

# Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

*"A Place for the Community to Engage"*

*~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary*

### Message from Michael Zimmerman

*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

#### Jacinta McKoy Community-Based Learning Scholarship

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.

We have raised a total of \$26,516.42 in the endowment fund and special donations to award this year's scholarship from 29 donors. The \$1,250 Scholarship is awarded for the 2015 - 16 academic year to Toby Woods. Join us to support students to stay out of debt and be engaged in our community by donating to the Jacinta McKoy Scholarship!

For more information and to donate, please visit:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/scholarships/scholarships/mckoy.htm>

A college campus and the community in which it exists should be partners, partners that work together for the common good. Evergreen's Center for Community-Based Learning and Action helps make this aspiration come to life. Indeed, CCBLA's mission statement states that the Center "promotes student learning that responds to our communities' critical needs by connecting academic programs, students, and faculty with community organizations." What all involved with CCBLA do so very well is to find ways to ensure that meaningful partnerships are created. In other words, the fabulous work undertaken on behalf of community organizations should not be seen as altruistic acts. Yes, our community partners gain an enormous amount from the expertise, time and energy devoted to them. But it is equally true that members of the Evergreen community gain an equal amount in return. Students learn how to bring theory to practice, they discover that their efforts can have significant impact on others, and they realize the joys of becoming active, involved community members. These reciprocal benefits are at the heart of powerful partnerships. As you read this year's annual report, I know you'll be as impressed as I am by all that has been accomplished, but I hope you also read with an eye toward appreciating the mutual benefits that arise from the partnerships that have been forged.

#### CCBLA and Gateways Staff 2014-15

Director: Ellen Shortt Sanchez

WACC VISTA Food Justice Catalyst: James Hibbs

CYS AmeriCorps Tutor Coordinator: Brad Collins

SOS: CCBLA Faculty: Savvina Chowdhury

Evergreen Work Study Community Service: Jamie Alwine

CAC AmeriCorps AMP Coordinator: Carlos Chavez

CAC AmeriCorps College Class Liaison: Talib Williams

Pacific Mtn. WDC WSC AmeriCorps: Chanita Jackson

Gateways Academic Transition Specialist: Marcenia Milligan

Gateways Faculty: Chico Herbison

Gateways Manager: Lee Thornhill

Gateways Outreach Coordinator: Antonio McClinton

Gateways Teaching Assistant/GH AMP Support: Lea Kronenberg

Gateways Data Support: Jesse Walker



*Faculty Mukti Khanna, Faculty Emerita Lin Nelson and  
2015 Jacinta McKoy Scholarship Recipient Toby Woods at  
CCBLA Student Recognition Event*



## 92 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

*"I know that without the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) at TESC, and the opportunity to connect meaningfully with the Olympia community through my academic studies, I would not be graduating and ready to move thoughtfully forward as an engaged community member, mentor and educator."*

*Jamie Alwine '15*

### Community Partners 14-15

AVID Olympia High School  
Books to Prisoners  
Camp Coleman YMCA  
Capital High School ASAP  
Capital Recovery Center  
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  
Harmony Hill Retreat Center  
Hispanic Roundtable Latino Youth Summit  
Ilwaco Boys and Girls Club  
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  
Native Plant Salvage  
Nature Nurtures Farm  
Nisqually Land Trust  
North Thurston High School AVID  
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  
Out of the Woods Shelter  
Pac. Mtn Workforce Dev. Youth Programs  
Peace Corps  
People for Puget Sound  
Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
Planned Parenthood  
POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)

### 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.

**70 students served at 11 organization sites for C2C Day of Caring 2014, for a total of 280 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 mentored 32 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. **65 middle and high school youth joined 5 Evergreen students for workshops: Science & Time-Travel, Improv & Comedy, and Hula Dancing.** Latino students from Proyecto MoLE, Shelton High School and CHOICE HS Gear Up program also came to see Evergreen through CCBLA.

### Community Service Work Study: Evergreen Work Study

*Coordinated by a Work Study Student provided by Academic Deans*

Evergreen Work Study Community Service is a collaboration with Student Employment. **19 Evergreen students worked 4,013 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 Safeplace, Sound Learning, Kokua, POWER, Stonewall Youth, Family Support Center Pear Blossom Shelter, Crisis Clinic, Thurston County Food Bank, Capital Recovery Center, Out of the Woods Shelter, Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter, and CIELO Project.**



*CCBLA organized service for ESCEI at GRuB 2014 (Photo: Shauna Bittle)*



## Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

WA Campus Compact CAC AmeriCorps members report 44 Evergreen students served 2,640 hours as academic mentors to 50 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 20 incarcerated youth who earned college credit.

