

Monthly News from Portland Community College**Dr. Jeremy Brown, President****971-722-4365**

1. On September 11, Dr. Brown and PCC observed the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with a ceremony at the Cascade Campus. PCC's Emergency Services programs were represented by students, faculty, and staff. Members of the Portland Police and Fire bureaus were also on hand.
2. On September 16, Dr. Brown visited all the PCC campuses to participate in their Campus Inservice programs to personally connect with faculty and staff and to welcome them to the start of the school year.
3. On September 25, PCC Rock Creek hosted the Fall Student Parent and Child Care Resource Fair on Sept. 25. Representatives from several Washington County community agencies attended.
4. On October 14, Dr. Brown participated in a panel discussion hosted by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. Fellow panellists were Dr. Leslie Hallick (President, Pacific University) and Mr. Mike Scott (Superintendent, Hillsboro School District). The focus of the presentation was on workforce development, 40-20-20, and the education system in Hillsboro and Washington County.
5. The Cascade Campus Writing Center opened for the first time in September. The Center is a faculty-led effort to bolster students' writing skills across academic disciplines, particularly in those areas which require clear and detailed writing.
6. PCC's Rock Creek campus Columbia County engagement team recently completed its outreach efforts with school administrators, guidance counselors, and students from Vernonia, St. Helens, and Scappoose. The community sessions focused on gathering information concerning classes, programs, and services county residents would like offered at the new PCC center in Columbia County. The outreach process will wrap up with an open forum In St. Helens on October 21.
7. For the first time, PCC students received scholarships through a new partnership with the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation. The Foundation is committed to enabling students living with spinal cord injury to receive affordable, quality education opportunities and to eliminate barriers for academic success. The scholarships provide funding to cover all tuition, books, and fees and provides supplemental funds to offset medical, housing, transportation, and other related costs.
8. Disability Services is working with PSU and the Disability Arts and Culture Project to promote a new disability studies series called Dis/Representation. Events are slated throughout the year and are open to the community. The first event will focus on the capacity of technology to empower and will feature opportunities to engage with the PCC MakerSpace.

9. Math Accessibility efforts at PCC are gaining national attention. After presenting a session at the annual conference for the Association on Higher Education and Disability this summer, PCC math faculty and Disability Services were asked to repeat the session at the Accessing Higher Ground conference this fall, and to offer a webinar as part of the nationally launched Access to Technology series.
10. Director of Distance Education, Loraine Schmitt has begun her two-year term as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Instructional Technology Council (ITC), an affiliated council of AACC. ITC provides leadership, advocacy, and professional development to its national network of eLearning practitioners. Loraine will also serve on the AACC Commission on Research, Technology and Emerging Trends during the upcoming year.

Grant Activity

Funded Grants:

NASA --- National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program --- \$200,000

As a partner with Oregon State University, and to deal with increased demand, PCC will expand the number of sections of Astronomy courses offered by hiring a temporary full-time Astronomy faculty member. The new sections will be offered at all four campuses. The curriculum will be refined to better meet the needs of female students and students of color. Additionally, approximately \$135,000 in scholarships will be earmarked for PCC Astronomy students.

Awards and Honours

1. The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR), at its recent District 7 conference, awarded PCC's Marketing and Communications team a total of 21 regional awards. This included a record 10 gold awards for the team's work promoting the PCC Foundation Gala, the Think PCC First Campaign, the Presidential Investiture, as well as the PCC Foundation Annual Report and Think PCC First Transit Bus wraps.
2. The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) STARS 2014 Annual Review, which highlights best practices in higher education sustainability, features 105 institutions earning a STARS rating this year. Of note, PCC's STARS rating improved from Bronze to Silver this year. PCC is highlighted on page 14. <https://stars.aashe.org/pages/about/stars-annual-review-2014.html>

Media

Sept. 2: [Business Tribune](#). Scappoose woman poised for promising aviation career thanks to PCC.

Sept. 2: [The Oregonian](#). Larry Cross earned a certificate from PCC in accessible and aging-in-place design to create his own wheelchair-friendly garden tour.

Sept. 4: Portland Tribune. New city zoning could help PCC expand in the future.

September: Oregon Business Magazine. PCC ranked No. 2 in Portland metro area for fall FTE enrollment among community colleges.

Sept. 5: Portland Business Journal. President Jeremy Brown was part of a higher education panel discussing issues in post-secondary education.

Sept. 8: Portland Tribune. The public is invited to the grand opening of phase one of Portland Community College's new Swan Island Training Center.

Sept. 10: Portland Business Journal. PCC unveils new Swan Island Trades Center next week.

Sept. 12: Hillsboro Tribune. Community College Week ranked PCC No. 5 in the nation in awarding associate degrees among two-year schools.

Sept. 18: Portland Tribune. Jessica Howard writes how the Southeast Campus will transform Southeast Portland for the better.

Sept. 25: Portland Business Journal. Lewis & Clark College, Portland Community College, and Portland State University are co-hosting the annual conference of AASHE.

Sept. 25: The Oregonian. Decades of neglect from politicians and relentless tuition hikes have Oregonians feeling priced out of college and increasingly leery of student debt. PCC alum and current Lincoln County Police Sergeant Michael Pace was profiled.

Sept. 30: Portland Business Tribune. On the cover of the Business Tribune was the Swan Island Trades Center opening with interviews from the grand opening and from students attending their first classes at the center.

Upcoming Events:

- October 17, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, Southeast Campus VIP Reception
- October 18, 12:00 – 4:00 PM, Southeast Campus Construction Completion Celebration
- November 14, Time TBD, Foundation Scholarship Reception
- December 2, 6:00 PM, President's Holiday Reception