

Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

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ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

“A Place for the Community to Engage”

~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary

Director’s Report

Ellen Shortt Sanchez

“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)

CCBLA involves students in varied and deep ways. Students engage as interns, work study participants, through their academic programs and in internships at organizations. Student leadership begins in the student experience and continues through the AmeriCorps positions available to graduates. These positions carry forward the importance of applied learning and incorporate training, supervision and support. CCBLA invests in people. Programs are run through the power of the people involved. CCBLA offers initial consultations to plan community involvement, connections through service, and workshops through programs.

The most rewarding connections with students build on these interactions and lead to consistent connection through their time at Evergreen. This year we celebrated a graduate who had come to work with CCBLA as a first year student, became engaged in a local organization, the next year participated in Students in Service then transitioned to staff support for the program. As a senior she interned with a local non profit through SOS: Sustainability and Justice program and coordinated our Community Service Work Study program. We celebrate student pathways and their passion for community engagement.

*2012 New Student Orientation: Community to Community
Photo: Shauna Bittle*

Message from Michael Zimmerman Academic Provost, The Evergreen State College

Meaningful education is both about personal growth and helping to create an environment in which all may thrive. The mission of the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action and, even more importantly, its actions, are all about ensuring that meaningful education takes place. And, as you can see from the Center’s annual report, they have done a wonderful job doing exactly that. The Center’s students, faculty and staff have had another fabulous year integrating learning and service, embodying Evergreen’s commitment to infuse theory with practice, and working to solve meaningful problems while providing much needed services to the Center’s constituents. All of this happens as well as it does because the Center works in partnership with great community organizations. As you read through this year’s annual report, I’m certain that you’ll be as impressed as I am by the accomplishments of all involved.

CCBLA and Gateways Staff 2012-13

Director: Ellen Shortt Sanchez
VISTA Community Partnership Catalyst: Laurel Smith
CYS AmeriCorps Tutor Coordinator: Jamie Alwine
Retention Project Gateways AMP Program:
Naomi Tajchman-Kaplan
Retention Project Gateways Transition Mentor Program:
Miguel Rodriguez
Gateways Work Study Intern: Marcenia Milligan
Gateways Faculty: Savvina Chowdhury
SOS: Sustainability and Justice CCBLA Faculty: Karen Gaul
Evergreen Work Study Community Service Coordinator:
Adriana Herrera



88 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

Community Partners 12-13

- AVID Olympia High School
- Books to Prisoners
- Be the One Mentor Coalition
- Bread and Roses
- Camp Quixote/PANZA Board
- Capitol Recovery Center
- Central for Natural Lands Management
- CHOICE High School
- C.I.E.L.O. Project
- Circle Hawk Farm
- Coffee Strong
- Community to Community Development
- Community Youth Services
- Crisis Clinic (Thurston/Mason)
- Emergency Food Network of Pierce County
- Evergreen Elementary Dual Language
- Evergreen Villages
- Evergreen Vista
- Family Support Center
- Fertile Ground Community Center & Commons
- First People's Advising
- Garfield Elementary School
- GI Voice Coffee Strong
- Green Hill School JRA
- GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)
- Hands on Children Museum
- Hansen Elementary School
- Harmony Hill Retreat Center
- JRA Mentoring
- Kiwanis Food Bank Garden
- Komachin Middle School Gardens
- Kokua—LEAD
- Left Foot Organics
- Lincoln School Garden
- Madison Elementary School
- Madison Welcome Room
- Native Plant Salvage
- Nisqually Land Trust
- North Thurston High School AVID
- Northwest Eco-Building Guild
- Northwest Indian Applied Research NIARI
- Oakland Bay Jr High School
- Olympia City Council
- Olympia Downtown Business Association
- Olympia Film Society
- Olympia Free Clinic
- Olympia Free Herbal Clinic
- Olympia Seed Exchange
- Olympic Middle School

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"I coordinated an activity between freshman from North Thurston High School's AVID class and seniors at the Olympia Senior Center. At the event the seniors and students made incredible connections that they shared back to the larger group during the closing of the activity. This project built important connections between two target groups of people in the community. Together, they challenged stereotypes and formed bonds over shared interests and the desire to be actively involved in their communities."

- Jamie Alwine, CCBLA Youth in Service AmeriCorps member

Action Days

Action Days connect students to community to learn about current problems and help meet the needs of our partners. *An AmeriCorps VISTA member coordinated action with a focus on Food Justice.*

CCBLA brought 125 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.

133 students served at 11 organization sites for C2C Day of Caring 2012.



*Community to Community -Day of Caring Evergreen Students at Books to Prisoners
Photo: Shauna Bittle*

Evergreen/Olympia Tutoring Collaboration

Coordinated by CCBLA Youth in Service 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.

175 Evergreen Students engaged in local public schools. Local Knowledge Academic Program deeply served the Shelton Schools this year. Through direct service a YIS AmeriCorps member mentored 26 youth through the AVID college access program at North Thurston High School and coordinated a service project bringing students to the Senior Center.

Community Service Work Study: Evergreen Work Study

Coordinated by a Work Study Student provided by Academics

Evergreen Work Study Community Service is a new collaboration with Student Employment. This program helps compensate for the closure of 3 state projects, that placed 30 work-study students at off campus sites.

9 Evergreen students supported 7 local grass roots non profits to impact real community needs to fight poverty, provide education to immigrant learners, confront homelessness with innovative solutions, and offer crisis social services.



