

# Center for Community-Based Learning and Action



# the evergreen state college

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

### *A Place for the Community to Engage*

*~Jacinta McKoy, Center Visionary*

*Message from Dr. Jennifer Drake  
VP Provost, The Evergreen State College*

As Evergreen's new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, I am pleased to cast a spotlight on Evergreen's public Center for Community-Based Learning and Action! Evergreen's mission includes a deep commitment to putting the theories learned in the classroom into practice in our community.

Indeed, many of our community partners—Safe Place, GRuB (Garden-Raised Bounty), Stonewall Youth, The Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason Counties, Gleaners (now under the Thurston County Food Bank), and others—were founded by Evergreen students and alumni bringing their visionary ideas of sustainable and equitable communities to Olympia and beyond. We know that student engagement with community organizations is a high impact practice because it meets critical community needs as it deepens student learning. Evergreen's Center for Community-Based Learning and Action leads the important work of supporting authentic community partnerships and transforming students' lives.

**“Community Based Learning enables 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.”*

*~ Evergreen DTF report (1997-1999)*

### From the Director

Community Based Learning (CBL) at Evergreen is powerful for students, community members and the campus. At Evergreen we learn with the community in the distinctive, but intersecting ways. The experience is invaluable for students who gain real life experience.



CBL is vital to the curriculum. It is an analytic centerpiece for students and faculty learning. This includes the broad arena of Community Based Research with its many applications in community studies, anthropology, public interest law, public health, social justice, etc. CCBLA strengthens much needed connections to the public providing the essential base for our approach to higher education at Evergreen. Local organizations and CCBLA are tied together in a form of educational mutual aid.



*Celebrating a huge milestone :*

*Gateways for Incarcerated Youth Program Coordinator now has institutional funding. Gratitude to the Provost, Deans and Academic Budgets*

*'18 Graduate Priscila Desiderio (Students Serving WA Award winner) with SOS CCBLA Faculty Catalina Ocampo. Photo: Shauna Bittle*

### CCBLA and Gateways Staff 2017-18

**Director:** Ellen Shortt Sanchez  
**CYS AmeriCorps Tutor and Gateways Group Home Coordinator:** Emma Weichmann  
**SOS: CCBLA Faculty:** Leslie Flemmer, Catalina Ocampo  
**Evergreen Work Study Community Service Coordinator:** (fall) Juan Carlos Ruiz Duran  
**CAC AmeriCorps AMP Coordinator:** Brett Egan  
**Gateways Administrative Assistant:** Maddy Coffelt-Richardson  
**Gateways Program Coordinator:** Talib Williams  
**Gateways Faculty:** Jon Davies  
**Campus Food Bank Coordinator :** Jordan Billiot

## Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

[www.evergreen.edu/communitybasedlearning](http://www.evergreen.edu/communitybasedlearning)



**104 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!**

*Interested in Donating to CCBLA and the important work students do in the community?!*

*Click Here: <https://3897.thankyou4caring.org/pages/support-CC>*

**Community Partners 17-18**

- AVID Olympia High School
- Books to Prisoners
- Boys and Girls Club
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Capital Recovery Center
- Central for Natural Lands Manage.
- Childcare Action Council
- CHOICE High School
- CIELO Project
- Community to Community Develop.
- Community Lifeline Shelton
- Community Youth Services
- Crisis Clinic
- Dispute Resolution Center
- EGYHOP
- Emergency Food Network Pierce Co
- Evergreen Elementary Dual Language
- Evergreen Villages
- Familias Unidas Para la Justicia
- Family Support Center
- Fertile Ground Community Commons
- First Peoples Multicultural Advising
- Freedom Farmers at Muirhead Farm
- Garfield Elementary School
- GI Voice Coffee Strong
- Green Hill School/JJ&RA
- GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)
- Graduation Matters Shelton
- Hands On Children Museum
- Hansen Elementary School
- Heartsparkle Players
- Hispanic Roundtable of Thurston Co
- HOPE Garden
- Interfaith Works Emergency Shelter
- JJ&RA Touchstone Group Home
- Kiwanis Food Bank Garden
- Kokua/ LEAD (Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities)
- Lincoln School Garden
- Madison Elementary School
- Madison Welcome Room
- Mason CoConsortium Student Success
- Mason Matters
- Media Island
- Mentoring Works Washington
- Native Plant Salvage
- Nature Nurtures Farm
- Nisqually Land Trust
- North Thurston High School AVID
- Northwest Cooperative Develop. Ctr.
- Northwest Eco-Building Guild
- Olympia Food Co-Op
- Olympia Free Clinic
- Olympia Free Herbal Clinic
- Olympia High School
- Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural
- Olympia Seed Exchange
- Olympia Senior Center
- Pacific County Youth Alliance
- People for Puget Sound
- Pear Blossom Shelter

