

Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

Greetings from Academic Dean Karen Gaul

It is an honor to introduce the 2021-22 CCBLA end of year report. The Center for Community Based Learning and Action has remained a resilient and vibrant hub on our campus through the last few challenging years. In this tumultuous time, CCBLA has been nimble and responsive to community needs both on and off campus.

CCBLA is vibrant in that it offers community support and care through internships and placements that mutually support community partners and student learning. Farmworker's Justice Day emphasized awareness of disproportionate impacts of Covid 19 on farmworkers and their families, and explored the ways mutual aid can support these communities.

The Gateways program continues to support the learning of Evergreen students along with incarcerated youth. Gateways staff have proven to be key resources and advisors as the college moves toward expanding Prison Education offerings in the near future.

CCBLA has proven to be resilient throughout the challenges of the pandemic, creatively crafting internships to meet the needs of community partners, while keeping students and community members safe. Fundamental student needs are directly addressed through the Basic Needs Center and the Thurston County Food Bank pop-up satellite site.

The Basic Needs Center was started in 2019 and has been offering food, clothing, rent assistance and referrals for health care and other support to students. The pop-up food bank that started during the

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Director's Report

Ellen Shortt Sanchez

Building on Evergreen's Equity Symposium theme of "Community Care", we recognize the people power working hard at Evergreen and in the community. Center for Community Based Learning and Action has an essential place at the college. We build equity when collaborating with community organization, working for food justice and basic needs, supporting youth education behind bars and college access, calling for farmworker justice, lifting up fair immigration experience, and advocating for justice in the Middle East and at home.

As graduation comes back in person and we hear songs, and laughter and celebration, we grab onto hope. I think of students in El Camino who were raising children, teaching full time, studying, and now graduating in a second language. I think of faculty, on sabbatical, retired, and moved on to other jobs who pitched in to make it happen. Like Mutual aid to meet basic needs, these are people-to-people efforts. This year interns at The Olympia Free Clinic, Thurston County Food Bank, Campus Basic Needs Center and many other organizations and more participated in grassroots mutual aid. Farmworker Justice Day (FWJD) 2022 extended themes of mutual aid as Community to Community promotoras shared how they build movements where farmworkers solve problems collectively. This year's José Gómez FWJD day was a sendoff to wonderful faculty Maria Isabel Morales, who facilitated the past years event. The new Climate Center was strong partner this year, creating a wonderful interdisciplinary discussion.

Gateways OSPI Building Bridges grant and re-opening at Green Hill meant in person programming. It has also been a celebratory time that Evergreen has been awarded legislative funding to build and support Prison Education programs.

We had a robust effort on campus to support student basic needs. Evergreen participated in Institutional Capacity Building Cohort with campuses nationwide through the HOPE center at Temple University.

Please enjoy this report as we share our stories in numbers and demonstrate community impact through powerful tri-fecta of students, faculty and staff and community partners mobilizing to make a difference.

CCBLA & Gateway Staff

Director: Ellen Shortt Sanchez

Gateways Manager: Talib Williams

Basic Needs Leader: Penelope Parrtridge

SOS CCBLA Faculty: Savvina Chowdhury, Doreen Swetkis

Gateways Faculty: Jon Davies, Anthony Zaragoza, Savvina Chowdhury

Gateways CLEC AmericCorps: Charlie Greenhouse

Mentor/Tutor Corrdinator MiT CLEC AmericCorps:

Isadora Colpo

Food Access for Students Experiencing Homelessness CLEC

Americorps: Rachel Espinoza OrtizCommunity Service

Work Study Basic Needs Team:

Grace McLarty, Lurian Barstow

Campus Food Bank CLEC Americorps: JC Wortham

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Jacinta McKoy CBL Scholar: Andres Francisco Juan

WACC Civic Fellows: Sarah Ahrens-Balwit, Lo Fontaine,

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"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)

