

The Insider

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF NEWSLETTER



Letter from Wendy Major in Iraq

Wendy Major, HOWE Division program assistant, is stationed in Iraq with the Naval Construction Battalion unit from the Eugene Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center. She has been serving at Al Asad Airfield in Northern Iraq since last fall and is slated to return home in April.

Al Asad is the second largest airbase in Iraq. It is located 180 kilometers west of Baghdad and 12 kilometers southwest of the Euphrates River.

Below is a recent email from Wendy, who goes by Wendy Carpenter in her military role.

Ambar Province, Iraq, Jan. 18

"I am doing well. We are all tired and ready to come home. The days are long and there are few days off.

"I am attached to a Mobil Construction Battalion. My primary job is to purchase everything the battalion needs from office supplies and tools to equipment. It is cold here. The low is 20 at night and it might get to 50 during the day. There has been lots of rain, which turns the flour-like sand and dust into a huge mess.

"My family is doing well and will be happy to have me home. I have attached a couple photos, one of me cleaning and the other I am on watch. I am at Al Asad Airbase which is in the Ambar Province.

"I hope you are doing well and tell everyone hello for me. I'll be back in the Valley sometime in April."

SK1 Wendy Carpenter

Al Asad Airbase, Iraq



Wendy Major, HOWE Division program assistant, is stationed at Al Asad Airbase in Ambar Province, Iraq. She was called to serve last July, and is scheduled to return home in April of this year. Wendy is pictured on guard duty in the top photos and swabbing the deck in the lower photo.

All-USA Academic Team Scholars Named

Two students have been named as this year's All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team Scholars representing LBCC. Peggy Long and JoDee Lonsdale, both second-year students, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque presented by the governor at the state Capitol in April.

Long is an AAOT major with an emphasis in political science. She plans to transfer to Willamette University to continue her studies. Lonsdale is also an AAOT major with an emphasis in pre-nursing. She plans to transfer to OHSU next fall.

Below are their student stats and individual stories.

Peggy Long; Hometown: Albany. GPA: 4.0

LBCC and Community Activities: LBCC Student Programming Board, Phi Theta Kappa Public Relations Officer, LBCC Student Activities Programming Committee, SOLV-Oregon beach cleanup participant, Civil War Blood Drive, AAWCC Food Drive. Honors: LBCC Honor Roll.

"I originally started college right of high school, but circumstances made it so I was unable to attend. I finally had the opportunity to come back to school and finish my degree, and chose LBCC to help me gain the confidence and skills needed to succeed.

"My LBCC instructors and experiences have reinforced my confidence and focus and provided me with many leadership opportunities. And smaller class sizes provide a better sense of the subject of study.

"I plan to transfer to Willamette University to study rhetoric and media with a minor in political science. After graduation, I would like to work as a publicity coordinator for political campaigns or non-profit organizations.

"I know now that going to college is not just about studying the books, but also about developing who you are and seeing the possibilities that can lead to something greater down the road."

JoDee Lonsdale; Hometown: Albany. GPA: 4.0

LBCC and Community Activities: LBCC Student Life and Leadership Student Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa Fund Raising Coordinator, LBCC Turning Point Transitions Mentor, Girl Scouts volunteer, Parent Teacher Association member, Riverside Park cleanup participant, SOLV-Oregon Beach Cleanup participant.



Peggy Long, top, and JoDee Lonsdale were named the 2007 All-USA Community College Academic Team representing LBCC. They will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque given by the governor at the state Capitol in April.

Honors: LBCC Foundation James F. Burnett Sr. Memorial Scholarship, LBCC AAWCC Scholarship, Zonta Service Foundation of Corvallis Starns Scholarship, LBCC Foundation Merit Scholarship.

"As a single parent and sole provider of four children, I knew my family needed me to find a sustainable career. I've always had an interest in nursing, and chose LBCC to complete prerequisites for a nursing degree.

"LBCC has been the perfect fit for me. The instructors have a genuine passion for teaching that is a key element to my success. There is a real spirit of community here, and I have found the self-confidence to accomplish all that I set out to do.

"I plan to transfer to OHSU to finish my bachelor's in nursing. I would like to work for a few years in my field and take classes at Western Oregon University in sign language interpretation. I plan to continue my education to become a nurse practitioner, and eventually open my own clinic that specializes in working with the deaf community."

Bookstore Finally Heads Back Home

The Albany campus bookstore will be closed Feb. 5-9 for the move back to the College Center, after a long relocation in the Industrial B building for renovation of their old space. The newly remodeled and expanded bookstore will reopen at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12. Watch for a photo of the finished bookstore in next month's issue of the Insider.

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Campus News and Events

New Faces/Promotions

- **Joseph Paris**, Faculty, replacing Gail Dameworth, Computer Systems, Business and Computer Systems Division, effective 01/08/07.

Good-byes/Leaves of Absence

- **Susan K. Peck**, Classified, Clerical Specialist 2, Admissions and Records, effective 01/04/07.

What's Happening

- **Tuesday, Feb. 6, Focus the Nation Project, Global Warming Solutions, noon to 1 p.m., Forum room 104.**

Bring your lunch and join in for an inspiring presentation by Focus the Nation Project Director Dr. Eban Goodstein, professor of economics at Lewis and Clark College and environmental researcher, author and activist. Focus the Nation is a major educational initiative to coordinate teams of faculty, staff and students at thousands of institutions across the country to focus national attention around a serious discussion of climate stabilization. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sheri Rosen at ext. 4778.

- **Saturday, Feb. 10, 30th Annual Family Fun Raiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Activities Center.** Join Family Resources and Education for their annual Family Fun Raiser. Children ages one to six will enjoy activities provided by LBCC parenting classes. Play dough, an obstacle course, seed planting, basketball, face painting and more for kids along with a used toy sale, a book sale and silent auction for adults. Tickets for each activity are 25 cents. All proceeds go to support parenting programs at LBCC. This event is open to the public. For more information, contact FR&ED at ext. 4897.

- **Friday, Feb. 16, Lunar New Year Celebration, noon to 1:30 p.m., Multicultural Center.** Celebrate the Year of the Pig with traditional Asian New Year treats and a colorful Asian fashion show displaying the unique apparel of Vietnam, China and other Asian countries. The LBCC Dragon Dance Team will make an appearance around campus to bring good luck and prosperity to all who make food offerings to the dragon. Free and open to the public.

- **Sunday, Feb. 18, Travel at the Tripp "Ireland: Celtic Myths and Splendors," 2 p.m., Russell Tripp Performance Center.** Join filmmaker Sandy Mortimer as she takes you on a trip through the magic island of Ireland. Tickets are \$7/\$6 for students & seniors. Contact the theater box office at ext. 4531.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 21, Suicide Awareness and Prevention for College Faculty and Staff, noon to 1 p.m., Siletz Room.** Learn the warning signs and how you can best help with this second leading cause of death in college age students. Presented by LBCC Counseling staff. Preregistration is required. Contact Vickie Keith at ext. 4968 or by email at vickie.keith@linnbenton.edu.

- **Monday, Feb. 26, Interviewing and Hiring: Best Practices for Supervisors and Hiring Committees, 2:30 to 5 p.m., Siletz Room.** Sharpen your hiring skills by

attending this interactive session. Refresh your understanding of effective and legal hiring practices and explore unintentional biases in hiring. This class is for everyone who is involved in hiring including classified, faculty and managers. Presented by Catherine Quinnett of Human Resources.

- **Friday, March 2, Culinary Arts Winter Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Commons.** This year's theme is *Essence of Asia, A Culinary Tour Through Southeast, Central and East Asia*. Tickets are \$19.50 each and must be purchased in advance in room CC-214 or by contacting Laurie Chang at 917-4391. Come out and support our culinary students. All proceeds benefit the Culinary Arts program.
- **Saturday, March 3, 32nd Annual Children's Play "Go, Dog. Go!" 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. showings, Russell Tripp Performance Center, Takena Hall.** It's a dog's life! This play is a rollicking 60-minute musical adaptation of P.D. Eastman's ageless classic. Dogs of all shapes, sizes and colors come to life. *Go, Dog. Go!* is a pop-up picture book that comes to life. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children under 18 at the theater box office, online, or at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany or Gracewinds Music in Corvallis. Credit card purchases available at the theater box office only. For more information, contact the box office at ext. 4531.



Foundation to hold Donor Reception

The 2006 Foundation Annual Fund Drive was a heartwarming success! With the help of 188 LBCC staff and 28 LBCC retirees, we reached the benchmark grand total of \$56,117.

The Foundation is hosting a "Thank You" reception for LBCC staff donors on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the College Center first floor foyer (just outside the Foundation office).

We LOVE our donors and would like to celebrate your generosity and the difference your donations are making in the lives of our students and the advancement of the college.

So mark your calendars for February 14th! See you there!