**Community to Community (C2C)**

New Student Orientation Action Day was organized in collaboration with United Way's Day of Caring. Students got to know local organizations and each other. **251 students served at 16 off campus organization sites for C2C Day of Caring 2017, for a total of 753 volunteer hours. New Student programs coordinated on campus service with a total of 458 students.**



*C2C Students served at Hummingbird Inclusive Art Studio (Photo: Shauna Bittle)*

**Evergreen/Olympia Tutoring Collaborative**

Coordinated by CCBLA Youth in Service (YIS) AmeriCorps member. Evergreen students and faculty responded to needs of Title 1 public schools and after-school programs in low-income communities in Thurston and Mason Counties. **Our CCBLA YIS AmeriCorps member supported 26 Greener volunteers contributed 3,150 hours working with youth. She mentored 48 youth through the AVID college access program at North Thurston High School.**

**Native College Access Day**

YIS AmeriCorps team members, Native Student Alliance and the Evergreen Longhouse hosted WaHeLut Indian School for MLK day. **43 middle and high school youth joined 20+ Evergreen students for a campus visit.** Longhouse Director Tina Kuckkahn-Miller welcomed youth. Assistant Director Laura Grabhorn showed the Carving Studio. Workshops included "Writing and Visioning Your Future" with faculty Yvonne Peterson and "Student Group Outreach" with Multicultural Advisor Karama Blackhorn. Old School Pizza donated lunch at the Unity Lounge and Trans and Queer Center. Admissions presented and Student tour guides showed campus. The day ended at CRC with games with college athletes from the Basketball teams!

**Community Service Work Study: Evergreen Work Study**

Evergreen Work Study Community Service is a collaboration with Student Employment. **21 Evergreen students worked 3,992 hours supporting 14 local grass roots non-profits, focusing on real community needs around fighting poverty, providing education to immigrant learners, confronting homelessness with innovative solutions, and offering crisis social services. Organizations included Sound Learning, Kokua, Family Support Center Pear Blossom Shelter, TCFB Food Bank, CIELO Project, Sound Outreach, T.U.P.A.C, Pizza Klatch, Rebuilding Together Thurston County, YWCA, Community Lifeline, and Gateways.**







**Gateways Open Mic**  
 Gateways Youth and Evergreen student Maddy Coffelt-Richardson (above) perform at Open Mic on campus. Participants at the group home planned the event with AmeriCorps member Emma Weichmann. (pictured below)



**Gateways for Incarcerated Youth**  
 WA Campus Compact College Access Corps AmeriCorps members

report **36** Evergreen students served as academic mentors to **98** incarcerated youth at Green Hill School JJ&RA facility and Community Programs. The Gateways College Class brings Evergreen students to Green Hill School to work collaboratively in a seminar-style learning environment with **15** incarcerated youth who earned college credit in 2017-18. **53** youth received mentoring from **19** Evergreen students at Oakridge, Touchstone Community Programs (group homes) and Thurston County Juvenile Detention Center (a new pilot program site).



**José Gómez Farmworker Justice Day**

**225+** students in 6 Academic Programs heard Erika Takeo, Friends of the ATC and (Rural Workers Association) and Via Campesina in Nicaragua. Faculty Alice Nelson shared a remembrance of Faculty José Gómez. Rosalinda Guillen, Community to Community Development, Maru Mora Villapando, Cecilia Santiago and other members of Familias Unidas por la Justicia talked about WA State guest worker experiences and dangers including the recent death of Honesto Silva Ibarra in the fields. Presenters shared community response to call for securing all farm worker rights. Afternoon workshops prepared for the Farmworker Tribunal at the Legislature. *Sponsors included: The President's Equity Fund, Deans' Match, Clean Energy Committee, CCBLA, Students for Food Security, Academic Programs: SOS: CCBLA, SOS: Food and Agriculture, Alternatives and Resistance to Global Capitalism, Seeds of Change, Political Economy and Social Change, Reproduction, Gender, Race and Power, and Food Systems Working Group.*

**TCFB Food Bank Satellite at Olympia Evergreen Campus**

The volunteer run Thurston County Food Bank (TCFB) Satellite at CCBLA served over **788** Evergreen students and community members. A new WACC AmeriCorps VISTA position was created by CCBLA and TCFB and recruited 17 volunteers who served 254 hours.

