Lane Community College
Learning Garden

Engaging students and teachers through curriculum and work opportunities
Presentation overview

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How we engage students
- Service learning and volunteer opportunities
- Provide outdoor class project space
- Work-study and intern positions
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History of the garden

- 2006 - Learning Garden Club started by students
- 2008 - Learning Garden Specialist hired
- 2010 - Students voted to increase the fee for the garden and expand duties of Specialist
  - Expanded to a 1 acre garden that produces 3000 lbs of produce for campus kitchens and food pantry
Mission

The learning garden is a student led initiative that grows healthy sustainable food for the LCC community while providing learning, service and leadership opportunities for students.

The Learning Garden is an interdisciplinary educational model that offers students the opportunity to work with others outside the classroom and have fun.
Garden produce grown for campus

- Student-run restaurant buys produce directly from the garden.
- Culinary Program uses produce for big events like the 100 mile meal and the Local Food Connection.
- Food donated to the Child Care Center and Food Pantry on Campus
- Any other food is given to volunteers in the garden.
- 3,000 lbs of produce harvested/year
Funding and staff

- The garden is student-fee funded. We receive $1.50 per student per term.
- We sell our produce to the student-run restaurant, conference center, and cafeteria at fair prices.
- 0.7 FTE Learning Garden Specialist Position + interns, workstudy and other student workers.
How we engage students

- Service learning and volunteer opportunities
- Work-study and intern positions
- Outdoor class project space for numerous courses
Service learning and volunteer opportunities

- ~18 classes across 10 different disciplines including culinary, health, and biology.
- 10 hour per term service learning requirement.
- Approx 2,000+ hours of volunteer time per year.
Outdoor class project space

- Bioswale design and build - Water Conservation class
- Shelter and Toolshed Construction - Construction class
- Native plantings - Forest
Student work-study and internships

- Federal Workstudy:
  - ~6 students per year hired.
- Internships (aka Cooperative Education)
  - Culinary Program
  - Water Conservation Program
Internships: Cooperative Education

- Educational partnership between LCC, the business community and the Lane students.
- Students earn credit and a grade while working full or part-time in positions related to their career and academic goals.
- Over 30 Cooperative Education faculty who specialize in different academic/program areas.
- In the garden, we generally host internships during the summer but students can sign up any term.
- More info: https://www.lanecc.edu/cooped
Questions?

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