

# Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

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

*~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary*

*"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)*

### Message from Les Purce President, The Evergreen State College

I want to congratulate the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) on a very productive and successful year. Each year I have the opportunity to meet our students who are committed to service learning during the annual CCBLA Student Recognition event. These events always reinforce for me how important service learning is to the overall education experience here at The Evergreen State College. The efforts of our students in developing and supporting community organizations not only benefit our college, but ensure many of the organizations continue to thrive. It is my hope that our commitment to putting theory into practice will continue to provide support to organizations in our region and throughout the state.

### Director's Report

Ellen Shortt Sanchez

The Center for Community Based Learning and Action experienced a fast, hard hitting year. This report provides an overview of the hundreds of students we worked with in 2010-11 and the dozens of continuing programs that allow us to partner with community members, national organizations and local faculty. This summer we co-sponsored the faculty institute for Sustainability and Justice and brought Community Partner Voices to the table to work with faculty and staff on big picture issues of community needs. We convened the first organization discussion about Evergreen internships that will lead to continued work with our CCBLA Advisory involving faculty, staff, student and community partner voices.

The year ended with severe campus budget cuts and the loss of many grant sources we relied on to support student learning by offsetting the cost of tuition. In the upcoming year CCBLA staff will be forced to limit our scope of work, but will continue to link our projects even more closely with the Evergreen curriculum. The needs in education and social services are on the rise and we believe community based learning provides vital solutions to the problems we face as a society.

*Mural created by Rosie Math and volunteers*



### CCBLA and Gateways Staff 2010-11

Director: Ellen Shortt Sanchez

Learn and Serve Sustainability and Service Learning: Andreas Keodara

Learn and Serve Student Fellow : Dani Madrone

Learn and Serve Faculty Fellow: Krishna Chowdary

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SIS Coordinators: Kasey Rafter and Yoshi Nagata

CCBLA Newsletter Coordinator: Hilary Hacker

Retention Project Gateways Challenge /AMP Program: Alvina Wong

Retention Project Gateways Culture Programs: Oscar Overlund Petros

Gateways MPA Fellow: Emily Sladek

Gateways Faculty: Chico Herbison

SOS Faculty: Peter Bohmer, Lin Nelson, Russ Fox, Therese Saliba



## 80 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

### Community Partners 10-11

Avanti High School  
Books to Prisoners  
Bread and Roses  
Bridges Not Walls  
C.I.E.L.O. Project  
Camp Quixote/PANZA Board  
Capital High School  
Capitol Clubhouse  
Coffee Strong  
Community to Community Development  
Community Youth Services  
Counter Point Journal  
Dale Turner YMCA  
De Colores Bookstore  
DSHS  
Evergreen Elementary  
Evergreen Villages  
Evergreen VISTA  
Fertile Ground Guest House  
First People's Advising  
Garfield Elementary School  
Gear Up  
GI Voice Coffee Strong  
GRuB  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hands on Children Museum  
Hansen Elementary School  
Harmony Hill  
Helsing Junction Farm  
Human Response Network  
Kiwanis Food Bank Garden  
Kokua - LEAD  
Komachin Middle School  
Left Foot Organics  
Lewis County Growing Places Farm and Energy Park  
Lewis County Long Term Recovery  
Lincoln School Garden

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*"This program was a defining aspect of my experience at The Evergreen State College. I have left with a repertoire of skills and memories that will guide me in future public service"*  
Alicia Le Duc, Students in Service Participant

### Action Days

Action Days connect students to community to learn about current problems and help meet the needs of our partners.

*CCBLA brought 75 students to 10 community organizations.*

*Community to Community (C2C)* new Student Orientation was our biggest Action Day organized with United Way and the Volunteer Center on Day of Caring. Students got to know local organizations and each other at this event.

*150 students served at 13 organization sites for C2C Day of Caring 2010.*



*Master of Environmental Studies (MES) students moving a compost pile during a workday at Growing Places Farm and Energy Park.*

### Students in Service

At Evergreen, the Students in Service (SIS) is a part time AmeriCorps Program run through Washington Campus Compact (WACC).

*58 enrolled new members this year serving at 59 community partner sites.*

All registered students are eligible for SIS. Students earned tuition awards by serving in human services, environment, education, public safety, and community development. Students use education awards to pay school related expenses. *Each volunteer hour is valued at \$20.25. Our active members have donated 17,857 hours to community partners- the monetary value of \$361, 604 this grant year alone.*

### Community Action Coordinator—State Work Study

Students worked as Community Action Coordinators in grassroots organizations to learn about non profit organizations and earn money for school. This program was supported by HECB Community Service Work Study funds and coordinated by AmeriCorps VISTA Community Partnership Catalyst.

*This year 10 students worked 2,455 hours at 11 different grassroots organizations throughout the greater Olympia community.*

### High Employer Demand—State Work Study

*15 students contributed 3,243 hours at 15 sites including: NW Eco-builders Guild, Growing Places, Volunteer Legal Services, Terra Commons and Tacoma Evergreen.* HED work study provided students with crucial experience in high demand careers.