Snowflakes For Sale

The welding club will be offering snowflakes for sale like the ones that were hanging at the northeast College Center entrance. You can preorder them anytime, and our welding students will make them next fall. Cost will be around \$75 each and includes lights. All proceeds will benefit the Welding Club. For more information or to order, contact welding instructor Dave Ketler .

LBCC Board Member Wes Price Passes

LBCC Board of Education Chair Wes Price passed away Feb. 1. Wes served on the board since July of 2005, representing Albany Zone 2-3A. He was a native of Albany, graduating from Albany High School and OSU. A retired certified public accountant, Wes was very active in the community as an ardent civic booster. Besides serving on the college board, he also served on the Greater Albany Public Schools Board, among many other local organizations.



Note from President Rita Cavin:

Wes Price was bigger than life and full of love. Wes was the model volunteer, the model board member and the model champion. Wes loved life, his family and friends, good food, and Albany. He leaves a hole in the fabric of our community that will be hard to mend.

Wes loved LBCC-coming to our events, interacting with faculty, staff and students and his work on our Board of Education. Just before he became ill, he stopped by to personally acknowledge the hard work of our HR staff and to share his ideas about raising funding for the Science Health Project. We will all miss him.

The President's Office will be gathering and forwarding condolences to the family if you would like to send an email or card. Arrangements are pending and will be shared as they are known.

Letter from Ann Brodie, LBCC Board of Education

Do you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions that you would like to communicate to the Linn-Benton Community College Board members?

We are always interested in knowing what the community thinks about the different issues that we deal with monthly. We would like to receive input on any issue that concerns you or ideas that could aid LBCC. For example: Do you have any insight of how to get the legislature more enthusiastic about supporting community colleges?

Our meetings usually are held on the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Albany campus. If you would like the Board to consider an agenda item, please call Renee Windsor-White at 917-4204.

If you would like to speak at a Board meeting there is time at the beginning and the end of every meeting for delegations/citizens comments. We would like to hear from you!



Campus Closed
Feb. 19
President's Day

Institutional Research Diversity Data

from BJ Nicoletti

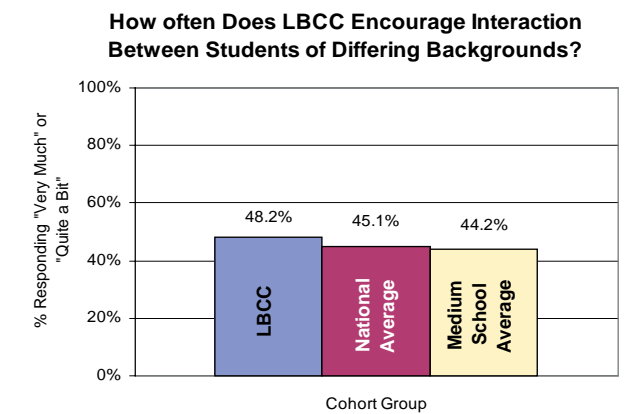
CCSSE Diversity Indicators

LBCC has a commitment to celebrating diversity. These are just two possible indicators measuring diversity nation wide.

Using these two indicators, what does this say to you about LBCC's diversity levels?

Interaction: % of individuals stating that LBCC has encouraged "very much" or "quite a bit" of contact between the student and other students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds.

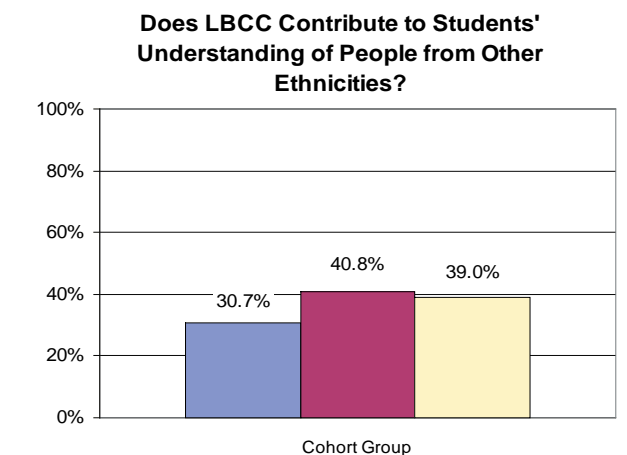
Target: At or above national average.



Source: Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) Student Answers to Question 9c

Understanding: % of individuals stating that their experience at LBCC has "very much" or "quite a bit" contributed to their understanding of people of other racial or ethnic backgrounds.

Target: At or above national average.



Source: Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), Student Answers to Question 12k