Gateways Youth Graduates from High School
Photo: Reggie Parker

*“Not only is Gateways helping me graduate but they are also giving me a picture of how things are in a real college class. This program also gives some of us hope for a better future and that college IS possible”
-Incarcerated Youth Participant*

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

WA Campus Compact Retention AmeriCorps members report 51 Evergreen students served a total of 902 hours as academic mentors to 62 incarcerated youth at Green Hill schools. After participating in Gateways, 80% of youth reported more interest in continuing education beyond high school AND 86% stated they increased their overall positive outlook about their future education. (46

youth surveyed). Gateways volunteers served 200 additional hours during special events .

Special Thanks to the now closed Retention AmeriCorps Project.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announced its support of The Evergreen State College “Gateways for Incarcerated Youth” program through Forward Promise, the Foundation’s \$9.5 million initiative to improve the health and success of boys and young men of color. Gateways will receive approximately \$500,000 over 30 months to support its programs that bring college students to juvenile institutions to work as peer mentors, tutors, and co-learners with incarcerated youth. Gateways for Incarcerated Youth, based at Evergreen’s CCBLA, was one of 10 organizations selected for their innovative Community-Based programs that strengthen health, education, and employment outcomes for middle school- and high school-aged boys and young men of color. “Young men of color are the future of our communities. Gateways works to support college access for incarcerated youth and provide peer learning for campus-based student mentors in a community setting,” said Evergreen faculty member Chico Herbison.

WA Campus Compact College Access Success Grant

105 youth from CHOICE HS, Shelton HS, North Mason HS, Oakland Bay Jr HS and N Thurston HS AVID program visited Evergreen Campus . Gateways Academic Mentors served 48 youth with college transition support at Green Hill School

In collaboration with Youth in Service AmeriCorps team members, Native Student Alliance and the Evergreen Longhouse the **MLK Campus visit included 44 middle and high school youth from Wa He Lut Indian School.** College access mentoring by **15** Evergreen students included workshops about the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. and campus tours.

Community Partners continued ...

- Out of the Woods Shelter
- People for Puget Sound
- Pierce County AIDS Foundation
- Planned Parenthood
- POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)
- Puget Sound Restoration Fund
- Rachel Corrie Foundation
- River Ridge High School
- ROOF
- SafePlace
- SeaTrust Institute
- 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
- Sunbreak Farm
- Squaxin Island Canoe Journey
- Thurston County Bookends
- Thurston Community TV (TCTV)
- Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services
- Thurston Conservation District
- Thurston Co. Food Bank-Gleaners
- Thurston County Syringe Exchange
- United Communities AIDS Network
- United Way of Thurston County
- USDA
- Wa He Lut Indian School
- Washington Middle School
- Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Crossing Borders Program
- WashPirg
- Works In Progress
- Yes! Community Technology Center
- YouthBuild
- Yoyo Recordings
- YWCA Women’s Resource Center



Supporting Thurston County Food Bank
Photo: Shauna Bittle

2012-13 Total Budget \$103,299 (% 20 of budget are funds for students)

2011-12 CCBLA Budget

Evergreen Institutional Funds		Grants to the CCBLA		Grants to Students	
Salaries	\$44,446.00	College Access		Evergreen Work Study Community Service Participants and Coordinator	\$21,324.69
Benefits	\$17,154.56	Challenge (CACG)	\$9,774		
Goods and Services, Travel	\$9,100	TESC Mentor	\$1,500		
		Council AmeriCorps Match			

CCBLA SUPPORTED
Over 790 Evergreen Students in
18 Academic Programs

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth Programs 2012-13 \$ 17,344.97

Gateways Income		Gateways Fundraising	
Green Hill Contract	\$4,000	Publications	\$5,184.93.
BAMI Funds through JRA \$,6000		Donations	\$2,160.04
		Total	\$7,344.97

What's Next for CCBLA?

CCBLA expands Food Justice through VISTA support for the campus food bank, gleaning, school garden, Food Coalition and Flaming Eggplant. A new VISTA position will also develop the Gateways Transition Mentoring Program.

We continue capacity support for community organizations hosting students earning work study as financial aid to attend Evergreen.

We celebrate a new AmeriCorps partnership with WA Service Corps and Pacific Mountain Workforce Development to host the Gateways Academic Mentor Coordinator position.

The passionate CCBLA Advisory faculty and the TESC Foundation launch the Jacinta McKoy Community Based Learning and Action Scholarship a new stream of funding for students engaged in the community and a tribute to an inspirational founder of our center.

**Center for Community Based Learning and Action
Advisory Committee 2012-13**

Community Partners:

Monica Peabody (POWER), Stefanie Gottschalk Huerta (CIELO), Jenny Blumenstein (Sound Learning), Cindy Meyer, Rachel Scharber and Natalie Moran (Family Support Center), Randi Miller (Kokua), Miriam Lorch (Camp Quixote Panza), Justin Marger and Jennifer Martinez (Rachel Corrie Foundation), Emily Pieper (Stonewall Youth),

Evergreen Faculty:

Alice Nelson, Zoltan Grossman, Doug Schuler, Mukti Khanna, Toska Olson, Lori Blewett, Anthony Zaragoza, Sunshine Campbell, Anne Fischel, Trevor Griffey, Lin Nelson, Lori Blewett, Savvina Chowdhury, Chico Herbison

Students:

Adriana Herrera, Adam Selon, Zachary Fleig

Evergreen Staff

Emily Sladek and CCBLA Staff



Thank you to
AmeriCorps &
WA Campus Compact



Campus Wide, Evergreen registered
864 Internships
with 540 organizations

615 were Independent Internships

40% of internships were in Academic Programs with Curricular Service Learning Requirements

Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:

- * OVER 500 EVERGREEN STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED IN CCBLA ACTION DAYS.
- * CCBLA AMERICORPS SERVED OVER 130 YOUTH
- * OVER 184 EVERGREEN STUDENTS CONTACTED CCBLA FOR COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING.