

## AAWCC's FIFTH SILENT AUCTION

Last year, AAWCC held its fourth fund-raising silent auction to fund student scholarships. Each year, the auction grows in donations and bidding members. The excitement and appreciation expressed by the scholarship recipient's drive the desire for the continuation of this annual event. Proceeds from this event allow a \$500 scholarship to be given out in the spring to two LBCC students.

This year's silent auction will once again be held in conjunction with "Spring Days" on Wednesday, May 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the courtyard.

Please deliver the items you wish to donate for the auction along with a donation form to AHSS-108, the Arts & Communication Division Office. The deadline for donations is, Friday, May 20, 2005. If you have any questions or need a form, please call Tammi Drury at 4530 or Renee Windsor-White at 4204.

## Business Division Holds 32nd Annual Award Banquet

The Business and Computer Systems Division will hold its 32nd annual student recognition Business Awards Banquet on Friday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons cafeteria.

Tickets cost \$12.50 each and include a chicken dinner. For more information or to purchase your ticket, contact Sheila Faulkner, ext.4258.



**Classified staff gathered in the Commons for the annual Classified Appreciation Day lunch April 20. Taco salad bar was served, prizes were given away, and management served ice cream sundaes to staff. Music was provided via piano by Gary Ruppert and Ed Watson. What a great way to spend some time away from the grind! Thanks!**

## Foundation Allocation Requests Filled from Fall 2004

The LBCC Foundation approved funding for several allocation requests from fall term. Winter term allocation requests will be approved in May.

- Collision Repair/EIT -- granted \$5,000 to purchase five Dent Pullers for class use.
- Parenting Education/Family Resource and Education - granted \$1,200 for printing purposes for the Family Resource Fair.
- Educational Partnerships/Academic Affairs - granted \$3,900 for High School Skills Contest Student scholarships.
- Computer Systems/Business and Computer Systems - granted \$980 for Cisco Certification Student Scholarships.

A total of \$11,080 was allocated for fall term requests.

### Foundation Paver Reminder...

June 1st is the deadline for any new paver reservations for this year. These new pavers will be installed this summer. There are currently 45 new pavers reserved for this new installment, with plenty of space for more.

Pavers can have up to three lines of 17 characters per line and come in four donation levels of \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000. LBCC payroll deductions can be used to reserve pavers each year - so if you've established a donation through payroll, don't forget to get your paver order in by June 1st. Last summer, the Foundation had 181 pavers installed in the redesigned College Center entryway. If you haven't already, stop by and take a look. You can place your paver orders through the Foundation Office, CC-105, or visit the website [www.linnbenton.edu/foundationpavers](http://www.linnbenton.edu/foundationpavers) for a pdf form.

# Communicator

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LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF NEWSLETTER

## Nomination Time for Distinguished Staff and Pastega Awards

It's that time of year again to nominate your peers for the annual Distinguished Staff Award, Pastega Faculty Excellence Award and Pastega Classified Excellence Award.

**The Distinguished Staff Award** is given as recognition for a substantial contribution of both time and energy to the college over an individual's career. This award is often given to staff at retirement, but can be given at any time.

The nominee must have completed a minimum of 10 years of continuous employment by the college. A candidate with less than 10 years of employment may be considered at retirement or demise. The winner(s) will be announced at the September, 2005 in-service gathering.

**The Mario and Alma Pastega Faculty Excellence Award** is intended to provide recognition and encouragement for academic excellence by a continuing contracted faculty member. The emphasis will be placed on recent excellence in facilitating the learning process. This award is not necessarily related to longevity and career achievement at the college.

The award is for one individual-nominations of groups of employees will not be considered. The award recipient will be announced during the September, 2005 in-service program where they will receive a \$1,000 honorarium from Mr. Pastega.

**The Mario and Alma Pastega Classified Excellence Award** is intended to provide recognition and encouragement for superior performance by a contracted classified employee. The emphasis will be placed on recent performance and is not necessarily related to longevity and career achievement at the college.

The award is for one individual- nominations of groups of employees will not be considered. The award recipient will be announced during the September, 2005 in-service program where they will receive a \$1,000 honorarium from Mr. Pastega.

The selection criteria and nomination process for each award is outlined in the nomination documents. The nomination process includes gathering signatures and writing letters. Please address the selection criteria in the letters to the best of your ability.

Nomination materials are available in the Foundation office and are due in the College Advancement/Foundation Office (CC-105) by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 20. Question- please call or email Marlene Propst.

## Board of Education Highlights

**Budget Committee:** A budget committee meeting was held prior to the April Board meeting. One item of discussion was a possible tuition increase from \$56/credit to \$62. LBCC would still have one of the lowest tuition rates among the 17 Oregon community colleges. Tuition ranges from \$56 - \$71 per credit, and state average per credit is \$62.97. Jim Huckestein noted that rising PERS costs were one of the biggest cost drivers impacting the budget. The budget committee will continue discussion in May with the LBCC Board adopting a proposed budget in June.