*Evergreen Students at Helsing Junction Farm during an gleaning Action Day for the Thurston County Food Bank.*

*"It's made an enormous impact on my life. To be able to do meaningful work for non-profit organizations for a wage has enabled me to take out far fewer student loans and keep my academics grounded and engaged in the community."*

Laurel Smith, Community Service Work Study, 2011 Evergreen Graduate

### Learn and Serve –Northwest Sustainability Initiative (NWSI):

This initiative was funded by Learn and Serve America and supported by Washington Campus Compact. Evergreen developed and improved the links between sustainability, green energy, STEM-field students, and service-learning projects.

*423 Evergreen students engaged in*

*curricular and co-curricular service-learning activities in science, technology, engineering, math, and sustainability fields, contributing over 35,000 hours of internships, work-study positions, curricular, and co-curricular activities. Learn and Serve collaborated with 10 community partners.*

### Math/Science Teachers—State Work Study:

*13 students spent 3,210 hours in 6 local high schools and 4 local middle schools.*

State Work Study Math Science Teachers (SWS MST) provided Evergreen students with financial needs the chance to explore the field of math and science teaching and gain classroom experience.

*Youth in Service AmeriCorps tutored 31 youth and recruited 29 Evergreen tutors.*

### Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

*Retention AmeriCorps report 47 Evergreen students served a total of 3,347 hours as academic mentors to 53 incarcerated youth at Maple Lane and Green Hill schools. 81% of mentees are more interested in going to/staying in college AND increased their overall positive outlook about their future education. (116 Youth surveyed). An additional 91 served 377 hours in Gateways' special events and projects.*

Gateways collaborated with 10 community organizations took place, creating new partnerships with JRA transition programs and the Hispanic Roundtable. Since 1996, Gateways has served to educate, empower and support young people with innovative cultural, diversity and learning programs that help build self-esteem, confidence and the ability to pursue dreams.

### College Access and Success/MLK Day of Service

*Campus visits included 135 youth*

from Komachin, Olympic Middle Schools and Oakland Bay Junior High

### *Community Partners continued ...*

Madison Elementary School  
Madison Welcome Room  
Mason County Literacy  
Northern: Olympia All Ages  
Northwest Eco-Builders Guild  
Oakland Bay Jr High School  
Olympia Film Society  
Olympia Free Herbal Clinic  
Olympia Seed Exchange  
Olympia High School – AVID  
Olympic Middle School  
People for Puget Sound  
Planned Parenthood  
POWER  
Rachel Corrie Foundation  
ROOF  
SafePlace  
Shelton High School  
South Sound Beach Naturalist  
Program  
Stonewall Youth  
Sunbreak Farm  
Tacoma Community House  
Terra Commons  
The Family Support Center  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Northwest EcoBuilding Guild  
Thurston County Bookends  
Thurston County TV (TCTV)  
Thurston County Volunteer Legal  
Services  
Thurston Conservation District  
Thurston Co. Food Bank-Gleaners  
Thurston County Syringe Exchange  
Timberline High School  
TULIP Credit Union  
USDA  
Volunteer Center of Thurston,  
Mason and Lewis County  
Wolf Haven  
YES! Community Technology Ctr.  
YMCA Girls without Limits  
Youth Build

2010-11 Total Budget \$278,120

(47% of budget are funds for students)

	\$41,279		\$19,000		
	\$16,992		\$ 8,500		\$30,000
	\$6,431		\$10,400		\$40,000
			\$3,000		\$35,000

2010-11 CCBLA SUPPORTED  
OVER **30,712** HOURS OF  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**What's Next for CCBLA?**

CCBLA will continue Students in Service tuition support with 50 new slots. This means we will be able to provide continued support for students through tuition awards. Student commitment to community engagement is on the rise. We anticipate continued support for College Access and Success for Gateways Mentors and incarcerated youth and for campus visits.

The unfortunate end of State Work Study Special Project funds will impact close to 40 students per year. We are collaborating with Student Employment to refer organizations that can contract directly for work study students and pay a 30% match. Learn and Serve closure at the federal level will also impact CCBLA support of Sustainability and STEM fields work. We continue to be closely aligned with the Faculty Sustainability and Justice Planning unit bridging important social and environmental justice movements across the curriculum.

**Campus Wide, Evergreen registered 901 Internships.**  
**595** were Independent Internships  
with **302** organizations.

*34% of internships were part of Academic Programs*



### Center for Community Based Learning and Action Advisory Committee 2010-11

Peter Bohmer (Evergreen Faculty), Anne Fischel (Evergreen Faculty), Jenny Blumenstein (Mason County Literacy), Mukti Khanna (Evergreen Faculty), Alice Nelson (Evergreen Faculty), Lin Nelson (Evergreen Faculty), Elizabeth Williamson (Evergreen Faculty, Community Connections), Toska Olson (Evergreen Faculty), Carol Minugh, (Gateways Founder), Andreas Keodara (MES Student), Rebecca Pilcher (Rachel Corrie Foundation), Zoltan Grossman (Evergreen Faculty, GI Voice), Suzanne Simons (Evergreen Faculty), Therese Saliba (Evergreen Faculty), Emily Sladek (MPA Student), Randi Miller (KOKUA), Phil Owen (Bread and Roses) Yoshi Nagata (Sr. Community Service & Employment Program) and CCBLA staff.

### Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:

- \* OVER **860** EVERGREEN STUDENTS RECEIVED SUPPORT IN 22 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FROM THE CCBLA
- \* CCBLA BENEFITED OVER **200** YOUTH
- \* OVER **150** EVERGREEN STUDENTS CONTACTED CCBLA FOR COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING.

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