

CCBLA

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING AND ACTION

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

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 PROVOST

DAVID MCAVITY, INTERIM PROVOST 2020-2024

As we reflect on the past academic year, I am proud to highlight the exceptional work of the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA). This annual report offers a glimpse into the transformative impact of community-based learning, an integral component of higher education that aligns seamlessly with the mission and values of Evergreen.

Community-based learning is not just an educational strategy; it is a fundamental approach to fostering engaged and informed citizens. At Evergreen, we understand that education transcends the classroom. By connecting academic learning with real-world experiences, students gain deeper insights, develop practical skills, and cultivate a sense of connectedness, mutuality, and responsibility toward their communities. This experiential approach enriches their education and prepares them to contribute meaningfully to society.

Under Director Ellen Shortt Sanchez's strong leadership, CCBLA has been at the forefront of developing impactful community partnerships that exemplify our commitment to collaborative, real-world learning. The Center's collaborations with local organizations, such as GRuB and the Olympia Food Co-Op, which provide students with opportunities for hands-on work in sustainable practices and food justice. Also notable is CCBLA's partnership with Sounding Learning in Mason County, which connects students with local immigrants working to build English language proficiency. Ellen was honored with a "Heart of Gold Award" in October for her commitment and dedication to this partnership.

The Center's innovative approaches and dedicated efforts continue to enhance the educational landscape at Evergreen. As we look forward to the future, I am confident that CCBLA will continue to lead with creativity and purpose, driving forward our collective mission of integrating learning with community action.



"COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING (CBL) - "FIELD-BASED "EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING" WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY.... THE IDEA IS TO GIVE STUDENTS DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH ISSUES THEY ARE STUDYING IN THE CURRICULUM AND WITH ONGOING EFFORTS TO ANALYZE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY. A KEY ELEMENT IN THESE PROGRAMS IS THE OPPORTUNITY STUDENTS HAVE TO BOTH APPLY WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING IN REAL-WORLD SETTINGS AND REFLECT IN A CLASSROOM SETTING ON THEIR SERVICE EXPERIENCES.... THE IDEA THAT GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT COLLEGE OUTCOME" AAC&U DEFINITION

"CCBLA is a bridge. Retired faculty, who join alums in being out and about in the community, report that they hear about CCBLA as vital connective tissue between the college and the broader region (Olympia-and-beyond). It could be 1-to-1 relations between student interns and one organization. It is also the broader network of organizations, as represented on the advisory board. Or connecting community-based work to faculty institutes on vital issues... like disability and solidarity, poverty and housing struggles among our neighbors, or learning about Israel/Palestine as both a matter of analysis and commitment. There are many ways CCBLA is out there... and activating those connections on campus. It offers to the community and participates with others thru persistent, focused, open-ended learning."

- Lin Nelson, a CCBLA founder and retired faculty

CCBLA STAFF 2023-24

Director.....	Ellen Shortt Sanchez
SOS CCBLA Faculty.....	Therese Saliba & Alice Nelson
Gateways Program Coordinator.....	Talib Williams
Gateways Faculty.....	Carolyn Prouty
Gateways AmeriCorps AMP Coordinitor.....	Zoey Knox
Basic Needs Navigator	V Guardado
Community Service Work Study Manager.....	Joni Upman
CS Work Study-Housing & Food Support	Hailey Williams & Drew Bland
Basic Needs Resource Coordinator / AmeriCorps Service Member.....	Rachel Espinoza Ortiz
Mentor/Tutor Coordinator AmeriCorps.....	Jimena Flores Martinez
Jacinta McKoy CBL Scholar.....	Francisco Daza

THE EVERGREEN FOOD BANK

Thanks to the Thurston County Food Bank, Evergreen provides food distribution twice a month to Olympia campus and the broader community. Evergreen’s Basic Needs Navigator, Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good (WACC) AmeriCorps members, volunteers and student workers staff the Basic Needs Center in CAB 135. Our satellite is an indoor shopping model with seasonal produce from the Evergreen Organic farm. Visits to this satellite are connected to the TCFB network.



@evergreenfoodbank

Fall 2023 the Campus Food Bank ended drive up service and moved indoors.

2023-2024 Food Bank served:

1,233 students and community users

Distributed 31,456 lbs of food

This is made possible with help from **14 volunteers**, who put in a total of **81 hours**

BASIC NEEDS CENTER

- Support applying for SNAP (food stamp) benefits
- Food Pantry
- Hygiene Products
- Clothing Closet
- Books
- Plant cuttings
- Kitchen Utensils
- Referrals to outside resources!



340 EVERGREEN STUDENTS
ACCESSED THE BASIC NEEDS CENTER

EXPANDED TO APPOINTMENTS THREE DAYS PER WEEK IN 2024

@evergreenbnarc

GATEWAYS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH



Long live Gateways Founder Carol Minugh (1934-2024)

SUPPORT CAROL'S GATEWAYS SCHOLARSHIP:



With great sadness we pay tribute to the amazing ‘Dreamer and Schemer’ who developed the Gateways for Incarcerated Youth program.

“I gathered a group of Native students from the college, and I told them, “If you come along this time, you’re going to have to make a commitment to keep on coming. We went out to Maple Lane for the first time, and the kids that were there at the meeting were Chicano and Native American. I told them, “I don’t have a clue of what you guys want that I could possibly provide?” One of the boys said, “Why should we tell you what we want? People are always asking us what we want, and they never show up again.” So, I made the commitment that I would be back, and we would be back, if they would tell us what they wanted.”

Gateways is now working with the Evergreen Liberation Learning Network (ELEN) as of Fall 2023.



STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Jocelyn Moreno and Drew Bland were recognized statewide for their Community work at CCBLA

Jocelyn served at Sound Learning in Shelton, Community Schools in Tumwater and Together!, Bilingual Clubhouse and Co-founded the campus student group Familia. Drew Served at the Basic Needs Center and Campus Food Bank and Interned at the Dispute Resolution Center and at the Estuarium through Center for Climate Action and Sustainability.



LONG TERM PARTNERSHIPS: SOUND LEARNING

Sound Learning has hosted Evergreen students over many years. The organization is run by Evergreen graduates Shannon Klassel and Jenny Blumenstein. They recognized CCBLA Director. "For decades of work to help immigrants build a better future through education, Evergreen's Center for Community Based Learning and Action Director Ellen Shortt-Sanchez was recognized with the 'Heart of Gold Award' by Sound Learning, at their annual community meeting on October 26, 2023, in Shelton, Washington. Sound Learning, originally known as Mason County Literacy, offers adult education, GED, English and citizenship classes to help students achieve language skills and knowledge essential to their success. 'Sound Learning is such an important partner in the work I do at Evergreen,' said Shortt-Sanchez. 'Hosting Evergreen students as volunteers, interns and work study, this community-based education with adult learners makes a powerful difference in our hometown and in the wider world.' study benefits."



THURSTON TALK FULL ARTICLE

CCBLA, based at Evergreen's Olympia campus, links students with local communities and service organizations. Students have a chance to serve the community while earning credits and/or work study benefits.

JOSÉ GÓMEZ FARMWORKER JUSTICE DAY



150 students attended the 17th annual Jose Gomez Farmworker Justice Day April 24,2024 in Evans Hall library lobby at The Evergreen State College. The event welcomed multiple Food Justice classes, community members and Evergreen staff & faculty.

Panelists from Community to Community and Familias Unidas por La Justicia spoke about the 11th annual farmworker tribunal rulings where farmer workers presented powerful testimonies of their lived experiences as workers in a profit driven agricultural industry. They shared about protecting overtime pay for farmworkers in WA state. Special thanks to FAMILIA students and Rachel Espinoza Ortiz!

- Thanks Presidents Equity Fund,
- Clean Energy Committee Funds,
- Familia, Center for Climate Action and Sustainability, Dean's Match,
- Gateways for Incarcerated Youth,
- Community-Based Learning: Internships and Community Projects
- Ecological Agriculture
- Food and Agricultural Projects
- Land-Based Learning: Foodways
- Olympia Food Co-op
- Ramirez Mexican Store
- Social Justice and the Economy
- Recipes: The Chemistry and Math of Food
- (Re)Orienting Identity:
- Image/Text Collaborations
- Cooperative Development Lab
- Masters in Teaching

Student Group Leaders wtb Familia



THANKS TO OLYMPIA FOOD CO-OP FOR SPONSORING THE EVENT



SEE ARTICLE IN THEIR NEWSLETTER



COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK STUDY PROGRAM



14 Evergreen students participated in work study with

- 10 local organizations including:
 - Canoe Journey Herbalists
 - Kokua LEAD & Hummingbird Sound Learning
 - Thurston Housing Land Trust
 - Thurston County Food Bank
 - Crisis Clinic Together!
 - Rachel Corrie Foundation
 - Pizza Klatch

Positions also supported the Campus Food Bank (TCFB) Basic Needs Center.



