

Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

Seminar II E 2125, Olympia Campus
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW; Olympia, WA 98505

EVERGREEN

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

www.evergreen.edu/communitybasedlearning

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

"A Place for the Community to Engage"

~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary

Message from Karen Gaul

Academic Dean, The Evergreen State College

The Center for Community Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) is one of several Public Service Centers at The Evergreen State College. The Center links student learning as well as student energy and interest with areas of need within our community.

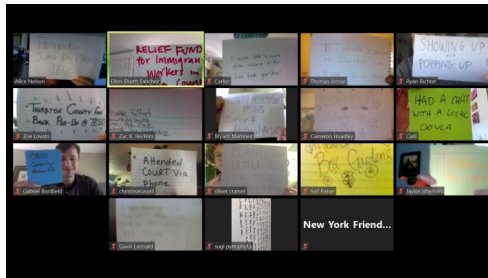
CCBLA cultivates ongoing relationships with over one hundred community partners, and serves as a critical conduit for linking students with these organizations. These community organizations come to rely on student interns to meet their needs and advance their goals. Students are offered real-world learning opportunities that often shape the trajectory of their professional journeys after college. Many find employment in related fields as a result of their rich internship experiences.

CCBLA also works closely with particular curricular offerings, such as the program Student Originated Studies: Community Based Learning and Action, which was sponsored this winter by Shangrila Joshi, and by Alice Nelson in spring. Through the SOS, students work independently in a community internship or research project, while still having the benefit of a learning community with shared readings, peer discussion, and faculty guidance.

This year COVID-19 affected the kinds of internships and community partnerships that could be arranged, but many community partners continued to work creatively with students while ensuring safety for all. Some supported the Thurston County Foodbank, for example, both through gardening and at the Food Bank distribution space itself. SOS student Zoe Lovato also spearheaded the organization of a safely distributed pop-up Food Bank on campus during the pandemic.

The Gateways for Incarcerated Youth program also pivoted to support the learning of incarcerated students through hand-delivered packets of materials, and the program was successfully completed this spring as usual.

Whether it's new students connecting with a single day of volunteer action on the first days of a new fall quarter, or finishing their Evergreen education with a meaningful capstone internship, CCBLA helps weave strong connections between the College and the community.



'SOS Taking Action in Our Communities' spring academic program with CCBLA sharing community work, on zoom

"Community Based Learning enables students to apply their knowledge in concrete situations, to solve problems in partnership with the community...and gives faculty and staff the opportunity to build long-term community relationships which continually inform and strengthen the curriculum...and places the college as a progressive force deeply involved in community work." ~ Evergreen DTF report (1997-1999)

Director's Report

Ellen Shortt Sanchez

This report is a statement of support for Community Based Learning (CBL) which has the power to support movements, organizations and transform student learning.

We acknowledge the Indigenous people of the Medicine Creek Treaty, whose land was stolen and on which the college stands, we acknowledge the Squaxin people who are the traditional custodians of this land.

In support of the Movement for Black Lives, we celebrate that "Black people have bravely and brilliantly been a driving force pushing toward collective liberation." (M4BL)

In solidarity with WA Farm worker movements and the call to end immigration detention, incarceration and police violence, we urge higher education to follow community leaders of color working for change.

Under COVID19, CBL is not obsolete. It is more essential than ever. CBL students gain important experiences working with community partners, and capacity grows, even in our new world of remote and distance learning.

CCBLA and Gateways Staff

CCBLA Director: Ellen Shortt Sanchez

Gateways Program Coordinator: Talib Williams

CCBLA Dean: Karen Gaul

CYS AmeriCorps Tutor/Mentor Coordinator: Jackson LeMessurier

CAC AmeriCorps Gateways Coordinator: Kate Murphy

Community Service WS Coordinator: Jessica-Jimenez Smith and Dani Robicheau

Campus Food Bank Coordinators: Sheridan Turner (VISTA) and Zoe Lovato

Gateways Faculty: Miranda Mellis

SOS: CCBLA Faculty: Zoltan Grossman, Shangrila Joshi, Cynthia Kennedy, Alice Nelson



103 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

Community Partners 18-19

AVID Olympia High School
Books to Prisoners
Boys and Girls Club
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Canoe Journey Herbalists
Capital Recovery Center
Central for Natural Lands Mgmt.
Childcare Action Council
CHOICE High School
CIELO Project/Olympia & Shelton
Community to Community Develop.
Community Lifeline Shelton
Community Youth Services
Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason
Dispute Resolution Center
EGYHOP
Elevate Mason County
Emergency Food Network Pierce Co.
Evergreen Elementary Dual Language
Evergreen Villages
Familias Unidas Para la Justicia
Family Support Center
Fertile Ground Community Commons
Freedom Farmers at Muirhead Farm
Garfield Elementary School
Get Set and Serve
GI Voice Coffee Strong
Green Hill School/JJ&RA DSHS
GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)
Hands On Children Museum
Heartsparkle Players
Hispanic Roundtable of Thurston Co
HOPE Garden Shelton
Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter
Just Housing
Kiwanis Food Bank Garden
Kokua/ LEAD (Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities)
Lincoln School Garden
Madison Elementary School
Madison Welcome Room
Mason Co. Consort. Student Success
Mason Matters
Media Island
Mentor Washington
Native Plant Salvage
Nature Nurtures Farm
Nisqually Land Trust
North Thurston High School AVID
Northwest Cooperative Develop. Ctr.
Northwest Eco-Building Guild
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Olympia Food Co-Op
Olympia Free Clinic
Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural
Olympia School District
Olympia Seed Exchange

Partners continued on page 3....

