

# CCBLA

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED  
LEARNING AND ACTION

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

## Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA)

*A Public Service Center at the Evergreen State College connecting students, faculty, and community organizations since 2004.*

### MESSAGE FROM EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING DEAN

KRISTINA ACKLEY, PHD

I am both honored and excited to highlight the work of the CCBLA for 2022-23. This past academic year has been one full of opportunities to re-center Public Service and Evergreen's emphasis on experiential learning, reflection, and collaboration. This year, CCBLA reinforced its essential connection to Evergreen's mission of "local and global commitment to social justice, diversity, environmental stewardship and service in the public interest."

CCBLA is led by its extraordinary Director, Ellen Shortt Sanchez. I want to again offer my congratulations on the national recognition that Ellen received as the 2023 Western Regional Community Engaged Professional Award recipient. Ellen received the award in March at the conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i, where she presented (alongside Therese Saliba, Evergreen's Interim Vice President for Inclusive Excellence and Student Success) on CCBLA's ground-breaking work in faculty development and coordination with community partners.

Community-based learning is a high-impact teaching and learning practice that has significant evidence-based educational benefits for students, particularly those groups that have historically been underserved by higher education. Our community partners are critically engaged with political, economic, social, legal, and cultural issues that create an important lens through which our students can newly see the world.

I am sure that as you read the annual report you will be in awe of the important work CCBLA continues to do. Let's celebrate and continue to support CCBLA!



### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

ELLEN SHORTT SANCHEZ, MPA

As the world works to chronicle and measure impacts, we want to celebrate and tell our story in numbers, people power, photos, and more. Since the COVID-19 pandemic and the student debt epidemic, we have focused on student basic needs and college access. Community-Based Learning continues to encourage "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." (1999 DTF report)

### CCBLA STAFF 2022-23

Director.....	Ellen Shortt Sanchez
Gateways Program Coordinator.....	Talib Williams
Gateways Faculty.....	Carolyn Prouty
Gateways AmeriCorps AMP Coordinator.....	Ash Campbell
Case Manager and Project Development.....	Penelope Partridge
Community Service Work Study-Housing & Food Support .....	Lurian Barstow & Hailey Williams
Student Food & Housing Resource AmeriCorps Coordinator.....	JC Wortham
Food Access for Students Experiencing Homelessness AmeriCorps.....	Rachel Espinoza Ortiz
AmeriCorps Basic Needs Advocate/MPA Student.....	Dharma Koffer
Mentor/Tutor Coordinator AmeriCorps.....	Maria Atristain
Jacinta McKoy CBL Scholar.....	Gabby Davis

## THE EVERGREEN FOOD BANK

Thanks to the Thurston County Food Bank, Evergreen provides food distribution twice a month to our Olympia campus and the broader community. It is supported by Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good (WACC) AmeriCorps members, volunteers and student workers. Pop-up distributions happen in Parking Lot C on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month.




Between September 13th, 2022 and June 13th, 2023, the Evergreen Satellite Food Bank served:

- 147 new households
- 433 individual visits

of the total visits:

- 186 = students
- 247 = community members


 @evergreenfoodbank

This is made possible with help from **11 volunteers**, who put in a total of **105 hours**

## BASIC NEEDS RESOURCE & ADVOCACY CENTER

The Basic Needs Advocacy & Resource Center opened in Spring 2021 and is an accessible space on campus for students to receive supplies, food, hygiene items, and other basic needs at no cost. Students can make appointments to visit the center and receive:

- Support applying for SNAP (food stamp) benefits or other emergency funding
- Hygiene Items
- Food Pantry & Shelf Stable Foods
- Donated Books
- A Gender-Affirming Clothes Closet
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Plant cuttings & propagations
- and more!

 @evergreenbnarc

## GATEWAYS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH



LEARN MORE ABOUT GATEWAYS:



**49 youth were served** for program year 2022-23.

Academic Mentoring Program (AMP) connected youth and college mentors for weekly workshops, participatory education, and community building. AmeriCorps member Ash Campbell asked the youth what they would like to learn, resulting in collaborations with Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) to host workshops centered around food justice, cooking and culture, and native plant identification.

OSPI Building Bridges grant supported Gateways for a second year and connected with programs re-engaging youth of color statewide.

NEWS FLASH: Gateways is moving to join the new Evergreen Prison Education Project (EPEP). Stay tuned for more information and updates.

## COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP FAIR



## OLYMPIA BOOKS TO PRISONERS

Books To Prisoners (BTP) started as a Seattle-based, all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that sends books to prisoners in the United States. BTP believes that books are tools for learning and opening minds to new ideas and possibilities. CCBLA and Gateways for Incarcerated Youth have hosted Olympia BTP since 2014.



 @olybooks2prisoners

You can support Olympia BTP by donating paperback books at the CCBLA or at Last Word Books in Downtown, Olympia.

## JOSÉ GÓMEZ FARMWORKER JUSTICE DAY

150 students attended the 16th annual Jose Gomez Farmworker Justice Day May 23, 2023 in Evans Hall library lobby at The Evergreen State College. The event welcomed multiple Food Justice classes, community members and Evergreen staff & faculty.



Guest speakers included Kara Briggs, Vice President of Tribal Relations Arts and Cultures, promotoras Lucy Lopez and Esther Perez from Community to Community, and Political Director from Familias Unidas por la Justicia, Edgar Franks. Thanks to Faculty facilitator Prita Lal.

Thanks to our planning team and sponsors for their continued support: Familia Student Group, Center for Climate Action and Sustainability (CCAS) Presidents Equity Fund, Gateways for Incarcerated youth, The Spanish Speaking World, Current Economic Issues & Social Justice, Human Migration & the Origin of Agriculture, Reclaiming the Commons, Forest, Farm, Shellfish Garden: Experiential Learning.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH KOKUA LEAD



LEAD (Literacy & Education of Adults with Disabilities) was launched in January 2011. This year LEAD paired 13 Evergreen tutors with adults with disabilities for one-on-one tutoring and friendship. These inclusive partnerships enhance the educational experience and foster strong community connections by allowing those involved the opportunity to learn about each other's perspectives.

[HTTPS://LEADKOKUA.ORG](https://leadkokua.org)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH WORK STUDY

15 Evergreen students participated in work study with

10 local organizations including: PIPE, Canoe Journey Herbalists, Kokua LEAD & Hummingbird Studios, Sound Learning, Quioxte Village, Thurston Housing Land Trust, Thurston County Food Bank, Crisis Clinic, Together! Olympia Free Clinic

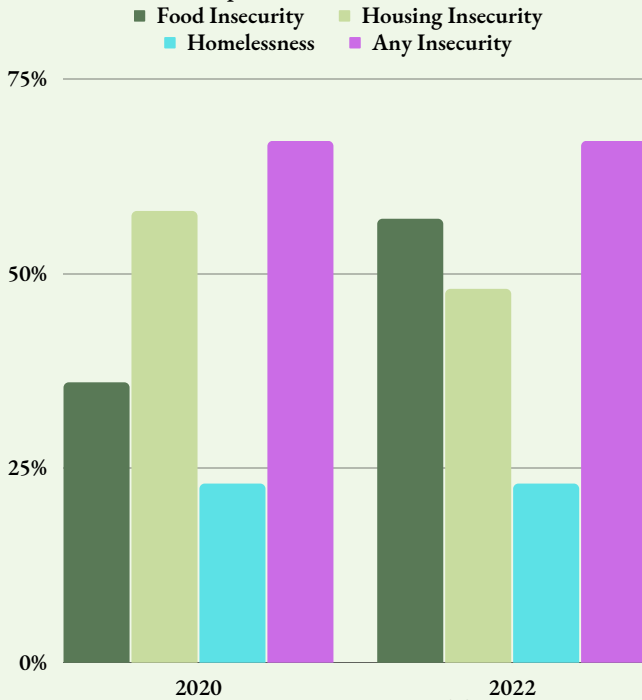
Positions also supported the Campus Food Bank, Basic Needs Housing and Re-Entry Scholars.



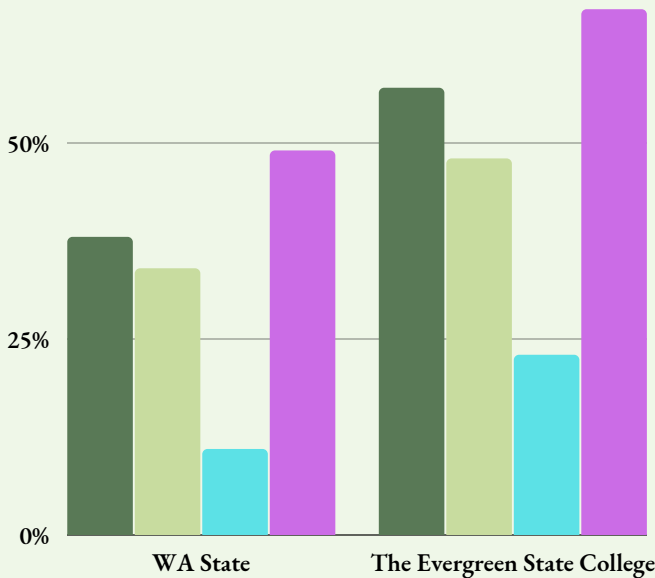
### STUDENT SURVEY DATA: 2022

In Fall 2022, students in 39 colleges and universities across the state participated in the WA Student Experience Survey administered by Western Washington University in partnership with the Washington Student Achievement Council. **161 students from Evergreen participated in the survey.**

Comparing 2020 Real College Survey responses with 2022 responses, there was a reported **21% increase** in food insecurity.



Evergreen students reported **higher rates of food insecurity, housing insecurity, and homelessness** than the state average.



### SUPPORTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSECURITY

Leading the charge to support housing-insecure students at Evergreen for the past two years has been an honor and a journey. This academic year we served **72 students** across more than **360 appointment hours**, providing comprehensive case management and what students came to call “companioning” through many difficult moments.

The most common feedback we received was that students felt less alone in their housing searches, and in most cases, were able to secure stable housing on or off campus using our comprehensive student housing search guide and the support of our team.

Special thanks to Lurian Bristow for his patience and thoughtful support of students, as well as Dharma Koffer for their ability to research and navigate resources quickly and expeditiously. We were able to fund **\$47,480 in housing subsidies** to provide secure housing to students.

As I move from the Case Manager and Project Development role into full-time teaching in the fall, I also want to extend my deep gratitude to Ellen Shortt-Sanchez for the “companioning” and partnership she provided to all of us working on this new and beautiful project at Evergreen.

Onward!! - Penelope Partridge

- Of Evergreen's **former foster youth** population, 89% experience food insecurity
- Of Evergreen's **first-gen** population, 64% experience food insecurity
- Of Evergreen's **students with disabilities** population, 63% experience food insecurity

**LGBTQI+** Evergreen students struggled with food and housing insecurity

- **7 out of 10 LGBTQI+** students (72%) experienced some type of basic needs insecurity
- Of those students, **nearly half** of them (47%) experienced both housing and food insecurity
- **65%** of LGBTQI+ students reported food insecurity
- **3 out of 10 LGBTQI+** students (28%) experienced homelessness in the last 12 months



**COMMUNITY PARTNERS 22-23**

AVID Olympia High School  
 AVANTI High School Inspire Olympia Art  
 Books to Prisoners Olympia  
 Boys and Girls Club  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters  
 Canoe Journey Herbalists  
 Capital Recovery Center  
 Central for Natural Lands Mgmt.  
 Childcare Action Council  
 CHOICE High School  
 CIELO Project  
 Community to Community Development  
 Community Lifeline Shelton  
 Community Youth Services  
 Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason  
 Dispute Resolution Center  
 EGYHOP  
 Emergency Food Network Pierce County  
 Evergreen Elementary Dual Language  
 Familias Unidas Por la Justicia  
 Family Support Center  
 Freedom Farmers  
 Garfield Elementary School  
 Green Hill School/JJ&RA DSHS  
 GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)  
 Hands On Children Museum  
 Heartsparkle Players  
 Hispanic Roundtable of Thurston Co  
 Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group  
 HOPE Garden Shelton  
 Hummingbird Studio (Kokua)  
 Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter

InterCity Transit Village Vans, Walk & Roll  
 Kiwanis Food Bank Garden  
 Kokua/LEAD  
 Lincoln School Garden  
 Mason Co. Consort. Student Success  
 Mentor Washington  
 Native Plant Salvage  
 Nisqually Land Trust  
 Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge  
 Complex  
 Nisqually River Education Project  
 Northwest Cooperative Development  
 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  
 Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE)  
 People for Puget Sound  
 Pear Blossom Shelter, FSSC  
 Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
 Pizza Klatch  
 Planned Parenthood  
 POWER  
 Puget Sound Estuarium  
 Quixote Village  
 Rachel Corrie Foundation

RALLY -Thurston Co. Regional Alliance for Youth  
 Rebuilding Together  
 ROOF  
 Safeplace  
 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  
 Tacoma Public Library  
 The Bridge Music Project  
 Thurston Climate Action Team  
 Tacoma Community House  
 Thurston Community TV (TCTV)  
 Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services  
 Thurston Conservation District  
 Thurston Co. Food Bank -5 programs  
 Thurston County Syringe Exchange  
 Thurston Housing Land Trust  
 Thurston Thrives  
 Together! Clubhouse Together! Community Schools  
 United Communities AIDS Network  
 United Way of Thurston County  
 Veterans Ecological Trades Collect  
 WashPIRG  
 Window Seat Media  
 Works In Progress  
 YouthBuild  
 YWCA Olympia

**CCBLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**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  
 Joli Sandoz  
 Therese Saliba

**Evergreen Students:**

Hailey Williams  
 Lurian Bristow  
 Maria Atristain  
 Ash Campbell  
 Dharma Koffer

**Evergreen Staff:**

Talib Williams  
 James Jackson  
 Penelope Partridge  
 Richelle Enriquez

**Community Partners:**

Jenny Blumenstein.....*Sound Learning*  
 Randi Miller.....*Kokua*  
 Hailee Saxton.....*Quixote Village*  
 Kahlo Flores.....*Together! Clubhouse*  
 Courtney Church.....*Rachel Corrie Foundation*  
 Susan Davenport Moore...*Thurston Housing Land Trust*



THIS YEAR EVERGREEN REGISTERED:

**181 INTERNSHIPS WITH**  
**84 ORGANIZATIONS**

152 UNDERGRADUATE (84%), 29 GRADUATE (16%)

CCBLA VISITED AND SUPPORTED:

**18 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**



**NATIONAL**  
**DAY OF**  
**SERVICE**



**2022-23 TOTAL CCBLA BUDGET \$357,855 (26% OF BUDGET FUNDS ARE FOR STUDENTS)**

**EVERGREEN INSTITUTION FUNDS**

Salaries	\$73,460
Benefits	\$24,493
Goods, Services, Travel	\$4,358
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,312</b>

**DIRECT TO STUDENT FUNDING**

Housing Subsidies (from SSEH funds)	\$47,480
Community Service Work Study Student Earnings	\$36,935
WACC AmeriCorps Awards	\$9,622
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,037</b>

**GRANTS**

WSAC Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness SSEH (includes housing subsidies)	\$103,000
OSPI Building Bridges – Gateways	\$48,875
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,875</b>

**GATEWAYS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH**

Publications/Sales	\$56
Donations	\$2,832
Green Hill Contract	\$2,997
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,885</b>



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