Community Partners 2021-22

Books to Prisoners
Boys and Girls Club
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Capital Recovery Center
Central for Natural Lands Mgmt.
Childcare Action Council
CHOICE High School
CIELO Project
Community to Community Develop.
Community Lifeline Shelton
Community Youth Services
Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason
Dispute Resolution Center
EGYHOP
Elevate Mason County
Emergency Food Network Pierce
Evergreen Elementary Dual Lang.
Evergreen Villages
Familias Unidas Para la Justicia
Family Support Center
Fertile Ground Community Com.
Freedom Farmers at Muirhead Farm
Garfield Elementary School
Green Hill School/JJ&RA DSHS
GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)
Hands On Children Museum
Heartsparkle Players
Hispanic Roundtable of Thurston Co
HOPE Garden Shelton
Hummingbird Studio (Kokua)
Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter
Kiwanis Food Bank Garden
Kokua/ LEAD (Literacy and Edu-
cation for Adults with Disabilities)
Lincoln School Garden
Mason Co. Consort. Student Success
Mason Matters
Mentor Washington
Native Plant Salvage
Nature Nurtures Farm
Nisqually Land Trust
Northwest Cooperative Develop. Ctr.
Northwest Eco-Building Guild
Olympia Food Co-Op
Olympia Free Clinic
Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural
Olympia Seed Exchange
Olympia Senior Center
Panhandle Lake 4H camp
People for Puget Sound
Pear Blossom Shelter, FSSC

CCBLA VISITED AND SUPPORTED 29 Academic Programs

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth

WA Campus Compact AmeriCorps supported The Gateways College Class brings Evergreen students to Green Hill School to work collaboratively with youth in a seminar style learning environment. 15 Evergreen college class students served as academic mentors to 24 incarcerated youth at Green Hill School JJ&RA facility who earned college credit. OSPI Building Bridges grant supported guest speakers like Greener Grad Terrance Turner to engage youth.

Annual José Gómez Farmworker Justice Day

On Wednesday February 16,2022 Evergreen students, faculty, staff, and community members joined online to support on farmworker justice. This event is an annual tribute to faculty member José Gómez. We keep his life and legacy alive by being in partnership with local farm worker movements who bring us dispatches from the front lines each year. Many thanks to faculty Maria Isabel Morales who facilitated before moving on from Evergreen. Presenters included Edgar Franks Familias Unidas Por La Justicia, Lucy Lopez, Esther Perez and Lelo Juarez, from Community to Community. Sponsors included Center for Climate Action and Sustainability (CCAS), CCBLA, academic programs Taste: What We Hunger For, American Frontiers: Homelands and Borderlands, Ecological Agriculture: the Chemistry of Agroecology and Social Science, Carrying Home: Latinx Worlds, Culture and Public Health,Community Based Learning: Working in Community and Media Works
<https://www.evergreen.edu/communitybasedlearning/jose-gomez-farmworker-justice-day>



The Panel of Alumni speaking to the Community-Based Learning: Nonprofit Internship class

pandemic has continued and offers weekly contactless access to food via the Thurston County Food Bank.

CCBLA continues to support academic offerings through coaching students and faculty in programs in how to connect with community partners. Director Ellen Shortt Sanchez also co-instructs CCBLA-linked academic programs every year. Recently I was virtually participating in a Critical Edge Alliance conference and sharing the unique ways our public service centers build partnerships and meet the real needs of the community. Some of our international partners were only starting to dream about how to do this work. CCBLA remains a model and a beacon for how to best connect student passion with very real needs in the community around us whether it is around housing, food security, education and literacy, or many other issues.

As I step away from the college this spring, the CCBLA remains a bright spot of deeply student-centered and community-centered work. I wish Ellen and all of the staff at CCBLA well on their future endeavors. Thank you for your important and life-changing work!



Russ Fox Community Project Fund supports The Mural Project

The Mural Project with faculty Catalina Ocampo and Emeritus faculty Anne Fischel was awarded \$700 during the first year of new endowment funding. Continuing the legacy of deep campus community partnerships, CCBLA founder, Faculty Emeritus Russ Fox, founded the fund to support academic programs who partner with community efforts. Patricia Vazquez Gomez, a well-known public artist in Portland, received her BA from The Evergreen State College and her MFA from Portland State University joined Evergreen students to create "Unity: Cultivating Equity Through Reclamation," which will be exhibited at Center for Community Based Learning and Action (CCBLA). The mural is based on student research on Evergreen's history in the college archives, which they transformed into compelling imagery and integrated into a complex and beautiful design.

Community Partners cont. ...

- Pierce County AIDS Foundation
- Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE) Pizza Klatch
- Planned Parenthood
- POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)
- Quixote Village
- Rachel Corrie Foundation
- Rebuilding Together Thurston Co.
- Regional Alliance for Youth (RALLY)
- ROOF
- Safeplace
- Saint Martins U Social Justice-Service
- Sidewalk
- Showing Up for Racial Justice - Olympia
- South Sound Beach Naturalists
- Sound Learning
- South Sound Com. Farm Land Trust
- S. Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement
- Stonewall Youth
- Sustainability in Prisons
- The Bridge (CYS)
- Thurston Climate Action Team
- Tacoma Community House
- Thurston Community TV (TCTV)
- Thurston County Volunteer Legal sv
- Thurston Conservation District
- Thurston Co. Food Bank -5 programs
- Thurston County Syringe Exchange
- Together! Clubhouse
- Together! Community Schools
- United Communities AIDS Network
- United Way of Thurston County
- Veterans Ecological Trades Collect
- WashPIRG
- Works In Progress
- YouthBuild
- YWCA Olympia

CCBLA

Seminar II E 2123 Olympia Campus
2700 Evergreen Parkway
Olympia, WA 98505

TCFB Satellite Food Distribution- Olympia Evergreen Campus

AmeriCorps JC Wortham and student Hailey Williams coordinated the Thurston County Food Bank (TCFB) Satellite Campus food distribution 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in C-LOT with support from student volunteers from WashPIRG.

This year 1165 students and 132 community members accessed the Campus Food Bank and 9 student volunteers put in 50 hours. 2 Evergreen staff regularly helped CCBLA team at distribution.

Evergreen Institution Funds		
Salaries	(CCBLA Director & Gateways Coordinator)	\$ 79,377
Benefits		\$30,172
Goods, Services, Travel		\$ 4145
TOTAL		\$ 113,694

CCBLA Grants		
WA Student Achievement Council		\$93,000
CCBLA Workshop		\$ 1,119
TOTAL		\$ 94,119

Direct to Student Funding		
	Included in WSAC	
Housing Subsidies		\$ 38,000
Community Service Work Study student earnings		\$ 49,234.85
CSSC Americorps Awards		\$ 5,368
Civic Engagement Fellowships		\$ 10,000
TOTAL		\$ 102,602

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth		
Publications/Sales		\$ 56.84
Donations		\$ 3,036
Green Hill Contract		\$ 5,942
OSPI Building Bridge Grant		\$ 49,875
TOTAL		\$ 50,909

Campus Wide, Evergreen Registered
104 Internships
41 were In-Program Internships
(Internships within Academic Programs)
with 57 off campus organizations
and 8 were with Evergreen programs

Center for Community Based Learning and Action Advisory Committee 2021-22

Community Partners: Jenny Blumenstein (Sound Learning), Randi Miller (Kokua), Hailee Saxton (Quixote Village), Kahlo Flores (Together! Clubhouse), Michael Dennis (Together! Community Schools), Kindra Galan (CIELO)

Evergreen Faculty: Alice Nelson, Zoltan Grossman, Mukti Khanna, Lin Nelson, Savvina Chowdhury, Suree Towfighnia, Catalina Ocampo, Eirik Steinhoff, Kate Napolitan, Michael Bowman, Kristina Ackley, Ada Vane

Students: Andres Francisco Juan, Sarah Ahrens-Balwit, Grace McLarty, Lurian Bristow, JC Wortham

Evergreen Staff: Talib Williams, James Jackson, Penelope Partridge, Richelle Enriquez

Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

*"This support enabled me to feel like I wasn't in this alone. De-stress. Made me realize there are people out there who want to help. I felt really supported, always positive responses. Very supportive."
 -From a justice-involved indigenous student, in his senior year*

Washington Student Achievement Council grant provided case management and student housing subsidies and SNAP application assistance. 42 Evergreen students received case management support and 28+ Students received direct financial awards for housing. 7 students received SNAP application assistance spring quarter.

Community Service Through Work Study

Evergreen Work Study Community Service is a collaboration with Student Employment created by Scott Elliot. 19 Evergreen students worked 2,461 hours supporting 13 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. Thanks to the following sites:
Hummingbird Studio/LEAD Kokua, Crisis Clinic, Evergreen Basic Needs Center, GRuB, HOPE Garden, CIELO, Olympia Free Clinic, PIPE, Re-Entry Scholars, Rachel Corrie Foundation, Canoe Journey Herbalists, Sound Learning and Quixote Communities.

AmeriCorps Tuition Awards

4 Students enrolled in WA Campus Compact College Support Services Corps through CCBLA; each earned a **\$1,300 tuition award for 300 community service hours**. Congrats to Lisa Kremborg, Camille Sturman, Gabrielle Davis, Caroline Fidanato contributed **1,200 hrs** in the community.