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"A Place for the Community to Engage"

~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary

Message from Michael Zimmerman Academic Provost, The Evergreen State College

One of Evergreen's "Five Foci of Learning" is linking theory with practical applications or, as we more formally say, "Students understand abstract theories by applying them to projects and activities and by putting them into practice in real-world situations." The Center for Community-Based Learning and Action is at the heart of the College's effort to encourage students to make a productive link between theory and practice. As you'll see from this year's report, the Center excels at this mission, continuously and tirelessly working with faculty, staff, students and community partners to find meaningful ways for students to bring what they learn in programs and classes into the community for further learning and contributions through internships and volunteer work. All are enriched by these activities. While it is only one facet of the Center's great work, I would be remiss if I didn't specifically mention the expansion of the Gateways for Incarcerated Youth work this past year as a result of a generous grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Whether CCBLA is serving as the campus distribution site for the Thurston County Food Bank, working to support Quixote Village or hosting an annual visit by students from WaHeLut Indian School, its efforts are serving to transform lives. As you read this year's annual report, I'm certain you'll be as impressed as I am by all that they have accomplished.

"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

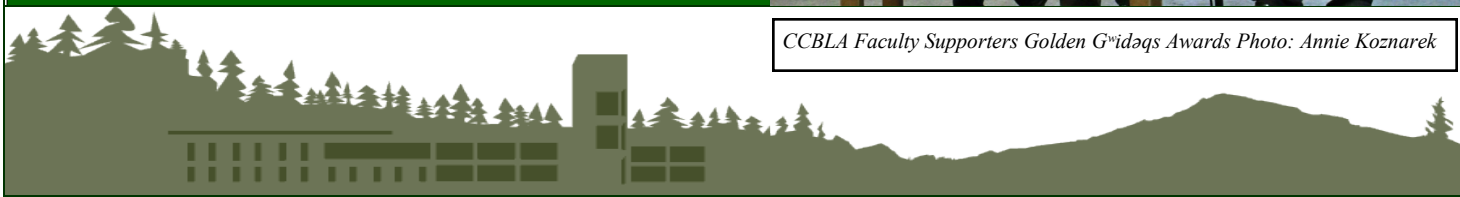
Community Based Learning (CBL) is a special feature in Evergreen's constellation of College Access programs. When current and potential students connect community to their academic adventures, college becomes a way to give back, learn in action & build real life skills. Greener Grad Miriam Alcantar tells a story we hear over and over again from students: *"If I had to identify one main reason why I was able to successfully complete my undergraduate studies at Evergreen I would have to say it was my connection to community. I found family in Olympia by working with high school students, illiterate adults, incarcerated youth and migrants which grounded me in my struggles as a first-generation college student."* This report shows how our programs, anchored in the CBL model, support students in contributing to community determined problem solving and offering communities access to college through partnerships and service.

CCBLA and Gateways Staff 2013-14

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Gateways Faculty: Elizabeth Williamson
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CCBLA Faculty Supporters Golden G*idqs Awards Photo: Annie Koznarek



96 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

Community Partners 13-14

AVID Olympia High School
Books to Prisoners
Be the One Mentor Coalition
Bread and Roses
Camp Quixote/PANZA Board
Capitol High School
Capitol Recovery Center
Central for Natural Lands Management
Childcare Action Council
CHOICE High School
C.I.E.L.O. Project
Circle Hawk Farm
Coffee Strong
Community to Community Development
Community Youth Services
Emergency Food Network of Pierce County
Evergreen Elementary Dual Language
Evergreen Villages
Familias Unidas Para la Justicia
Fertile Ground Community Ctr/Commons
First People's Advising
Garfield Elementary School
GI Voice Coffee Strong
Green Hill School/JJRA
GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)
Hands on Children Museum
Hansen Elementary School
Harmony Hill Retreat Center
Immigrantes Unidos de Shelton
JRA Mentoring
Kiwani's Food Bank Garden
Komachin Middle School Gardens
Kokua—LEAD
Left Foot Organics
Legislative Intern Program
Lincoln School Garden
Madison Elementary School
Madison Welcome Room
Mason County 4H
Mason County Consortium Student Success
McLane Elementary School
Native Plant Salvage
Nature Nurtures Farm
Nisqually Land Trust
North Thurston High School AVID
Northwest Eco-Building Guild
Oakland Bay Jr High School
Olympia City Council
Olympia Downtown Business Association
Olympia Food Co-Op
Olympia Free Clinic
Olympia Free Herbal Clinic
Olympia High School
Olympia Seed Exchange
Olympic Middle School
Out of the Woods Shelter
Pac.Mtn Workforce Dev. Youth Programs
Peace Corps
People for Puget Sound

