

# Center for Community-Based Learning and Action



**the evergreen  
state college**

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

### *A Place for the Community to Engage*

*~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary*

### **Students Recognized for Community Work!**

Accomplished Evergreen Students Madeline Rider '16 and Serene Lawrence '16 were recognized with the Students Serving WA (SSWA) Presidents' Award through WA Campus Compact. Their leadership with the Native Student Alliance hosting the WaHeLut contributed to equity and college access.

MPA student Melanie White received the SSWA Social Entrepreneurship Award to facilitate work with Latino mobile home residents through the NW Cooperative Development Center in Lewis County.

In 2004 we lost a Center founder, Jacinta McKoy, whose quote above names her as our 'Center Visionary'. CCBLA Advisory members Lin Nelson, Mukti Khanna and Russ Fox championed The Jacinta McKoy Community-Based Learning Scholarship in her memory. The \$1,250 Scholarship is awarded for the 2016-16 academic year to Meryl Williams.



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*2016 Jacinta McKoy  
Scholarship Recipient  
Merrill Williams  
(Photo: Eileen Yoshina)*

### **Message from President Bridges**

*President The Evergreen State College*

### **Evergreen Connects to Communities and to the Public Trust**

Evergreen students take the fifth of our five foci to heart, linking theory to practice by working to address community issues and problems. In conjunction with our Center for Community Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) and through internships sponsored by faculty, hundreds of Evergreen students provide valuable service each year to local nonprofits along with city, county, and state government agencies.

As I said in my recent inauguration message, 'our commitment to Community-Based learning projects and internships enables a high percentage of our students to translate theory into practice in direct service of those much less fortunate.' Many Evergreen faculty and staff support student learning in the community via the curriculum, collaborative projects and resource development. Our Center for Community-Based Learning and Action is at the heart of this work. CCBLA encourages Greeners to learn with communities beyond our campus borders.

### CCBLA and Gateways Staff 2015-16

**Director: Ellen Shortt Sanchez**

**Campus Food Bank Coordinator : Jordan Billiot**

**CYS AmeriCorps Tutor Coordinator: Roxana Bell**

**SOS: CCBLA Faculty:**

**Mukti Khanna, Lin Nelson, Ted Whitesell**

**Evergreen Work Study Community Service:**

**Andrew Glassbrook**

**Gateways Outreach Coordinator: Shawna Hawk**

**CAC AmeriCorps AMP Coordinator: Amy Walsh**

**CAC AmeriCorps Group Home Liaison: Chris Glattard**

**Gateways Faculty: Chico Herbison, Dr Joye Hardiman**

**Gateways Program Coordinator: Talib Williams**

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**Center for Community-Based Learning and Action**



## 99 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

### Community

#### Partners 15-16

AVID Olympia High School  
 Books to Prisoners  
 Center for Business & Innovation (CB&I)  
 Central for Natural Lands Management  
 Childcare Action Council  
 CHOICE High School  
 CIELO Project  
 Community to Community Development  
 Community Investment Partnership  
 Community Youth Services  
 Courts Ignite Change  
 EGYHOP  
 Emergency Food Network of Pierce County  
 Evergreen Elementary Dual Language  
 Evergreen Villages  
 Familias Unidas Para la Justicia  
 Fertile Ground Community Ctr/Commons  
 First Peoples Multicultural Advising  
 Freedom Farmers at Muirhead Farm  
 Garfield Elementary School  
 GI Voice Coffee Strong  
 Green Hill School/JJ&RA  
 GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)  
 Hands On Children Museum  
 Hansen Elementary School  
 Heartsparkle Players  
 Hip Hop for the Homeless  
 Hispanic Roundtable Latino Youth Summit  
 Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter  
 JJ&RA Mentoring  
 Kiwanis Food Bank Garden  
 Kokua  
 LEAD (Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities)  
 Lincoln School Garden  
 Madison Elementary School  
 Madison Welcome Room  
 Mason County Consortium Student Success  
 Mason Matters  
 McLane Elementary School  
 Mentoring Works Washington  
 Native Plant Salvage  
 Nature Nurtures Farm  
 Nisqually Land Trust  
 North Thurston High School AVID  
 Northwest Cooperative Development Ctr.  
 Northwest Eco-Building Guild  
 Olympia Food Co-Op  
 Olympia Free Clinic  
 Olympia Free Herbal Clinic  
 Olympia High School  
 Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural  
 Olympia Seed Exchange  
 Olympia Senior Center  
 Out of the Woods Shelter  
 Pacific County Youth Alliance  
 People for Puget Sound  
 Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
 Planned Parenthood  
 POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)  
 Pizza Klatch  
 Puget Sound Restoration Fund

*'Stonewall Youth has me thinking a lot about identity development and the role of mentorship and what it looks like in Queer (LGBT) communities.'*

*- Michael Penhallegon, Community Service Work Study Student*

### Community to Community (C2C)

New Student Orientation Action Day was organized in collaboration with United Way's Day of Caring. Students got to know local organizations and each other at this event.