*Evergreen Volunteer at Downtown Thurston County Food Bank site .  
 Photo: Shauna Bittle*



**Community Partners cont.**

- Pierce County AIDS Foundation
- Partners in Prevention Education
- Pizza Klatch
- Planned Parenthood
- POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights)
- Rachel Corrie Foundation
- Rebuilding Together Thurston County
- Regional Alliance for Youth (RALLY)
- ROOF
- Safeplace
- Sidewalk
- Shelton High School
- South Sound Beach Naturalists
- South Sound Volunteers Coordinator s
- Sound Learning
- South Sound Com. Farm Land Trust
- S. Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement
- SPSCC Diversity and Equity Center
- South Sound Seniors
- Stonewall Youth
- St Martins U Service Immersion
- Stream Team—City of Tumwater
- The Bridge (CYS)
- Tacoma Community House
- Thurston Community TV (TCTV)
- Thurston County Volunteer Legal Svcs
- Thurston Conservation District
- Thurston Co. Food Bank-Gleaners
- Th. Co. Food Bank School Gardens
- Thurston County Syringe Exchange
- Trans and Queer Center—Evergreen
- United Communities AIDS Network
- United Way of Thurston County
- United Way of Mason County
- Veterans Ecological Trades Collective
- WaHeLut Indian School
- Washington Middle School
- WashPirg
- Works In Progress
- Youth Empowerment Strategies
- YouthBuild
- YWCA-Girls Advancement
- YWCA Women's Resource Center



**2017-18 Total CCBLA Budget \$119,280 (% 40 of budget for students wages)**

**2017-18 CCBLA Budget**

Evergreen Institutional Funds		Grants to Students	
Salaries	\$68,917	Community Service Work Study Student wages	\$48,425
Benefits	\$34,093	<b>AmeriCorps Match</b>	
		Thurston County Food Bank VISTA match	\$4,800
Goods & Services	\$16,270	North Thurston SD AmeriCorps Grant	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$119,280</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>150,493</b>



CCBLA Presenters Alumni Sascha Fischel Freeman and Student Andrew Ayala at 2017 Return to Evergreen

**CCBLA SUPPORTED  
Over 582 Evergreen Students in  
15 Academic Programs**

**17-18 Total Gateways Budget \$27,013**

Grants		Fundraising	
Green Hill Contract-salary and transport	\$17,000	Merchandise	\$3,661
Sounders grant	\$5,000	Donations	\$1,352

**What's Next for CCBLA?**

- Thurston County Food Bank and CCBLA partner for year 2 on a WACC VISTA position to fight hunger, supporting downtown programs and the satellite Campus Food Bank operating Tuesdays continuing 4-6pm.
- CCBLA continues participation in Human Services and Food Systems Working Groups and Underserved Student Task Force (USTF), Latinx Standing Committee.
- NEW Russell Fox Community Based Projects Endowed Fund supports faculty and academic programs' community work!
- Exploring Emeritus Community Partner Stewards: Retired faculty support campus-community partnerships with local organizations.

**Center for Community Based Learning and Action  
Advisory Committee 2017-18**

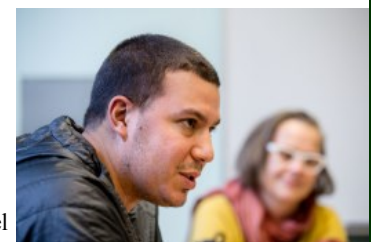
Community Partners: Charo Portaro (CIELO), Jenny Blumenstein and Consuelo Guijosa (Sound Learning), Keiya Johnson and Colton Greinger (Pear Blossom Shelter), Randi Miller and Amy Briggs (Kokua), Chris Bauermeister, Allison Zusi, Heather Sundean (TC Food Bank), Keylee Martineau (Community Youth Services), Brett Rader (Pizza Klatch), Monica Anney, (YWCA)

Evergreen Faculty: Alice Nelson, Mukti Khanna, Anne Fischel, Lin Nelson, Chico Herbison, Catalina Ocampo, Lori Blewett, Arun Chandra, Zoltan Grossman

Students: Maddy Coffelt-Richardson, Juan Carlos Ruiz Duran

Evergreen Staff: Emily Pieper, Jean Eberhardt, Karama Blackhorn and Talib Williams.

AmeriCorps: Brett Egan, Jordan Billiot and Emma Weichmann



Advisors Present at CCBLA Panel

**Thank you to our AmeriCorps Partners:**



**Campus Wide, Evergreen Registered**

**527 Internships**

**19% were In-Program Internships**  
*(Internships within Academic Programs)*

**with**

**241 organizations**

- Evergreen, CCBLA and Student Engagement:**
- \* CCBLA-GATEWAYS AMERICORPS SERVED OVER 189 YOUTH.
  - \* OVER 113 EVERGREEN STUDENTS CONTACTED CCBLA TO LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING.

