

CCBLA ANNUAL REPORT

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING AND ACTION



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 NOAH COBURN

In a year when both the state and federal governments have backed away from their previous commitments to higher education, it is always heartening to see the ways in which The Evergreen State College remains such a vital part of our local community. Much of that is reflected in this report about the wonderful work happening at Evergreen’s Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) under Director Ellen Shortt Sanchez. At Evergreen, we believe that learning is not something that happens in an ivory tower, but that theory must be connected with practice, and schools should be embedded within a broader world. Students come to Evergreen because they want to engage directly with the challenges that confront our communities.

CCBLA provides an important framework for learning, but also for thinking about our place in the world. As a public college, Evergreen provides a public good that is not separate from, but is deeply connected to, other public goods, such as community arts, providing community members with basic needs, and protecting the rights of immigrants, the incarcerated and other marginalized groups. It is also deeply connected to Evergreen’s commitment to experiential education and ensuring that students are learning not just knowledge, but how to be impactful community members and leaders. CCBLA has been at the heart of this inspirational and necessary work. Reading this report, I hope you get a better appreciation for CCBLA’s work as we all look forward to another year of impactful engagement despite the challenges that surround us.

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David Portugal, New Horizons
Community
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Farm, Squaxin Island Tribe
Cristian Salazaar, CIELO

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES THEORY TO PRACTICE



Evergreen Graduation Faculty Speaker
Zoltan Grossman taught with CCBLA Winter 2025

CCBLA STAFF 2024-25

Director.....	Ellen Shortt Sanchez
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Jacinta McKoy CBL Scholar.....	Malynda Murphy

THE EVERGREEN FOOD BANK

Thanks to the Thurston County Food Bank (TCFB), Evergreen provides food distribution twice a month at the Olympia campus. Evergreen's Basic Needs Navigator, Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good (WACC) AmeriCorps members, volunteers and student workers ran 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

Campus Food Bank
Satellite shopping model
since 2023

2024-2025 Food
Bank served:

1,152 users- 53% students

Distributed **42,483**
lbs of food

This is made possible with help from **4 volunteers**
per quarter with a total of **70 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!



370 EVERGREEN STUDENTS
ACCESSED THE BASIC NEEDS CENTER



@evergreen_basicneedscenter

COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING: YOUTH AND EDUCATION SPRING

Faculty Sonja Wiedenhaupt taught with CCBLA Spring 2025. Students developed a generous, inquiry oriented and critically reflective practice, reflexive practice to "widen our apertures" (Hammond, 2014), used protocols for collective sense making and consultation; and habits of identifying and engaging resources. The program built context, vision and aspirations of the communities served. Students practiced guiding and grounding work using principles of liberatory, humane and just education.

23 students internships with:

Arlington Elementary, Gateways- Green Hill, Safeplace, GRuB, Lincoln Elementary, South Sound Green, Thurston Conservation District, Olympia School District Mentoring Program, TCFB School Gardens.

LONG TERM PARTNER:

KOKUA LEAD & HUMMINGBIRD STUDIO

Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities (LEAD) partners with CCBLA to host learning pairs on campus. Each June, we celebrate graduation and pairs share their work together. CCBLA AmeriCorps member Jimena worked with Courtney an incoming Greener!

On June 9, 2025 eight LEAD Learner pairs celebrated graduation on campus with friends and family and Kokua staff Randi Miller, Amanda Maratta, Amy Briggs and Greener Grad Dylan Kuel '22 gave the keynote address.



15 Evergreen LEAD tutors 2025. 4 served multiple years.

Congrats to tutors who graduated and are now Evergreen alumni.



CCBLA SUPPORTED 16 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



PRESIDENTS' CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Jeramias Sandoval
Hummingbird Studio Work Study
Zoey Knox
Gateways Mentor Coordinator
Recognized for Community Work!



Photo with Dr Dexter Gordon, Evergreen Executive VP
WA Campus Coalition for The Public Good
Civic Engagement Fellows

- Maria Atristain
- Christine Young
- Andrew Winfree
- Evan Wagoner
- Miguel Rodriguez
- Osvaldo Calderon



43 New Greeners from Shelton registered for Fall 2025

Center for Community Based Learning and Action director supported college access through community outreach and mentoring program development. As a Shelton community member this has been a bright spot at the college assisting Manager Monear Fatemi with community connections, mentor gatherings and campus updates.



JOSÉ GÓMEZ FARMWORKER JUSTICE DAY



We welcomed C2C (Community 2 Community) and Familias Unidas por la Justicia (FUJ) panelists Edgar Franks, Tomas Ramon, Jose Ramirez, Octavia Santiago, Brenda Bentley and Tara Villalba in celebration of Jose Gomez Farmworker Justice Day Event April 23rd, 2025. 125 students, faculty, and staff attended. C2C & FUJ tabled to bring awareness to their organization. During the panel students received the zine "Seeds of solidarity" with information about the important advocacy work C2C & FUJ.



Faculty Prita Lal with art created for Farm worker Tribunal

Afternoon art workshop and exhibition showcased Activist art pieces made for marches. Photography by Edgar Franks, weaving by Octavia Santiago, and cross stitching made by Lelo's mother Luciana Zafarino Ortiz.



SPONSORS:

- Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA)
- Center for Climate Action and Sustainability (CCAS)
- Clean Energy Fund
- Dean's Match
- Equity and Belonging Grant
- Familia Student Organization
- Community-Based Learning in Food Justice
- Community Based Learning: Youth and Education
- Healthy Soil, Healthy Food
- People Power
- Permission to Narrate
- The Spanish-Speaking World

Special thanks to Rachel Espinoza Ortiz for grants, planning, Q&A and heavy lifting!

95 Community Partners

1. Billy Frank Jr Nisqually National Wildlife
2. Books to Prisoners Olympia
3. Boys and Girls Club
4. Big Brothers Big Sisters
5. Canoe Journey Herbalists
6. Capital City Pride
7. Capital Recovery Center
8. Central for Natural Lands Mgmt.
9. Childcare Action Council
10. Cedar High School Shelton
11. CHOICE High School Shelton
12. CIELO Project
13. Community to Community Development
14. Community Lifeline Shelton
15. Community Sustaining Fund
16. Community Youth Services
17. Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason
18. DERT
19. Dispute Resolution Center
20. Early Learning Coalition of Mason Co.
21. Elevate Mason -Meadow Moss farm
22. Evergreen Elementary Dual Language
23. Familias Unidas Por la Justicia
24. Family Support Center
25. Freedom Farmers
26. Garfield Elementary School
27. GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)
28. Give Back
29. Hands On Children Museum
30. Heartsparkle Players
31. Hispanic Roundtable of Thurston Co
32. Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement
33. Housing Action Team (HAT)
34. Homes First
35. HOPE Garden Shelton
36. Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter
37. InterCity Transit
38. Kiwanis Food Bank Garden
39. Kokua/LEAD & Hummingbird
40. Lincoln School Garden
41. Mason Co. Consort. Student Success
42. Mason Conservation District
43. Mentor Washington
44. Morningside
45. Moving Mason Forward Coalition
46. Native Plant Salvage
47. New Horizons (Quixote Village)
48. Nisqually Land Trust
49. Nisqually River Education Project
50. Northwest Cooperative Development
51. Olympia Armory Creative Campus
52. Olympia Food Co-Op
53. Olympia Free Clinic
54. Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural
55. Olympia Senior Center
56. One America
57. Pathways to Agency
58. Panhandle Lake 4H camp
59. Partners in Prevention Education
60. People for Puget Sound
61. Pierce County AIDS Foundation
62. Pizza Klatch
63. Planned Parenthood
64. POWER
65. Puget Sound Estuarium
66. Rachel Corrie Foundation
67. Rebuilding Together
68. Safeplace
69. Salish Roots Farm - Squaxin Island Tribe
70. Shelton Youth Connections
71. South Sound Beach Naturalists
72. Sound Learning
73. South Sound Com. Farm Land Trust
74. S. Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement
75. Stonewall Youth
76. The Bridge Music Project
77. Thurston Climate Action Team
78. Tacoma Community House
79. Thurston Community TV (TCTV)
80. Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services Thurston Conservation District
81. Thurston Co. Food Bank -5 programs
82. Thurston Econet
83. Thurston Housing Land Trust
84. Thurston Mason Lewis Labor Council
85. Thurston Thrives
86. Together! Clubhouse
87. Together! Community Schools
88. United Way of Thurston County
89. Veterans Ecological Trades Collect
90. WashPIRG
91. Window Seat Media
92. Women of Color in Leadership
93. YouthBuild
94. YMCA Shelton
95. YWCA Olympia



COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

21 Evergreen work study students earned \$60,163 for school contributing to 15 local organizations:



- Kokua LEAD & Hummingbird Sound Learning
- Thurston Housing Land Trust
- Thurston County Food Bank
- Crisis Clinic
- Rachel Corrie Foundation
- Shelton High School Tutor Program
- New Horizons (Quixote Village)
- Meadow Moss Farm/CIELO Shelton Food Bank
- Family Support Center
- Mason Conservation District
- Salish Roots Farm
- Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE)
- Violet Prairie Seed Farm (CNLM)

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



Jacinta McKoy Community Based Learning Scholar 2024-25 Malynnda Murphy with Faculty Dr Multi Khanna

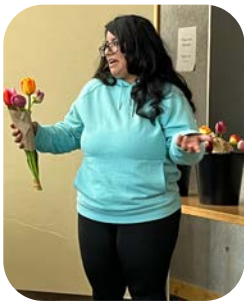
CCBLA DIRECT TO STUDENT FUNDING

Community Service Work Study Student Earnings	\$60,163
WACC Civic Engagement Fellowships	\$17,500
TOTAL	\$77,663

TUTOR MENTOR COORDINATION

AmeriCorps Tutor Mentor Coordinator Supported 9 Evergreen students to engage in K12 schools and youth programs and directly served 25 local elementary school youth

Service position was a collaboration between CCBLA and MiT



Thanks so much to Rachel Espinoza Ortiz & Jimena Flores Martinez for years of AmeriCorps Service at CCBLA.

AMERICORPS SERVICE MEMEBERS-HUGE CONTRIBUTIONS!

SUPPORTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING (SSEH) CASE MANAGER LANE MOSS SEES (EVERGREEN’S STUDENT AFFAIRS)

112 Evergreen students received housing Assistance 24% were Tacoma Students

13.8% are students with dependents 72% were students of color

96.6% of Students served completed the term in which they received SSEH services

EVERGREEN OPENED NEW INTERNSHIP OFFICE WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LUIS APOLAYA TORRES AND REGISTERED:

176 INTERNSHIPS WITH 103 ORGANIZATIONS

63% (65) WITH NON PROFITS AND SCHOOLS 31% (60) WITH IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

