

2005 USA Academic Team Scholars Announced

The All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team Scholars for 2005 are Ameila Cohn and Petr Horak.

Ameila is a second-year Oregon Transfer student, and will graduate in June of this year. After graduation, she hopes to attend Linfield or University of Portland to further her degree. Petr is also a second-year Oregon transfer student, who plans to graduate in August of this year and transfer to Western Oregon University to study Health Education. Both students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque presented to them by the governor at the state Capitol in April.

Quote from Amelia Cohn:

"I started out thinking I would go into psychology, and so I started taking classes at Western Oregon University right out of high school. After taking some classes, I wasn't sure that was what I wanted to do—so I took some time off to try to figure it out.

About that same time, my friend ended up in the hospital. While visiting her, I found myself watching the nurses take care of her. They looked like they really enjoyed their job. Watching them is what helped me decide that nursing was what I wanted to do.

Soon after, I started researching schools and found that LBCC had a good program. My long-term goal is to transfer to a four-year university and, after graduation, I hope to work as a traveling RN with the Peace Corp and to possibly teach nursing."



Quote from Petr Horak:

"I was a horrible student in high school. In my small village, the best opportunity for me was plumbing school. A family friend was from the U.S. and invited me to visit Oregon in 2002. I spoke no English at the time, and planned to stay only 3 months. My friend encouraged me to take ESOL classes at LBCC, and I continued on to OSU English Language Institute—becoming good enough with my English to get a student visa, pass my TOEFL, and start classes at LBCC in spring of 2003.

I chose to study health education. Health care in my country is good, but I see that America is ahead on many health issues. After working as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop, I realized that in my country we don't practice much preventative medicine, such as self-examinations. I think practicing prevention is a great health benefit in America.

After college, I would like to work with health organizations, such as UNESCO or AID organizations. Eventually, I would like to return home to make a difference in health care and education there, bringing with me the knowledge that I have gained."



Foundation Campaign--continued from front page...

Campaign funds support many short-term needs, such as student scholarships, student assistance and enrichment, support for teaching excellence, support for the presidents emergency fund for students, and funds for capital projects.

"The Foundation was able to award more than \$400,000 in scholarships and student assistance in 2004," said Marlene Propst, Executive Director of the Foundation. "This is the highest annual amount awarded by the Foundation to date."

Some of the funds came from the "Make a Difference Paver Project," which is ongoing, with pavers still available at three donation levels.

LBCC staff gift an average of \$54,000 per year to the Foundation, including those that give monthly through payroll deduction. Currently, 47 staff members gift one percent of their gross salaries to the foundation.

"The success of this campaign reflects the commitment of LBCC staff and the bonds the surrounding communities have to LBCC and the value they place on education today," said Alex Paul, President of the Board of Trustees for the LBCC Foundation.

Luckiamute Center Open House

An open house at the newly renovated Luckiamute Center (formerly the WEB) took place on Feb. 1, with lots of great treats and tours for guests.

The building is now 14,062 square feet and houses Family Resources & Education, Family Connections, Life & Employment Development (JOBS), Adult Basic Skills Development (ABSD), GED/ESOL programs and Printing Services. Total cost for construction is approximately \$1.3 million.



Visitors and staff attend the Luckiamute Center open house on Tuesday Feb. 1. The new center is spacious, allowing for the different departments to function well under one roof.



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Board of Education: January Highlights--Dual Enrollment Presentation

A presentation on the LBCC/OSU Dual Enrollment Program was given by deans Jerry Wille and Gary Ruppert, faculty Wendy Krislen and George Lauris, and dual program student Gail McCreedy.

Among community colleges, we have a unique relationship with OSU. LBCC teaches business classes on the OSU campus, with our A.S. business courses mirroring OSU bac core requirements.

Faculty here work closely with OSU business advisors. Krislen hosts a student advising session for students at LBCC, and OSU's College of Business advisors come to our campus to orient students to junior and senior year there.

McCreedy said the smooth transition between LBCC and OSU was one of the reasons she decided to pursue a bachelor's degree. She was in contact with advisors well before her junior year. McCreedy also liked that her LBCC grades and grade point average are on her OSU transcript.

"Classes at LBCC are smaller and are very nice," said McCreedy. She says the transition to OSU's larger classes was easier and she also enjoys the camaraderie with other dual enrolled students.

Gary Ruppert pointed out that the program doesn't happen because of rules and regulations, but rather because of relationships. The Arts & Communication Division had a group of faculty meet with OSU's College of Liberal Arts faculty. OSU was willing to accept our quality classes as being equivalent to theirs, and they accepted our 200 level courses as equivalent to their corresponding 300 level courses. LBCC students are routinely in the top 10% of the graduating class at OSU.

Another advantage is dual students are able to play in instrumental groups and receive credit from LBCC for those classes. Also, we are helping to meet the demand for Spanish instructors at OSU.

George Lauris reported that theater, music and speech communication programs in high schools and other community colleges have been shrinking. Since the LBCC and OSU theater departments are both offering a live theater experience, they joined as partners to expand opportunities for LBCC and OSU students.