During the Board meeting, President Cavin acknowledged the good work done by Jim Huckestein in providing leadership in developing a funding formula for community colleges. Huckestein and others have also been working with the Legislative Fiscal Office to explain the components of ending fund balances in community college budgets. This has been a hot topic in the news related to K-12 budgets. Community college ending balances are impacted by the timing of state appropriation payments—one FY may show three payments posted with the next FY showing five payments so some legislators are seeing what they consider to be large unrestricted reserves.

**New Interim Board Member:** President Rita Cavin swore in Wes Price as an interim Board member to fill the position vacated by Marshall Johnson. Price is running unopposed for the Zone 2-3A Board seat in the May election. He is a retired Albany CPA who has a long history with LBCC. Price shared that he was involved in administering an estate that rented the first "home" to LBCC at First Street and Lyons in downtown Albany. He was also one of our first accounting faculty, teaching part-time with Maynard Chambers (recent LBCC retiree).

**President's Performance Appraisal:** The criteria to be used for the president's performance appraisal was approved. The categories include leadership, strategic planning, financial results, leadership development, human resources, communication, external relations, and Board relations.

**Workforce Incentive Grant:** The Workforce department has received a \$30,000 grant to build system capacity and compliment service delivery with workforce systems in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties. The project will help strengthen the development and coordination of career and professional training within the region,

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# Campus News and Events

## New Faces

- **James Byrne**, Faculty, replacing James Chase, Business Management Faculty, Business Management, temporary, fixed term, effective 03/28/05 - 06/10/05.
- **Keith Hashagen**, Classified, replacing Steve Carrow, Maintenance Specialist 2, Facilities, effective 03/28/05.
- **Susan K. Peck**, Classified, replacing Brooke Hoisington, Instructional Assistant 1, Biological and Physical Science, effective 03/14/05.

## Promotions

- **Alice Sperling**, Faculty, Staff and Organizational Development, Coordinator, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, transferred from Literacy Coordinator, Developmental Studies and Adult Basic Skills Development, effective 03/28/05.

## Good-byes

- **Sarah Grafe**, Classified, Clerical Specialist 3, Community Education, resigned effective 04/08/05.
- **Kristin Meador**, Classified, Early Childhood Associate Teacher, Child and Family Studies Program and Family Resource Center, resigned effective 05/31/05.

## Honorable Mentions

- Joanne Apter, Turning Point Transitions instructor, is the recipient of the 2005 Women of Achievement Award given by OSU Women's Center.
- Ryan Freeman, Maintenance Specialist in Facilities, recently finished a two-year apprenticeship program and passed his state test for Limited Maintenance Electrician.
- Mary Ann Lammers, Business Technology instructor and Business Technology Dept. Chair, presided over the 2005 National Business Education Association (NBEA) Convention in Anaheim, California where she was honored for her years of service in the business education field. Lammers is 2004-05 NBEA president.

## What's Happening

- **May 2-6**, Mon-Fri., all day, Holocaust Flag Memorial Exhibit, Takena Lawn. To honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, 1200 small flags, each representing 10,000 lives, will be placed on

the lawn. On Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., a Commemoration event will be held at the Multicultural Center.

- **May 2-6**, Mon-Fri., Annual Math Awareness Week. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Courtyard by ST building. This year's theme is Math & Physics. There will be daily games & prizes and hotdogs, chips, sodas, root beer floats and ice cream cones will be sold. Team competitions will be held Friday, May 6. Teams can pick up materials from the Learning Center. Open to all staff, students and the public. For more information, call Jeff Crabill, ext. 4627.
- **May 18**, Wednesday, Health Fair, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Courtyard. The annual Health Fair features various vendors informing students and staff of vital health-related information. There will be a courtyard lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$4 for employees, and tennis tournament from 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- **May 18**, Wednesday, Soup with Substance--Mental Illness, noon - 1 p.m., Multicultural Center. Informal discussion on the impact of schizophrenia-related issues on students. Purpose is to identify students needs and resources available to them. Join Ann Marie Etheridge--counselor, Lynne Cox-Disability Services, and Tanya Thompson--local mental health professional. Soup and bread will be available.
- **May 25**, Wednesday, Spring Fling, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Courtyard. The last bash of the year! Celebrate the coming of the end of 2004-05 school year. Fun activities include: food, music, entertainment, mini-golf, and club and organizational tables. 11:30-1 p.m.--All Campus Picnic, \$4 for employees. Noon-1 p.m.- Three piece contemporary rock band *Thornbird* will play.
- **June 1**, Wednesday, Polynesian Party Day, noon - 1 p.m., Courtyard. Celebrate the Polynesian culture by wearing Hawaiian clothing, having a Polynesian lunch, playing games and watching Micronesian dancers. Lunch is \$4 for employees and will be served from 11:30 - 1 p.m.