**48 students served at 9 organization sites for C2C Day of Caring 2015, for a total of 192 volunteer hours.**

### Evergreen/Olympia Tutoring Collaboration

*Coordinated by CCBLA Youth in Service (YIS) AmeriCorps member through*

*Community Youth Services. Evergreen students and faculty responded to needs of Title 1 public schools and after-school programs in low-income communities in Thurston and Mason counties supporting students through tutoring and mentoring. Our CCBLA YIS AmeriCorps member supported 24 Greener volunteers working with youth. She mentored 26 youth through the AVID college access program at North Thurston High School*

### College Access

In collaboration with YIS AmeriCorps team members, Native Student Alliance and the Evergreen Longhouse, the WaHeLut Indian School came to campus for MLK day. **40 middle and high school youth joined 5 Evergreen students for a campus visit, Longhouse welcome, Scavenger Hunt, and CRC Sports Time with Evergreen Women's Basketball. They shared food and participated in workshops on the Organic Farm, Capoeira, and Science and Improv.** CHOICE HS Gear Up program also came to see Evergreen through CCBLA.

### Community Service Work Study: Evergreen Work Study

*This Program is Coordinated by a Work Study Student provided by Academic Deans. Evergreen Work Study Community Service is a collaboration with Student Employment. 16 Evergreen students worked 2828 hours supporting 12 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.*

**Organizations included Sound Learning, Kokua, Stonewall Youth, Family Support Center Pear Blossom Shelter, Crisis Clinic, Thurston County Food Bank, Out of the Woods Shelter, Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter, Pizza Klatch, CIELO Project and Proyecto MoLE.**



Debbie Smith, Tumwater Stream Team hosts students for river restoration for C2C.  
(Photo: Shauna Bittle)



## Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

WA Campus Compact CAC AmeriCorps members report 55 Evergreen students served 3,300 hours as academic mentors to 89 incarcerated youth at Green Hill School JJ&RA facility and group homes. The Gateways College Class brings 20 Evergreen students to Green Hill School to work collaboratively in a seminar-style learning environment with 13 incarcerated youth who earned college credit in fall and winter. *Mentoring was supported by Thurston County Community Investment Partnership (CIP).*



*Gateways Open Mic Fall 2015 (Photo: Hami Bahadori)*

## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Forward Promise Grant

The Evergreen State College completed the 3rd and final year of work to improve outcomes for college and career readiness for incarcerated young men of color. Gateways staff expanded mentoring to Touchstone and Oakridge group homes.

**Outreach Events** Gateways created a grant funded position to coordinate quarterly fundraisers and outreach events including Heart Sparkle Players at Traditions and open mics with the CYS Bridge program. CAC AmeriCorps members single-handedly ran this year's Kickball tournament.

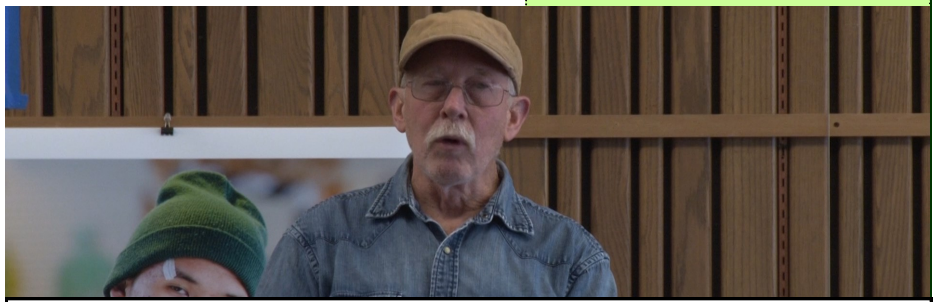
## TCFB Food Bank Satellite at Olympia Evergreen Campus

The volunteer run Thurston County Food Bank Satellite at CCBLA, supported by the Campus Food Coalition student group, has served over **898** Evergreen students and community members.

*Thurston Co. Food bank reports 10 volunteers served 500 hours. Perishables are now available in office refrigerator and the shopping model continues to support clientele autonomy.*

## José Gómez Farmworker Justice Day— Annual Tribute

Close to 400 Students Heard Ramón Torres of Familias Unidas, Rosalinda Guillen of Community to Community Development, and Photo Journalist David Bacon. Farmworkers here in the region, the west coast broadly and beyond live and work at the intersection of food justice and labor justice. Our event connects food production, labor, public health, social justice and cross-national movements. This year's event paid particular attention to the challenge of just, effective and respectful documentation of communities and their struggles. !Viva José Gómez!