A joint LBCC/OSU recruitment poster is mailed to every high school in the state. Students participate in plays at OSU, then their grade is registered at LBCC for a class. The different types of stages at each school offer a greater opportunity for contact with faculty and greater experience with different kinds of theater spaces.

Budget Committee Appointments

Erland Erickson, Sweet Home School District-retired, Alice M. True, Samaritan Occupational Medicine, Mark McNabb, Wah-Chang-retired, Bob Scott, Valley Cabinets--Co-owner, Patrick Malone, Christmas Tree Grower, Richard Mueller, OSU Physical Plant Administrator-retired, Barbara Sleezer, Citizens Bank.

LBCC Vision and Values--The Vision and Values Statement was unanimously approved. The next steps include work to integrate this into campus culture and into our mission and strategic plans, which will help us in our accreditation self-study.

Jim Huckestein is working on the college's adoption of new ORS Public Contracting Codes, which will take effect in March 2005. Changes to the codes include an amendment to procurement thresholds and changes to personal service contracts. Boards are being asked to consolidate ORS into an internal code.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 16 at the Lebanon Center, room 218. March 1-3 is the OCCA Annual Convention, Salem Convention Center.

Foundation Comprehensive Gifts Campaign Reaches Beyond \$10 Million Goal

The Foundation Comprehensive Gifts Campaign reached beyond its \$10 million fund raising goal in December, ending the campaign with a grand total of \$10,039,093 in donations.

"In today's economic climate, with state funding levels in question, the College is stretched to meet the basic needs of students," said LBCC President Dr. Rita Cavin. "Thanks to the generous support of our community, the LBCC Foundation provides us the 'margin of excellence' to help our students succeed."

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Marlene Propst Sends Thank You for Your Support

"Thank you for the many cards and emails I received during December when my son had a car accident. Your thoughtful and supportive emails allowed for an escape from the long hours of waiting for him to recover in the ICU. He is now well on the road to recovery and returned to his LBCC classes at the end of January. Thank you again."

Marlene Propst

Campus News and Events

New Faces

- **Lynne Cox**, Management, replacing Cheryl Allison, Coordinator-Disability Services, Disability Services, effective 01/03/05.
- Stephen Taylor, classified, replacing Dominique Kovacs, Retail Systems Specialist, Bookstore, effective 01/03/05.

Promotions/Transfers

- **Julie Turner**, faculty, replacing Jennifer Wade, Associate Degree Nursing, Health and Human Services Division, transferred from Associate Degree Nursing, Health and Human Services, temporary, renewable-dependant upon continuation of funding, effective 01/03/05.

Goodbyes

- **Steven Carrow**, classified, Maintenance Specialist 2, Facilities, resigned effective 12/03/04.
- **Shirley Starr**, classified, Human Resources Specialist 1, Human Resources, early retirement effective 03/01/05.
- **Robert Williams**, faculty, Training Specialist, Health Occupations Services Education Center, resigned effective 03/18/05.

What's Happening

- **Feb. 9**, Wednesday, noon-2pm, Lunar New Year Party & Moon Cake Tasting--Multicultural Center & Courtyard. The Lunar Calendar is celebrated around the world as marker of renewal and change. Lunar New Year is the beginning of a new season, and moon cakes have long been a way to commemorate this ancient celestial event. The event also features a visit from our own Chinese Dragon.
- **Feb.10**, Thursday, 3-5pm, Cure for Portfoliophobia--the Siletz Room The Faculty Appraisal Committee will offer an interactive session on portfolio training. They will provide sample portfolios and answer any questions. Pre-register by calling Ginger at ext. 4968.
- **Feb. 15**, Tuesday, 2-4pm, Reclassification Training for Employees--Alsea Room. Learn about the reclassification process for classified positions. Preregister by calling Ginger at ext. 4968.
- **Feb. 16**, Wednesday, noon-1pm, Movie: Dare to Repair-A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Home Improvement--Multicultural Center. Ready to tackle your home repairs yourself or want to know about the work others do for you? This informative video is a great way for both women and men to learn about home repair and maintenance.
- **Feb.17**, Thursday, 2-4pm, Reclassification Training for Supervisors--Willamette Room. Learn about the reclassification process for classified positions. Preregister by calling ext. 4968.



Happy Valentines Day!

- **Feb.20 & 27**, Sundays, 3pm, the play Puss In Boots, Russell Tripp Performance Center. This years children's play is directed by Jane Donovan and based on the 17th century story by French writer Charles Perrault. This is the first play in the newly renovated theater. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 18 and are available at the box office, Sid Stevens Jewlers & Gracewinds Music.
- **Feb. 22**, Tuesday, 5:30-8pm, LBCC Open House--Commons. Learn how to finance a college education, get information on the LBCC/OSU Dual Enrollment Program, find out how your student can earn college credit while still in high school, explore major and career options, and participate in campus tours. Free pizza and beverages from 5:30-6pm. Register on our website: www.linnbenton.edu/openhouse or call ext. 4490.
- **March 4**, Friday, 6:30pm, Culinary Arts Winter Banquet--Commons. Students in the Culinary Arts Program will hone their skills by serving a traditional prime rib dinner complete with baked potato, seasonal vegetable, green salad, dessert and beverage. Support our students and get a great meal for only \$14.50. Tickets are available at CC-214 or call ext. 4391.
- **March 5**, Saturday, 10am-2pm, FRC Family Fun Raiser--AC gym. Children ages one to six will enjoy activities provided by LBCC parenting classes including play dough, bubbles, an obstacle course, seed planting, basketball, face painting and more. Activity tickets are 25 cents each. There will be a used toy and book sale and silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Parent Grant Fund. Everyone is invited to this inexpensive, fun-filled event. Coordinated by the Parenting Education Advisory Committee. For more information, call ext. 4897.