Margi Dusek (r) is the recipient of this year's 6th Annual Outstanding Classified Staff Award given by the Classified Association. Linda Dompier, association president, is shown here reading comments from peers who nominated Margi for the award. Margi received an engraved clock encased in wood.

## Classified Elections Results

### 2005 - 2007 OFFICERS

President..... Tammi Drury (Wright)  
 Vice President..... Leta Brown  
 Operations..... Patti Ball and Billie Giddens

### 2005-2006 AREA REPS

Benton Center..... Babs Hering  
 BUS/Arts/Printing..... Roxie Puttman  
 CC North..... Kelli Dunnleavy  
 CC South..... Marilyn Hill  
 Facilities..... Sue Bewley  
 FRC/JOBS..... Carol Mahr  
 HO/PE/Workforce..... Tamara VanRas  
 Hosp/Food Service/Student Life..... Judi Madarus  
 Leb/Sweet Home Centers..... Steve Gribble  
 LRC 1st..... Cindy Hogan  
 LRC 2nd..... Carlena Weeks  
 Science/Industry..... Red Ayers  
 Takena Hall..... Debbie Zeller

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and strengthen partnerships between education, workforce partners, and employers.

**Returning Veterans:** The Board approved a statement of support for the National Guard and Reserve joining with other employers to pledge that: 1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve; 2. Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve; 3. Employees will be granted leaves of absence for military service in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws, without sacrifice of vacation; and 4. This agreement and its resultant policies will be known throughout our organization.

The Board discussed a proposed tuition waiver of 12 credit hours for qualifying in-district Veterans. Board members asked several questions related to administering this proposal that were referred back to committee. Penny York will bring committee recommendations to the May Board meeting.

**Classified Association Presentation:** Bev Gerig introduced a wonderful PowerPoint presentation including some interesting statistics about our classified staff and a number of individual bios with photos.

The next Board meeting will be held May 18, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the Albany Board Rooms.

## Benton Center has New Wellness Trail

**It's simple, short and everyone can count double Fit 'n Fun points for walking it. Contact the Benton Center for a map...and start walking your way to fitness today!**

## Linda Donald Holds Her Own in 109th Boston Marathon



*Linda runs in the heat at the Boston Marathon.*

Linda Donald, Faculty/Parent Education Coordinator with Family Resources and Education, competed in the 109th annual Boston Marathon held April 18.

Donald competed against over 18,000 runners from all over the world. This was her first time running the classic 26.2 mile race, and she says she was thrilled just to qualify. She is part of a running group in Corvallis, of which four of the women qualified for this year's marathon.

"My group ran the Avenue of the Giants race in the Northern California redwoods

last spring to see if we could qualify for Boston," said Donald. "We decided if any of us did, we definitely would be going."

Donald's finishing time in Boston was 4 hours, 10 minutes and 24 seconds. Although she didn't beat her goal of running the marathon in four hours, she felt good about finishing the grueling race.

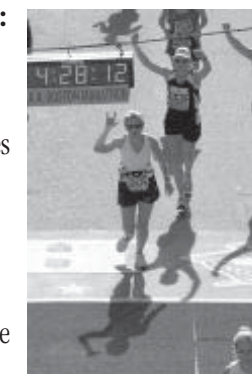
"The whole race was hard because of the heat," she said. "It was very hot, in the mid 70's with low humidity, which made the salt from our sweat stick to our skin. Runners had patterns on their shorts and shirts from the salt drying after their sweat evaporated."

Donald has also participated with her running team in the Rainier to Pacific relay race. The team also runs the Hood to Coast relay. The Boston race was Donald's fourth marathon.

"The last 5 miles I took one mile at a time, coaching myself by saying 'one more mile'," said Donald. "Coming around the last corner, I could see the finish line in the distance-I kept saying to myself 'I think I can make it', and I did."

### Interesting Boston Marathon Facts:

- 55 US states & territories & 61 countries were represented
- Over 18,319 runners started (6,977 females & 11,342 males)
- 17,585 runners finished-the 2nd largest finishing field in race history (largest finishing was in 1966)
- Women were not allowed to compete before 1967 (in '66 & '67, two women tried to sneak in-one by jumping out of a bush just past the starting line, one had to cheat to get in)
- 87 males and 7 females were over 70
- 19 participants were visually impaired
- 9 participants were mobility impaired



*Linda at the finish line.*

**A new name for the Communicator will be picked soon...thanks for all your suggestions!**