### FUNDRAISING-

The Gateways class raised significant funds to support youth tuition and supplies. The YIS AmeriCorps Kickball service project, bake sales, community events and College Class Basketball Tournament raised \$2,200.

## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Forward Promise Grant

The Evergreen State College completed the 2nd year of work to improve outcomes for college and career readiness for incarcerated young men of color. Gateways staff piloted expansion to Touchstone and Oakridge group homes and 'Gateways on the Outs' to support former Gateways youth of color post release. Participants spoke at Green Hill School, describing it is important for them to talk to youth inside *"because you want to see them do better than me when I was a kid and to let them know that there is a better way to live."*

## 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 **800** Evergreen students and community members.

***CCBLA AmeriCorps VISTA reports 20 total volunteers served 400 hours. In addition to getting more perishables, we also gave our clientele more autonomy through the shopping model and reduced our personnel needs.***

## José Gómez Farmworker Justice Day—an Annual Tribute

300 people attended the February campus forum! Speakers included representatives from Familias Unidas, Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales, Community to Community Development, and NW Detention Center Resistance. We were joined by two of José Gómez's sisters who shared his story. **Sponsored by** Farmworker Solidarity Collective/Black Cottonwood Collective, Campus Food Coalition, The President's Diversity Fund, CCBLA, Cultural Landscapes, Spanish Speaking World, Food: Co-Evolution, Making a Difference: Doing Social Change, SOS:CCBLA, Current Economic Issues, Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth, Dean's Match.

**We thank Paul Gallegos for years of supporting Farmworker Justice Day. Congratulations on retirement!**



### ***Community Partners continued ...***

Puget Sound Restoration Fund  
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 Race In Higher Education  
SPSCC Queer I Am Conference  
South Sound Seniors  
Stonewall Youth  
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 Alliance  
Youth Empowerment Strategies  
YouthBuild  
YWCA-Girls Advancement  
YWCA Women's Resource Center

*José Gómez Farmworker Justice Speakers 2015*



## 2014-15 Total CCBLA Budget \$101,592 (28% of budget are funds for students)

### 2014-15 CCBLA Budget

Evergreen Institutional Funds		Grants to the CCBLA	
Salaries	\$42,636	North Thurston SD AmeriCorps Match	\$2,000
Benefits	\$16,356	Evergreen Work Study Com. Service Participants	\$40,130.40
Goods and Services, Travel	\$13,484		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,476</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,130.40</b>



Gateways College Class at CCBLA Recognition

**CCBLA SUPPORTED  
Over 767 Evergreen Students in  
18 Academic Programs**

### What's Next for CCBLA?

- ♦ **Campus Food Bank**, a satellite of the Thurston County Food Bank, will be run by a work study student and student volunteers from the Campus Food Coalition.
- ♦ **Books To Prisoners**, housed at the CCBLA, continues volunteer hours Sundays and Mondays.
- ♦ Faculty member, Catalina Ocampo, convened the first **Literacy Corps** adult learners discussion.
- ♦ **WACC College Access Corps** AmeriCorps will provide 2 members to support incarcerated youth.
- ♦ Gateways has hired a new **Program Coordinator**.
- ♦ Gateways received 2015-16 **Community Investment Partnership** funding from Thurston Co. and United Way.

Thank you to **AmeriCorps Partners:**



### Campus Wide, Evergreen Registered

# 684 Internships

**27% were In-Program Internships**  
*(Internships within Academic Programs)*

**with 366 organizations**

**26% were at Schools & Non-Profits**

### 14-15 Total Gateways for Incarcerated Youth Budget \$ 199,469

<b>Gateways Income</b>	<b>\$195,500</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$3,969.58</b>
Green Hill Contract	\$8,500	Merchandise	\$1769.58
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	\$187,000	Donations	\$2,200

### Center for Community Based Learning and Action Advisory Committee 2014-15

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), Nanc LaMusga (Crisis Clinic), Karama Blackthorn (SPSCC Diversity and Equity Center), Meg Martin (Interfaith Works Shelter), Brett Rader (Out of the Woods Shelter)

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

Students: Jamie Alwine, Zachary Fleig

Evergreen Staff: Emily Pieper, Jean Eberhardt and CCBLA Staff

Many Thanks to Evergreen's  
President Les Purce  
for Supporting Community Based Learning.

### Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:

- \* CCBLA-GATEWAYS AMERICORPS SERVED OVER 147 YOUTH.
- \* OVER 150 EVERGREEN STUDENTS CONTACTED CCBLA FOR COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING.