

Advancement Report

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Power of Partnerships

One of the byproducts of the work of LBCC Advancement are relationships in the community that lead to partnerships. LBCC is a school where big ideas have led to big partnerships, but several small partnership opportunities occurred over the summer that can have significant college and community impact. Here are four:

Business Oregon

Advancement's strong relationship with Business Oregon — and LBCC's responsive culture -- paid off for both when we were contacted by our Regional Development Officer and were able to co-locate her office on the Albany campus; the agreement extends for two years and arrangements were made within 24 hours. Business Oregon is the state's economic development department, and in the past two years, has been a financial supporter of LBCC programs.

LBCC is very excited to welcome Melissa Murphy, Business Oregon's Regional Development Officer for Linn, Lane, Benton and Lincoln Counties, to our Albany campus. Under an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Business Development Department, Melissa moved into her new space in Red Cedar Hall 201 in August. She and we are looking forward to an even stronger regional development partnership.

Student Veterans Farm

The Advancement Office, networking with community-driven non-profits in the area, has connected with a young veteran with a great idea and is turning it into a reality: a Veterans Farm on our Albany campus.

The Foundation is working with an intern (an Air Force Veteran), LBCC's Profitable Small Farms Program, and Home Depot, to create a Student Veterans Farm, providing an inclusive educational environment, promoting camaraderie and entrepreneurship, and facilitating the transition of veterans from military life to student life to success. The small Urban Farm will also

function as CSA (community support agriculture) offering opportunities for community members to “subscribe” to regular harvest boxes of produce.

Makerspace

The Advancement Office, working with Extended Learning, is spearheading the effort to convert the LBCC-owned old JC Penney building in downtown Lebanon into an innovative, first-of-its-kind in-the-region, makerspace, a community-driven learning, design and fabrication hub.

With the encouragement and partnership of the City of Lebanon, their Chamber, the SBDC and other local partners, LBCC is converting the “old JC Penney building” in downtown Lebanon into a Makerspace, a community-driven design and fabrication hub where people with overlapping interests can explore and collaborate on projects and ideas. It is a space designed to encourage discovery and innovation through shared tools, resources, and knowledge. Community Education will offer classes in the space, and participants in the JOBS program will run a bike repair shop, as well as helping staff the facility.

Pickleball

Advancement staff, speaking at the annual Oregon Mayors’ Association Conference, received encouragement and support from Mayor Konopa for a tentative plan to repurpose court space on campus into a tournament-worthy pickleball facility in partnership with the Albany Pickleball Club.

LBCC has been approached by the City of Albany and the Albany Pickleball Club and is researching a plan that, with their support, would repurpose the old tennis courts into a mixed-use sport court area that can be used by students, local community and youth groups for events and tournaments. The most likely layout, based on best income models, would be a 12-pickleball/8-half-court-basketball multi-use court that would replace deteriorating tennis courts, which are rarely used.