TCFB Satellite Summit 2024
Pictured from Left to Right: Richard Calkins, Drew Bland, Hailey Williams, Denise Roberts, Berenice Plazas. Infront: V Guardado & Rachel Espinoza Ortiz

TUTOR MENTOR COORDINATION

AmeriCorps Tutor Mentor Coordinator Supported

15 Evergreen students to engage in K12 schools and youth programs

and directly served 105 local elementary school youth
Service position is a collaboration between CCBLA and MiT

Three Masters in Teaching (MiT) Students completed
300 Hour Americorps terms Earning tuition awards.



SUPPORTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING (SSEH) HOMELESSNESS WSAC GRANT HOUSED AT SEES (EVERGREEN'S STUDENT AFFAIRS)

102 Evergreen students received housing Assistance

13% are students with dependents	55% were students of color
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94% of Students served completed the term in which they received SSEH services



COMMUNITY PARTNERS 23-24

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
 Elevate Mason County Meadow Moss farm
 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
 Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter

InterCity Transit Village Vans,
 InterCity Transit Walk & Roll Center
 Kiwanis Food Bank Garden
 Kokua/LEAD & Hummingbird
 Lincoln School Garden
 Mason Co. Consort. Student Success
 Mason Conservation District
 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
 One America
 Panhandle Lake 4H camp
 Partners in Prevention Education
 (PIPE)
 People for Puget Sound
 Pierce County AIDS Foundation
 Pizza Klatch
 Planned Parenthood
 POWER
 Puget Sound Estuarium
 Quixote Village (New Horizon Com.)
 Rachel Corrie Foundation

Rebuilding Together ROOF
 Safeplace
 Salish Roots Farm - Squaxin Island Tribe
 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 Santo Tomas Sister City
 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
 Catalina Ocampo
 Sonja Wiedenhaupt
 Kristina Ackley
 Ada Vane
 Joli Sandoz
 Pen Partridge
 Therese Saliba
 Doreen Swetkis

Evergreen Staff:

Richelle Enriquez
 V Guardado

Evergreen Students:

Hailey Williams, Maria Atristain, Drew Bland, Zoey Knox

Community Partners:

Jenny Blumenstein..... *Sound Learning*
 Randi Miller..... *Kokua*
 David Portugal..... *Quixote Village*
 Kahlo Flores&Sierra Abrams..... *Together! Clubhouse*
 Courtney Church..... *Rachel Corrie Foundation*
 Susan Davenport Moore... *Thur. Housing Land Trust*
 Tiffany Jara *Salish Roots Farm*
 Nils Bakke *Meadow Moss/Elevate*
 Michael Dennis..... *Crisis Clinic Thurston/Mason*
 Aubrey Cordoza..... *Mason Conservation District*

THIS YEAR EVERGREEN REGISTERED:

176 INTERNSHIPS WITH

93 ORGANIZATIONS

60% (56) WITH NON PROFITS AND SCHOOLS

CCBLA VISITED AND SUPPORTED:

9 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



ELLEN SHORTT SANCHEZ

SHARED STUDENT VIDEOS SUPPORTED BY FACULTY SUREE TOWFIGHIA

NATIONAL
 CAMPUS COMPACT PRESENTATION
 DENVER, CO

**2023-24 TOTAL CCBLA FUNDS \$279, 135
(16% DIRECTLY FUND STUDENTS)**

DIRECT TO STUDENT FUNDING

Community Service Work Study Student Earnings	\$33,323
WACC AmeriCorps Fellows Awards	\$12,000
TOTAL	\$45,323

EVERGREEN INSTITUTION FUNDS

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

GRANTS

Student Basic Needs Program (SEES)	\$103,000
Unite Us-Thurston Thrives	\$25,000
WACC Fellows - AmeriCorps incentive	\$4,500
TOTAL	\$131,500

LOOKING FOR INTERNSHIPS?

Visit the New Internships Office!

Assistant Director of Internships Luis Apolaya Torres can help with **finding, planning for, and applying for** internships in all subject matters, for any quarter. To schedule an appointment, **use the QR code below**, visit **SEM II E-3104**, or email **luis.apolaya_torres@evergreen.edu**.




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