

# The Insider

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF NEWSLETTER

## Nursing Department Open House

The Nursing Department will hold Grand Opening on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 4:30–5:30 p.m. on the second floor, Takena Hall.

Take a tour of the new facilities including the nursing skills lab, nursing computer lab and department offices. The Nursing Department hopes to have their Simulated Skills Manikin set up in time for the grand opening. Light refreshments will be provided by the LBCC Foundation.



Nursing Instructor Shari Spencer (above on left) helps students prepare for testing in the new Nursing Skills Lab.



The Nursing Skills Lab (above) has several beds and manikins for students to practice their nursing skills. A new department office houses nursing secretary Tamara VanRas and nursing instructor offices (below).



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Watch your email for a call for 2006–07 allocation proposals coming out in early November.

The Foundation's Annual Fund Drive continues through Dec. 31. The Paver Project continues as well, with paver donation levels at \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. Pavers for next year's fall installation can be reserved until June 1, 2007.

Donations postmarked by Dec. 31 will apply towards the 2006 tax year. Donations to the Foundation are accepted anytime throughout the year. A donor recognition gift is given for donations of \$50 or more (gift may be declined).

For more information on donating to the Foundation, visit the Foundation Web site at [www.linnbenton.edu/foundation](http://www.linnbenton.edu/foundation).



Paulette Myers of the Foundation gives a resounding thanks for all who donated bears for Fish of Albany. The bears are placed in Christmas baskets that are distributed to needy children in the area.

## Civil War Week: Beavers vs Ducks

November 20–22



Decorate your office or workplace to support the team of your choice. Wear your team colors on Wednesday, Nov. 22!

The Insider is published monthly by the Marketing Department (no issues in December, July or August).

Send all inquiries, story ideas, honorable mentions, department or division achievements or awards, suggestions or feedback to:

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or

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## Foundation Fund Drive

The Foundation's Annual Fund Drive is off to a great start, with total donations from staff since the kick-off on Oct. 13 totaling \$27,288.94.

The Foundation is holding prize drawings each week for the first three weeks. The first lucky winner was Sandy March, Drafting and Engineering Graphics Technology department. The second week's winner was Marilyn Hill, Admissions and Registration.

In 2005, the Foundation Annual Fund Drive raised \$53,309 from 181 LBCC employees and 30 retirees. During the 2005–06 academic year, \$107,104 in scholarships was awarded to 132 students; an additional \$220,000 was allocated in tuition access grants and \$50,000 in childcare assistance grants to more than 800 students.

The Foundation also awarded \$35,048 in 2005 and \$31,684 in 2006 in allocation grants to departments and programs for student enrichment, teaching excellence, scholarship and student assistance and art and humanities enhancement.

Here's are a few examples of allocations awarded for 2005–2006:

- Dent Pullers, Collision Repair/EIT
- Family Resource Fair, Parenting Education/Family Resources and Education
- International Student Speakers Bureau, SL & L/ Multicultural Center/SS
- Surface Roughness Gage, Machine Tool Technology Department
- Reserve Textbook Copies, Library/Learning Center
- Intermediate Photo Retooling, Art Department
- Student Scholarship, TRIO Student Support Services
- Epson 4800 Pro printer, Graphic Arts/Arts and Humanities
- Analytical Balances, Physical Sciences/Math and Science Division
- Lego Robotics Kit Project, Computer Systems/ Business Division
- Audiovisual Academic Skill Building Resources, Developmental Studies/Learning Center/Academic Development and Library Services

## Update on Campus Moves

Additions to the bookstore and the Health Occupations and Workforce Education Division (formerly Training and Business Development Center) are not yet complete and moves dates for both have been extended.

According to Ann Adams, director of Information Services, HOWE has a new tentative move date of Nov. 20. They will stay open during the move.

The bookstore's new tentative move date is the week of Dec. 18. The bookstore will be closed Dec. 18–Jan. 1 for the move, and will be back in business Jan. 2.



The open atrium area outside the bookstore will soon be replaced by a courtyard with an enclosed ceiling housing six skylights (left). HOWE (below) and the bookstore (bottom) are in the final stages of completion.



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# Campus News and Events

## New Faces/Promotions

- **Carmen Fikter**, Classified, Custodian, Facilities, effective 10/13/06.
- **Shirley Lynn Groshong**, Classified, replacing Kelly Donegan, Retention Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services, transferred from preferred hiring list, temporary, renewable—dependant upon continuation of funding, effective 10/09/06—06/30/07.
- **Jackson Holmes**, Classified, replacing Michael Washington, Custodian, Facilities, effective, 10/13/06.
- **Cindy Hutchison**, Classified, new position, Custodian, Facilities, effective 10/13/06.
- **Robert Ingram**, Classified, replacing Greg King, Instructional Assistant 2, RHVAC, effective 09/14/06.
- **David Mack**, Faculty, new position, Apprenticeship, Engineering and Industrial Technology Division, temporary renewable—dependent upon continuation of funding effective 09/12/06—6/15/07.
- **Denise Magee**, Classified, replacing Catherine Morris, Program Assistant 3, RSVP, temporary, fixed term, effective 09/20/06—6/30/07.

