairs:**

May 6, 2011, the College held its annual Spring Conference. This year's conference focused on staff professional development in the form of concurrent, multi-disciplinary workshops that occur throughout the day. The day opened with a morning presentation by President Mary Spilde on the Governor's education agenda and her thoughts on funding higher education. Two-hour intra-departmental workshops were conducted immediately afterward with a focus on innovation, progression, and completion. Four distinct educational tracks with a total of 23 different workshops were scheduled in the afternoon: classified learning, faculty teaching and learning, all staff health and wellness and student success. The day ended on a high note for staff as we all move toward the conclusion of spring term and an eagerly anticipated June graduation for our students.

### **Continuing Education:**

Lane's Massage Program is now on Twitter. Continuing Education will be maintaining a twitter and blog site for the Massage Program to communicate with current students and to keep in contact with graduates of the program. This is part of the Massage Program's Strategic Direction of Progression and Completion. It will support current students and help students after they have completed the program, when they are getting licensed and starting their professional careers.

Enrollment is up 31.5% in Lane's Massage Therapy Program. Spring Term 167 students registered. This is up from 127 students registered during Winter Term.

The front page of **NW Senior & Boomer News** May 2011, had an article entitled "*Lost your job? Want to start a business? There could be some answers for you at LCC's classes this month.*" It featured classes especially created for Boomers and Seniors by Lane's Successful Aging Institute (SAI). One of the classes, "Ready to Start Your Own Business" was developed in collaboration with Entrepreneurial Development Services (eDev) to help ensure that those who want to hang out their own shingle are prepared to be successful candidates for eDev and the SBDC.

## **Health, Physical Education and Athletics:**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lane hosted the NWAACC Heptathlon and Decathlon Championships on our new track and field venue. In the Decathlon, Lane competitors David Formolo and Trevor Prater finished 2nd and 6th respectively. In the Heptathlon, Lane's Samantha Poppe finished 7th while teammates Jacee Rutherford and MaKenzie Scott finished 13th and 15th.

Lane will be hosting the Southern Region Track and Field Championships on Saturday May 14th. The meet starts at 10:45 am.

The Lane baseball team is currently in second place in the Southern Division with a league record of 16-8 and an overall record of 21-15. The Titans are currently in second place, only one game out of first. Their regular season finishes on May 17th and the NWAACC Baseball Championships tournament is on May 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Multicultural Program:**

The Puertas Abiertas Leadership Academy has been nominated for a national award from *Excelencia in Education*. *Excelencia* is a non-profit organization that focuses on using data and analysis to identify factors that influence the success of specific student populations establishes the base line information from which to develop more effective policies, engage diverse stakeholders, and enhance the active and tactical responses needed to better serve Latino and all students.

*Excelencia in Education* aims to accelerate higher education success for Latino students by providing data-driven analysis of the educational status of Latino students and by promoting education policies and institutional practices that support their academic achievement.

*Excelencia in Education* is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Lumina Foundation, the College Board, and other prominent foundations. If selected for the award, the Puertas Abiertas Leadership Academy will receive a \$5,000 award and will be listed among the student success programs serving Latino students on the *Excelencia* web site.

## **Student Life and Leadership Development:**

Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Barbara Delansky, has been selected to be the new Regional Director for the Association of College Unions-International Region 14. ACUI is the professional organization of student activities and college union professionals. While community colleges in the region do not typically have the same organizational structure as university members of the association, Dr. Delansky was selected because of her extensive experience and primary responsibilities for student life and leadership development, multi cultural center and the women's program at Lane.