Scott Anselm teaches staff how to make crepes during recent staff development class.

LBCC Enrollment News (from Bruce Clementson)

There's good news and bad news on the enrollment front. First-the good news.

Enrollment is up for part-time and non-credit, with part-time up 6.18% and non-credit up 21.74%. Growth is very good in these areas.

The bad news; full-time is down by 4.10%, and overall FTE is down 0.90%. These statistics are the end of third week numbers, and show the percentage change over four consecutive terms.

LBCC Vision and Values Statement

Vision:

LBCC...where learning changes lives.

Core Values:

- Believing in the potential of everyone
- Pursuing excellence
- Creating opportunities for success
- Serving our community with integrity
- Celebrating the gifts of diversity
- Igniting creativity

Update on Hailey Jones (from Kathy Withrow)

Hailey Jones, 8-year-old daughter of Janet Jones, classified staff member from the Courtyard Cafe, had a liver transplant due to inoperable liver cancer on January 9 at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital - Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, California.

Hailey was released to the Stanford Ronald McDonald House last week while she recuperates and her liver counts and anti-rejection medications are monitored. Her counts have stabilized and have remained well within the normal range for the last week, and she is enjoying being able to move around without being in the hospital.



Hailey's 35 staples were removed on January 24th. This was an unpleasant procedure but it is making her more comfortable now that they are out. She is recovering well and gaining strength, and even got to go out to lunch with her grandparents.

The family did have some excitement last weekend when someone set off a fire alarm in one of the other guest rooms in the middle of the night. They had to evacuate at 11pm — fire trucks came and sprinklers went off in a couple of families' rooms - luckily not theirs. It was exciting, but scared Hailey with the loud alarm and bright lights flashing in their room. Her biggest fear was she would lose her Ty beanie babies that people have sent her.

Hailey recently came down with a staph infection, and returned to the hospital. But she is doing well--her liver shows no signs of rejection.

A fund raiser Valentines Dinner will be held in the Commons on Feb. 12 to help offset the families medical expenses. There will be live music and an auction. If you are planning to attend, please let Kathy Withrow know as soon as possible.

Hailey and her parents send their thanks to everyone for their love, prayers, cards, calls, support and gifts. They couldn't make it through this without you.

Art Instructor Dori Litzer Heads to Italy Fall Term

Art instructor Dori Litzer will be heading to Florence, Italy this fall to teach as part of the the Oregon International Education Consortium (OIEC) program.

The Consortium partners with the American Institute for Foreign Study-- offering two overseas study experiences for students and faculty in Oregon community colleges: Florence, Italy, fall term; and London, England, spring term.

“The opportunity to teach and learn in Florence and the surrounding countryside is an opportunity of a lifetime,” said Litzer.

Litzer will teach 35 students from the seven community colleges that are part of OIEC. They include LBCC, Central Oregon, Chemeketa, Clackamas, Mount Hood, Portland, and Rogue.

Two faculty are picked for each program from applicants from all seven participating colleges. According to Tammi Paul, Director of SL&L and OIEC board member, interested faculty apply directly to OIEC, explaining their interest in the program, qualifications and course selections.

OIEC board members select candidates based on criteria such as the range of courses the instructor proposes to teach, course relevance to the location of teaching, the instructors experience living or working abroad, and the instructors teaching history.

According to Paul, the courses must be general education courses that are transferrable for students. Litzer plans to teach History of Western Art, Understanding Art, Drawing I,II & III, Painting, and Basic Design.

“Florence is a world-class center for art and learning,” said Litzer. “Mixed with beauty, history, art and architecture, the ideas generated within its environment add new meaning to ‘hands on’ active learning.”

Students participating in the program are required to take 12 credits, including a required Life and Culture class worth four credits. The program allows students to spend time outside of the classroom--touring art museums and learning about local architecture,culture, language and history of the area, giving students unique insite they cannot get from classroom bookwork.

“The unique and wonderful part of this program is that students don't have to step outside of their course of study to participate,” said Paul.

Litzer is the first faculty member from LBCC to participate in the program. She hopes to bring back new ideas for her classroom work here, and help other faculty and students participate in the program in the future.

According to Paul, OIEC is exploring the idea of bringing additional departments into the program, such as Science. Currently, the main programs of study are Arts and Humanities and Business. For more information on the OIEC program, contact Tammi Paul- ext. 4457.