"I would tell the youth I never thought I would be at a four-year college and that they could attend Evergreen too. A few youth from Touchstone went on to become Evergreen students shortly after. That's the kind of impact programs like Gateways and Youth Development Program make on young people's lives. I plan on continuing to support Gateways for Incarcerated Youth and the CCBLA however I can."

-Billy Sweetser, 2020 Evergreen Graduate

Community to Community (C2C)

During orientation, new students gained first hand experience with 17 community service organization sites around the South Sound. **281 students served close to 672 hours during C2C day 2019.**

"It opened my mind to the community around me."
- student participant



Community to Community Day Van Drivers

Tutor/Mentor Coordination:

Coordinated by CCBLA Youth in Service (YIS) AmeriCorps member through Community Youth Services.

Evergreen students responded to the needs of Title I public schools and after-school programs in low-income communities in Thurston and Mason counties by supporting students through tutoring and mentoring. Our YIS AmeriCorps member mentored 32 youth through the AVID college access program at North Thurston High School and 16 youth at Touchstone Community Facility. During the COVID-19 shutdown our YIS member continued mentoring with 4 youth through virtual check-ins. **Our CCBLA YIS AmeriCorps member mentored 42 youth**

"Having a mentor is like having a therapeutic best friend who wants you to be successful. We talk about our lives, our dreams and our personalities." -mentee

College Access:

In collaboration with the Native Student Alliance, Native Pathways, the academic program "Indigenous Education/Child Welfare: Laws, Policies, Lived Experience" and the Evergreen Longhouse, students from the Wa He Lut Indian School were welcomed to Evergreen's campus. Native youth joined the Native Student Alliance for workshops that introduced them to the C-CAM studio, pendant making and animation and a scavenger hunt of Evergreen's campus.

40 middle school youth from WaHeLut Indian school visited Evergreen Jan 16

Community Service Work Study: Evergreen Work Study

Coordinated by a Work Study Student provided by Academics

Evergreen Work Study Community Service is a collaboration with Student Employment created by Scott Elliot. **20 Evergreen students** worked **3,334 hours** supporting **14 local grass-roots non profits**, focusing on real community needs around fighting poverty, providing education to immigrant learners, confronting homelessness with innovative solutions, and offering crisis social services.

Participating organizations: Hummingbird Studio Kokua, Family Support Center Pear Blossom Shelter, Crisis Clinic, Thurston County Food Bank, YWCA, HOPE Garden, Pizza Klatch, Gateways, CIELO Shelton/Olympia, GRuB, Olympia Free Clinic, PIPE, Middle room media, Together!

Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

INFO? Email shorttse@evergreen.edu

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

Through College Access Corps AmeriCorps, funded through WA Campus Compact, Kate Murphy supported incarcerated youth. AmeriCorps. Gateways activities included:

Evergreen students served as academic mentors to 20 incarcerated youth at Green Hill School JJ&RA facility and 16 youth and 19 mentors at Touchstone Community Facility.

Mentor Washington provided Technical Assistance training for youth outcomes with Sarita Siqueiros Thornburg at Puget Sound Educational Service District



Talib Williams, Gateways Coordinator, Photo Shauna Bittle

The Gateways College Class

The Gateways College Class brought Evergreen students to Green Hill School to work collaboratively in a seminar style learning environment. "...[C]o-learners in this program accompany and empower each other in our studies. We take advantage of the practices of liberation education to cultivate an environment where this learning together becomes possible." shares Faculty Miranda Mellis, *Gateways for Incarcerated Youth: Critical Literacy and Critical Numeracy* **16 incarcerated youth earned college credit in 2019-20.**

TCFB Satellite Food Bank at Olympia Evergreen Campus

WACC AmeriCorps VISTA Sheridan Turner (fall) and Work Study student Zoe Lovato coordinated the Thurston County Food Bank (TCFB) satellite site.

The Food and Ag Path of study, funded by a Mellon grant, supported 3 paid summer student workers to distribute Emergency Food at the Evergreen and other drive-up sites. We thank Zoe Lovato, Carlos Del Angel-Evans and Thomas Anour for their work. ***The fall and winter Campus Food Bank served close to 200 people. From March to July 2020, Thurston County Food Bank set up emergency food distribution in C-Lot and served 790 households of students and community members. Additional summer dates have been added.***



Flyer by Zoe Lovato

Annual José Gómez Farmworker Justice Day

On Wednesday May 13th, 95 Evergreen students, faculty, staff, and community members joined online to support on farmworker justice. This event is an annual tribute to faculty member José Gómez. We keep his life and legacy alive by being in partnership with local farm worker movements who bring us dispatches from the front lines each year.



Faculty member Maria Isabel Morales facilitated the presentation to amplify the voices of farmworkers and activists. Rosalinda Guillen and Liz Darrow spoke from Community to Community (C2C) Development. Evergreen student Maddi Parvankin from the Farmworker Justice Solidarity Collective and Parakh Hoon, a faculty member from South Puget Sound, Community College recorded presentations. ***See videos here: <https://sites.evergreen.edu/cbla/farmworker-justice-day-2020/>***

Flyer by Petra Arbayo

Community Partners continued ...

Olympia Senior Center
Panhandle Lake 4H camp
Pacific County Youth Alliance
People for Puget Sound
Pear Blossom Shelter
Pierce County AIDS Foundation
Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE)
Pizza Klatch
Planned Parenthood
POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)
Quixote Village
Rachel Corrie Foundation
Rebuilding Together Thurston County
Regional Alliance for Youth (RALLY)
ROOF
Safeplace
Saint Martins U Social Justice-Service
Sidewalk
Shelton High School
Shelton Innovators
Showing Up for Racial Justice Olympia
South Sound Beach Naturalists
South Sound Volunteers Coordinators
Sound Learning
South Sound Com. Farm Land Trust
S. Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement
SPSCC Diversity and Equity Center
South Sound Seniors
Stonewall Youth
St Martins U Service Immersion
Sustainability in Prisons
The Bridge (CYS)
Thurston Climate Action Team
Tacoma Community House
Thurston Community TV (TCTV)
Thurston County Volunteer Legal Svcs
Thurston Conservation District
Thurston Co. Food Bank (5 programs)
Thurston County Syringe Exchange
United Communities AIDS Network
United Way of Thurston County
Veterans Ecological Trades Collective
WaHeLut Indian School
WashPIRG
Washington Service Corps
Works In Progress
YouthBuild
YWCA Olympia

2019-20 CCBLA Budget

2019-20 CCBLA Budget					
Evergreen Institutional Funds		Grants -CCBLA AmeriCorps match		Gateways for Incarcerated Youth	
				Publications/Sales	
				Donations	
Salaries	105,010	North Thurston SD	\$2,000	Green Hill Contract	\$8,500
Benefits	44,196				
Goods and Services, Travel	4,770	Thurston Co Food Bank	\$4,700	Mentor WA Grant	\$5000
TOTAL	153,976	TOTAL	\$6,700	TOTAL	\$13,500

CONGRATULATIONS Evergreen Students

Ubah Aden, Tacoma Evergreen
Billy Sweetser, Justice Involved Student Group

Nominated by President George Bridges
 2020 Student Civic Leadership Awards
 Washington Campus Compact

CCBLA SUPPORTED
 Evergreen Students and faculty planning in
18 Academic Programs

Center for Community Based Learning and Action
Advisory Committee 2019-20

Special thanks to **Jean Eberhardt**
 for years of collaboration and
 infusing advising across campus.
 Jean is a champion for
 Community Based Learning!
 Happy retirement.

Photo by Shauna Bittle



Thank you to **AmeriCorps Partners:**



Community Partners: Charo Portaro, Kindra Galan (CIELO), Consuelo Guijosa, Jenny Blumenstein (Sound Learning), Keiya Johnson (Family Support Center), Randi Miller and Evangeline Poulos (Kokua), Heather Sundean, (TC Food Bank), Rachel Uberman (HOPE Garden), Brett Rader (Pizza Klatch), Shawna Hawk (Media Island),

Evergreen Faculty: Alice Nelson, Zoltan Grossman, Mukti Khanna, Toska Olson, Lori Blewett, Lin Nelson, Chico Herbison, Karen Gaul, Savvina Chowdhury, Suree Towfighnia, Ted Whitesell, Catalina Ocampo, Eirik Steinhoff, Miranda Mellis

Students: Jessica Jimenez-Smith, Dani Robicheau, Zoe Lovato

Evergreen Staff: Jean Eberhardt, Talib Williams,

Campus Wide
Evergreen Registered
220 Internships
with 115 organizations

(reflects COVID 19 limits after March)

Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:

- * EVERGREEN STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED, RESEARCHED AND SERVED IN ACTION THROUGH CCBLA.
- * CCBLA AMERICORPS SERVED 154 LOCAL YOUTH
- * EVERGREEN STUDENTS EARNED \$46,106 THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK STUDY WITH CCBLA PLACED AT COMMUNITY SITES.

Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

INFO? Email shorttse@evergreen.edu