## Good-byes/Leaves of Absence

- **Richard Balleaux**, Classified, Maintenance Specialist 2, Facilities, early retirement, effective 01/01/07.
- **Gail Dameworth**, Faculty, Computer Systems, Business and Computer Systems Division, effective 09/11/06.
- **Lois DeGhetto**, Classified, Financial Aid Advisor, Financial Aid, effective 09/29/06.
- **Katherine (Kelly) Donegan**, Classified, Retention Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services, effective 10/11/06.
- **Jackie Grenz**, Classified, Accounting Technician, Sr., Health Occupations/Workforce Education and Training, early retirement, effective 10/01/06.
- **Nancy Janes**, Classified, Secretary 1, Family Connections, effective 08/25/06.
- **Dennis Sargent**, Faculty, Business Development Center, Training and Business Development, early retirement, effective 01/01/07.
- **Angila Tack**, Classified, Food Service Worker 3, Conference Services, effective 10/10/06.

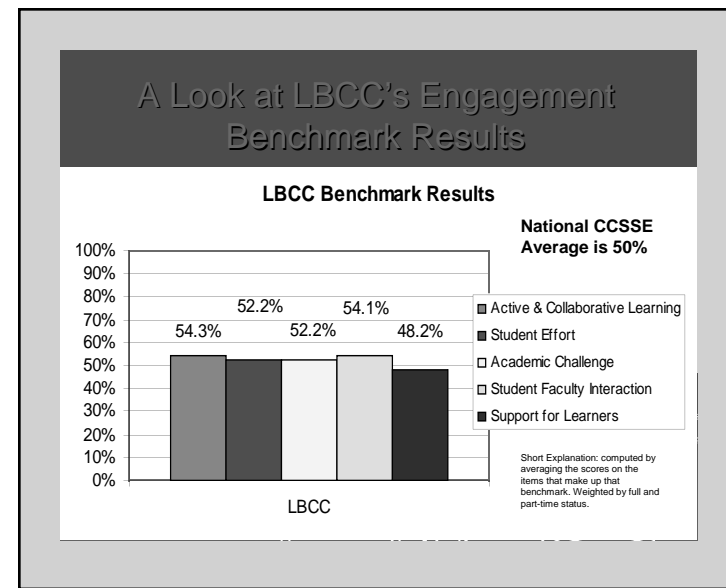
## Honorable Mentions

- **Phyllis Copeland, Driver Education Coordinator, Albany Community Education**, received the Coordinator of the Year award at the annual Oregon Traffic Safety Education Association conference held Oct. 7. The OTSEA includes traffic safety educators from both the public and private sectors.
- **Sally Stouder, Business Technology Instructor**, received the Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year award from the Oregon Business and Management Educators Association at their annual convention held Oct. 12.
- **College Advancement/Marketing Office** received a Gold and two Bronze Medallion Awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. Three out of four submissions won awards. Our new viewbook/CD was awarded the gold, and our TV commercial and T-shirt design won bronze. The Marketing

Department competed against community colleges from Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory.

## What's Happening

- **Monday, Nov. 6, Using Your Instructor Web site, 2–3 p.m., Media Zone Lab.** Keep your students informed with course information online. We make the Web site, you add your information. No prior knowledge of Web page construction required. Pre-registration required. Call Vickie Keith, 917-4968.
- **Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 8 & 9, Narratives of the Klamath Termination, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Multicultural Center.** Watch oral narratives of the Klamath Termination. Individual Elders Reflect on Time and Cultural Change. This work, led by Klamath elder Morrie Jimenez, focuses on both the pre and post-tribal recognition from the early to the mid-1900s.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 8, Great Meetings, noon–1 p.m., Willamette Room.** Join Alice Sperling for a short workshop on how to make meetings not just bearable, but productive and interesting. Geared for anyone who has to attend or lead meetings.
- **Thursday, Nov. 9, Sojourners, Settlers and New Immigrants: Mexicanos in Oregon, 6–7 p.m., Fireside Room.** Join Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, professor of ethnic studies at OSU, as she explores the 75-year history of migration and settlement of Mexicans in Oregon. This presentation is made possible by the LBCC Library, the Oregon Chautauqua Series and the Oregon Council for the Humanities. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Friday, Nov. 17, Oregon Shakespeare Festival actors visit, 11 a.m.–noon and noon–1 p.m., Russell Tripp Performance Center.** Watch two seasoned Shakespearian actors as they perform excerpts from Shakespeare and other classical and contemporary literature in this live theater setting. Free.
- **Thursday, Nov. 30, “Ginger & Spice” Foundation Holiday Dinner, 6 p.m., Commons Cafeteria.** It's time to get your tickets for this year's Foundation Holiday Dinner. Guests will have a choice of chicken or beef entree and be treated to a performance of the LBCC Fall Choral Concert held in the Russell Tripp Performance Center immediately following dinner. Tickets are \$30 each. Contact the Foundation office to make your reservation and purchase your ticket at 917-4209.
- **Saturday, Dec. 2, Children's Winter Festival, 1–4 p.m., College Center, Second Floor.** Join in for one of the largest children's holiday parties of the year! This year's event features a traditional Wayang Kulit Puppet Show for Diwali, a Kwanzaa Celebration, cookie decorating and crafts, pictures with Santa and Father Claus for \$1 and much more. Please bring two canned food items, if possible, for donation to the local food bank. For more information, contact Student Life & Leadership at 917-4463.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 6, AAWCC Meeting, noon–1 p.m., Board Room.** Jane Donovan will be on hand to discuss the new travel film series “Travel at the Tripp” hosted by LBCC and Azumano travel and playing at the Russell Tripp Performance Center throughout the school year.
- **Thursday, Dec. 7, Staff Reception, 9:30–11 a.m., Alesa/Calapooia Room.** Come celebrate the end of the term!



Wendy Major

## Update from Wendy Major in Iraq

Wendy Major, TBDC program assistant and Navy Reservist, was called to serve in Iraq for one year starting last summer. Here's an update from her from last month when she arrived in Iraq.

“I went from Mississippi to Kuwait, spending a few days there before going to Iraq. I am just now learning what my responsibilities will be. It is cooler in Iraq than it was in Mississippi and Kuwait. It will be about 99 degrees the next few days (this was at the end of September).

“We are living in tents until the people we relieve are gone. I will be working in supply. What the scope of that is I don't know as of yet. It is pretty dusty here and the dust is the consistency of flour. The base has an oasis, but it is off limits. They said that if we were going to be bitten by something, it would be there.

“There are quite a few bike trails here, and I managed to pick up a bike for \$30. Transportation is normally by bus, foot or bike. The base exchange is really limited on supplies, which surprises me.

“The (food) galley will make a person fat if they don't show some restraint. The galley is larger than Costco and has various food options from salad bar, sandwich bar, a fried food line (chicken etc.), and a main line where the food varies. The speed line always has hamburgers, fries and some other option. We have a Pizza Hut, Burger King, Coffee hut, and there is Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream shop.

“I have lots of photos. I am not able to e-mail them as of yet, but will try to snail mail some as soon as they get the CD Mailers in. I will write more soon. Take care.” *Wendy Major*



## Campus Closures

Nov. 10, 23 & 24  
Dec. 22–Jan. 1, 2007

## Culture of Evidence

from B.J. Nicoletti,  
Institutional Research

### LBCC Participates in Nationwide Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE).

Did you know that 46 percent of the undergraduate students in the US are enrolled in community and technical colleges? We have a strong obligation to know if what we are doing is the needed and most effective approach.

This leads to the questions; What constitutes quality in the community college experience and how is it measured? Is quality measured by how often students work with other students on class projects, by how often you interact with your students, by how challenging your courses are or how hard you try, or by the learning resources your school offers? Perhaps all of these are important measures of quality in community college education. For the first time, LBCC is able to benchmark its performance on these key indicators related to teaching, learning, and retention.

CCSSE results help colleges focus on good educational practice, defined as practice that promotes high levels of student learning and retention, and identify areas in which community colleges can improve their programs and services for students.

Last spring term, students from randomly selected classes at LBCC had the chance to share their views on their educational experience by completing the CCSSE, a national survey of community colleges with over 193 participating colleges. Questions focused on how and where they spend their LBCC time, the nature and quality of their interactions with faculty members and peers, and what they have gained from their classes and other aspects of college. Overall, LBCC's benchmark results are excellent, near or slightly above the average performance.

Data from the survey showed that:

- 81% of student respondents rated our instructors as very available, helpful and sympathetic.
- 75% felt the college provides a good emphasis on providing the overall support needed to help them succeed.
- 32% rate their overall educational experience at LBCC as “excellent” and 56% rate it as “good.”

Additional information about the CCSSE is available on the web at [www.ccsse.org](http://www.ccsse.org). For more information on our results, contact Institutional Research, BJ Nicoletti, 4214, or Laura Wisecaver, 4500.

We can also help you prepare a presentation, facilitate a presentation and discussion with your colleagues on campus, or help you look up LBCC's results online. The CCSSE survey is a tool for all of us to use to reflect on the quality of the student experience at LBCC and is meant to support LBCC's pursuit of educational excellence. The survey serves as sort of an anonymous suggestion box that will get the attention of people, namely us, who can make changes for the better.

“Without question, one of the most important things that can happen with the use of CCSSE, or other assessment tools that help people contemplate the heart of their mission, is generating important questions to frame campus discussions.” K. McClenney/CCSSE

Question of the Month: *What do these results say to you about how LBCC can improve teaching and learning?*