"In practicing the politics of impossibility we've gotten better at acknowledging the key tensions involved in working with incarcerated students. And we've learned that our efforts to give voice to the experiences of our incarcerated peers mean nothing if we do not cultivate our own vulnerability. This is the most challenging, soul-sustaining work I have ever done as a so-called 'professional educator.'"

-Elizabeth Williamson, Gateways Faculty

Community to Community (C2C)

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

74 students served at 12 organization sites for C2C Day of Caring 2013, accumulating a total of 256 volunteer hours.

Evergreen/Olympia Tutoring Collaboration

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

Evergreen students and faculty respond 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.

124 Evergreen Students engaged in local public schools, many in the 'Education and Empowerment' Academic Program internship at local schools. Our CCBLA YIS AmeriCorps member mentored 32 youth through in the AVID college access program at North Thurston High School

College Access:

In collaboration with Youth in Service AmeriCorps team members, Native Student Alliance and the Evergreen Longhouse the Wa He Lut Indian School came to campus visit for MLK day. **44 middle and high school youth joined 13 Evergreen students for workshops: letter press printing, Qigong, Electro-Physics and Hula Dancing.**

Latino students from Shelton High School and CHOICE HS Gear Up program also came to see Evergreen through CCBLA.

Evergreen Student Volunteers served 456 hours with youth and in schools.

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. **19 Evergreen students worked 2,281 hours supporting 10 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 included: Safeplace, Inmigrantes Unidos, Sound Learning, Kokua, POWER, Stonewall Youth, Family Support Center, Crisis Clinic, Thurston County Food Bank, Camp Quixote & Village and Capital Recovery Center.**



Celi in Action

(Photo: Shauna Bittle)

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

Photo: Shauna Bittle

WA Campus Compact VISTA and Pacific Mtn. Workforce Development Council AmeriCorps members report 68 Evergreen students

served 2,104 hours as academic mentors to 55 incarcerated youth at Green Hill School JJRA facility.



On-campus project addressed incarceration in collaboration with ACAP and the Student Art Gallery. Organized by: Emily McKown

The Gateways College Class brings 20 Evergreen students to Green Hill School to work collaboratively in a seminar-style learning environment with 20 incarcerated youth. Evergreen participants worked hard to keep incarcerated students, whom they referred to as "peers," at the center of the learning process. To that end, they traveled to

the prison outside of class time to plan workshops at the prison; they also sought out guest speakers and artists who could augment the learning experience. This yearlong collaboration culminated in a pair of zines containing creative writing and visual art by both groups of students; several Evergreen students also co-wrote and recorded songs with their peers. Evergreen participants' primary goal in this collaboration was to cultivate a sense of shared vulnerability. Gateways class raised significant funds to support youth tuition.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Forward Promise Grant

The Evergreen State College accomplished year one objectives to improve outcomes for college and career readiness for incarcerated young men of color. Gateways documented the model, developed a Faculty Training and Program Research Plan, and planned Expansion. Gateways staff also piloted 10-week workshop series "Reducing Racism – Reducing Recidivism" with 8 youth of color at the Green Hill School.

8th Annual Farmworker Justice Panel

180 people attended the February campus forum! As a response the Farmworker Solidarity Collective of Olympia was created through the Campus Food Coalition. Students at Evergreen, WWU, UW, SCCC, and community organizations raised almost \$2,000 for farmworkers and their families.