*José Gómez Farmworker Justice Speaker 2016; Photojournalist David Bacon (Photo: Evergreen Media Services)*

*“ I was pleased to hear David Bacon’s insight on Filipino history and Mexican labor movements and enjoyed Rosalinda’s perception on community engagement and Ramón’s view of action. These are all instrumental ingredients to create a democracy but it takes a stirring of unity to produce justice.”*

*-Anthony Martin, student participant in Farm Worker Justice Day*

**Community Partners continued ...**  
 Regional Alliance for Youth (RALLY)  
 Restaurant Opportunity Center  
 ROOF  
 Sidewalk  
 Shelton High School  
 South Sound Beach Naturalists  
 South Sound Volunteers Coordinator s  
 Sound Learning  
 South of the Sound Com. Farm Land Trust  
 South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement  
 SPSCC Diversity and Equity Center  
 SPSCC Queer I Am Conference  
 South Sound Seniors  
 Stonewall Youth  
 St Martins University Service Immersion  
 The Bridge (CYS)  
 Tacoma Community House  
 Thurston County Asset Building Coalition  
 Thurston Community TV (TCTV)  
 Thurston Thrives Education Action Team  
 Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services  
 Thurston Conservation District  
 Thurston Co. Food Bank-Gleaners  
 Thurston Co. Food Bank School Gardens  
 Thurston County Syringe Exchange  
 United Communities AIDS Network  
 United Way of Thurston County  
 United Way of Mason County  
 WaHeLut Indian School  
 Washington Middle School  
 WashPirg  
 Works In Progress  
 Youth Empowerment Strategies  
 YouthBuild  
 YWCA-Girls Advancement

## 2015-16 Total CCBLA Budget \$ 112,794(% 32 of budget are funds directly for students wages)

### 2015-16 CCBLA Budget

Evergreen Institutional Funds		Grants to Students	
Salaries	47,138	Evergreen Work Study Com. Service Student wage s IN KIND:	\$36,478
Benefits	18,077	<b>Grant to CCBLA</b>	
Goods& Services	9,100	North Thurston SD AmeriCorps Grant	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,316</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,000</b>



Community Opportunities Fair 2016 (photo: Shauna Bittle)

### CCBLA SUPPORTED Over 700 Evergreen Students in 18 Academic Programs

#### What's Next for CCBLA?

- Evergreen work study student continues the satellite of the Thurston County **Food Bank Tuesdays 4-6pm.**
- CCBLA participates in Food Systems Working Group.
- **Books To Prisoners**, housed at the CCBLA, continues volunteer hours on Sundays and Mondays.
- Faculty member Catalina Ocampo convenes the **Equity and Community Partnership Faculty Institute.**
- **WACC College Access Corps AmeriCorps** provides support incarcerated youth.
- **CYS AmeriCorps** tutors at AVID NTHS & Gateways.
- **Gateways program/mentor coordination** will be supported by Community Investment Partnership (CIP), JJR&A and Sounder's Chair Initiative funds from Mentoring Works WA.

**Thank you to our AmeriCorps Partners:**



### Campus Wide, Evergreen Registered

## 606 Internships

**26% were In-Program Internships**  
(Internships within Academic Programs)

**with 225 organizations**

**55% were at Schools & Non-Profits**

37 of 96 (38%) of organizations attending the Community Opportunities Fair hosted interns this year.

### 15-16 Total Gateways Budget \$142,323

		Fundraising	
TC United Way CIP	\$11,151	<b>\$6,672</b>	
Green Hill Contract	\$4,500	Merchandise	1,275
Robert Wood Johnson	\$120,000	Donations	5,397

### Center for Community Based Learning and Action Advisory Committee 2015-16

Community Partners: Charo Portaro (CIELO), Jenny Blumenstein (Sound Learning), Natalie Moran (Family Support Center), Randi Miller and Amy Briggs (Kokua), Chris Bauermeister (TC Food Bank)

Evergreen Faculty: Alice Nelson, Zoltan Grossman, Doug Schuler, Mukti Khanna, Anthony Zaragoza, Anne Fischel, Lin Nelson, Chico Herbison, Toska Olson. Catalina Ocampo

Students: Jordan Billiot, Andrew Glassbrook

Evergreen Staff: Emily Pieper, Jean Eberhardt and CCBLA Staff

‘At Hummingbird Art Studio Randi told me that this space is about being creative. It is not an art space for people with disabilities; It is an art space for everybody.’

-Thomas Mann, Essential Ingredients of Intercultural Competence Program

### Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:

- \* CCBLA-GATEWAYS AMERICORPS SERVED OVER 155 YOUTH.
- \* OVER 89 EVERGREEN STUDENTS CONTACTED CCBLA FOR COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING.

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