TCFB Satellite Food Bank 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 800 Evergreen students and community members. **104 total volunteers served 469 hours. 15% of 120 students surveyed said the food bank was their primary food source. In April, the food bank expanded its offerings to include perishables.**

"The food bank itself has become so much more well known throughout the campus" - Araceli Tamayo-Lee, AmeriCorps VISTA Member and Food Bank Coordinator



Community Partners continued ...

Planned Parenthood
POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)
Puget Sound Restoration Fund
River Ridge High School
ROOF
SeaTrust Institute
Sidewalk
Shelton High School
South Sound Beach Naturalist
Sound Experience
Sound Learning
South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust
South Sound High School
South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement
South Sound Seniors
Stonewall Youth
Thurston County Asset Building Coalition
Thurston County Bookends
Thurston Community TV (TCTV)
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
USDA
Wa He Lut Indian School
Washington Middle School
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Crossing Borders Program
WashPirg
Works In Progress
Youth Empowerment Strategies
YouthBuild
YWCA Women's Resource Center

Familia Unidas Presenting (Photo: Shauna Bittle)



2013-14 Total CCBLA Budget \$101,592 (% 28 of budget are funds for students)

2013-2014 CCBLA Budget

Evergreen Institutional Funds		Grants to the CCBLA		Grants to Students	
Salaries	\$45,459.38	TESC Mentor Council AmeriCorps Match	\$1,500	Evergreen Work Study Community Service Participants	\$28,812.50
Benefits	\$17,110.69	AmeriCorps			
Goods and Services, Travel	\$8,710	members (In Kind)			

**CCBLA SUPPORTED
Over 660 Evergreen Students in
19 Academic Programs**

What's Next for CCBLA?

- ♦ **On-Campus Food Bank** continues as a satellite of the Thurston County Food Bank sustained by AmeriCorps VISTA and student volunteers.
- ♦ **Books To Prisoners** is moving into the CCBLA, they will continue volunteer hours Sun and Mon.
- ♦ Working with Spanish Speaking World Program and Community Service Work Study we are launching **Literacy Corps** adult learners!
- ♦ **College Access Corps** will provide members through WA Campus Compact to support incarcerated youth.
- ♦ **Jacinta McKoy Community Based Learning Scholarship** at the Foundation: <http://www.evergreen.edu/give/scholarships.html#jacintamckoy>

Thank you to **AmeriCorps Partners:**

**13-14 Total Gateways for Incarcerated Youth Budget \$ 176,980**

Gateways Income		Gateways Fundraising	
Green Hill Contract	\$4,000	Publications	\$1,382.98
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	\$166,300	Donations*	\$5,297.90
*Supporting Youth Tuition		Combined	\$6,680.88

**Center for Community Based Learning and Action
Advisory Committee 2013-14**

Community Partners: Monica Peabody & Sierra Brown (POWER), Stefanie Gottschalk Huerta (CIELO), Jenny Blumenstein (Sound Learning), Natalie Moran (Family Support Center), Randi Miller and Amy Briggs (Kokua), Chris Van Daalen (NW Eco-Building Guild), Amy Heller (Safeplace), Allison Eby (TC Food Bank), Nancy LaMusga (Crisis Clinic)

Evergreen Faculty: Alice Nelson, Zoltan Grossman, Doug Schuler, Mukti Khanna, Toska Olson, Lori Blewett, Anthony Zaragoza, Sunshine Campbell, Anne Fischel, Lin Nelson, Lori Blewett, Chico Herbison

Students: Jamie Alwine, Zachary Fleig

Evergreen Staff: Emily Pieper and Jean Eberhardt and CCBLA Staff

Campus Wide, Evergreen Registered
781 Internships
60% were In-Program Internships
(Internships within Academic Programs)
with 382 organizations
53% were at Schools & Non-Profits

Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:

- * EVERGREEN STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED **5,566** HOURS IN ACTION THROUGH CCBLA.
- * CCBLA AMERICORPS SERVED OVER **131** YOUTH
- * OVER **189** EVERGREEN STUDENTS CONTACTED CCBLA FOR COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING.