

It's your PCC. Seize the opportunity.

Will you make opportunity happen? As you enjoy the latest news from around the college, we hope you'll consider making a gift to the PCC Foundation. After all, it's your PCC!

The opportunity to learn...

The following is an abridged version of the speech given by scholarship recipient Gavin Roberts at the Scholarship Banquet on May 6, 2010.

Hi, my name is Gavin Roberts. I am the recipient of the Oregon Community Foundation North Coast Education Stimulus Scholarship and the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation Scholarship.

My family is large—I have seven brothers and sisters—and a few years ago, my mom, Tera Roberts, decided to go back to school to earn her associate's degree at PCC, so she could provide a better life for us. As it turns out, the better life has come—not in the form of money or material objects—but in the expectation that we, too, can go to college and get an education and use that education to make the world a better place.

Growing up in the small logging town of Vernonia, Oregon, I have always known the importance of community. A few years ago in 2007, I watched as the flood wiped away roads, destroyed homes and damaged

schools. But more importantly, I saw how we all came together to help each other out and take care of those who needed it most. I was lucky enough to be raised in a family that values service and outreach, and the combination of where I grew up and the importance placed on serving others have shaped my life and the goals I have for my community and myself.

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After I leave PCC I will continue my education to become a dentist. It is my ambition to use my education to return and practice in Vernonia. Vernonia is in Columbia County, one of the most medically underserved counties in Oregon, so people don't always have access to the health care they need. It is my hope to one day open a clinic with my older sister, who

is going to be a doctor, and my mother who is earning her doctor of nursing degree. We are all PCC graduates, and we all want to give back, not only to show our appreciation of the opportunities we've been given, but also because it's the right thing to do to pass those opportunities on in whatever way we can.

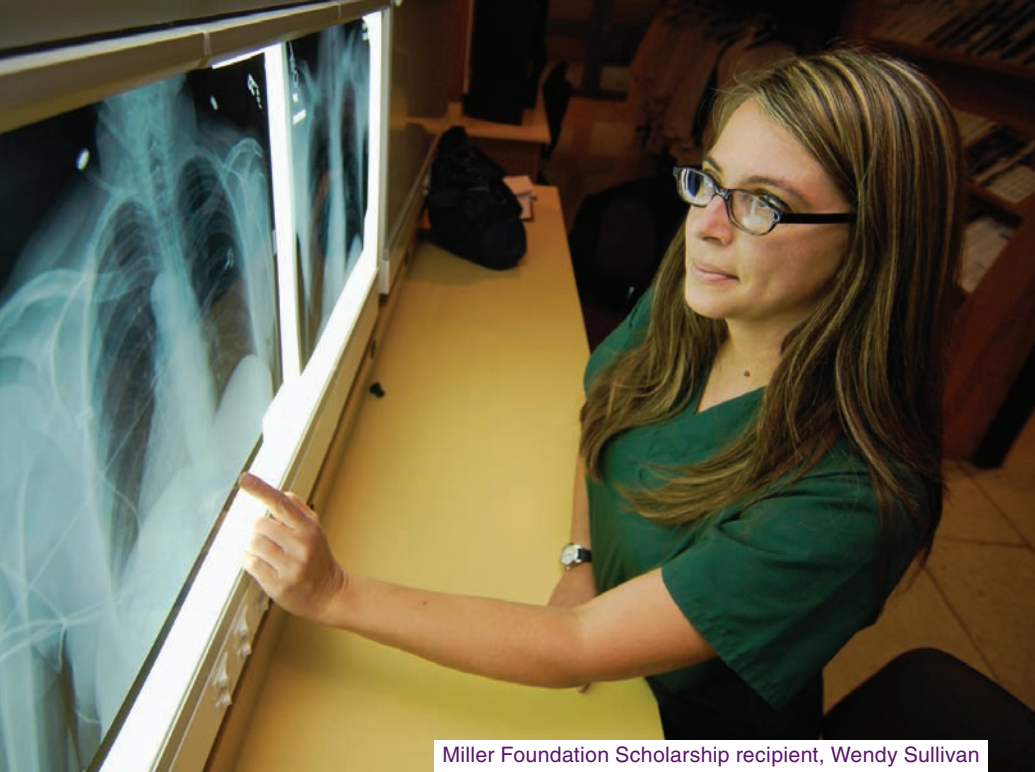
Without the support of the PCC Foundation, I would not be here today. In so many ways—from the support of my mom's education, to the scholarships that have allowed me to go to school instead of working full time like a lot of my friends—the PCC Foundation has been key to my ability to get an education.

To all the donors who are here tonight, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and faith, and I can assure you that the impact of your support won't stop with me. The same is true for the rest of the scholarship recipients here tonight. So, if you ever wonder if your contribution makes a difference, think of my story and then multiply that by the number of faces you see in the room tonight. Thank you very much.

PCC alumna Tera Roberts '08 and her son, PCC student Gavin Roberts, both spoke at the 2010 Scholarship Banquet in May.



Tera and Gavin Roberts



Miller Foundation Scholarship recipient, Wendy Sullivan

The opportunity to impact our future...

Thanks to voters throughout the region, the Portland Community College's bond program was approved in November 2008.

With the college bond program in full swing to upgrade and expand facilities, PCC—which is seeing its 13th straight term of double-digit growth—is trying hard to accommodate increased enrollment at all of its campuses.

“With this unprecedented growth, it's been a challenge for everyone, but PCC is working hard to accommodate this surge in enrollment,” said PCC District President Preston Pulliams. “From our registration and financial aid to our student support

services staff, we are dedicated to making the educational experience a smooth one for students. We are holding our own and doing everything we can to remain accessible to those who want to attend Portland Community College.”

Though the bond program's outreach efforts are just getting started, internal and external open houses, interviews, student surveys and more are already generating crucial kernels of information that will help guide and influence decisions about the direction PCC is headed. Our goal is to create vastly improved educational environments for future PCC students. These are exciting times.

Will you give back? pcc.edu/give

The opportunity to double your gift...

Once again, PCC has an incredible opportunity to touch the lives of more students than ever before. For the third year, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation is offering a matching challenge to community colleges in Oregon, including the PCC Foundation.

Contributions made between now and March 31, 2011 will help meet the requirements for the Miller Challenge. Miller will match all new and increased gifts for scholarships up to \$320,000.

Thanks to the matching funds received from the Miller Foundation, last year, the PCC Foundation was able to provide new scholarships to an additional 171 students who otherwise would not have received financial support. These scholarships were on top of others the PCC Foundation awarded. If we meet the match again, the PCC Foundation will help even more students.

“This scholarship means a great deal to me,” said Miller Foundation Scholarship recipient Wendy Sullivan. For this full-time radiography student and single mom, every dollar makes a difference. “It allows me to take out smaller student loans and devote more time to my studies while enjoying life with my three-year-old son.”

If you are considering making a gift for the first time or if you have considered increasing your gift, now is the time. New and increased gifts will have an enormous impact this year. Not only will PCC students benefit from your extra support, it will help us reach our goal of raising \$320,000 in new scholarships so that we can receive the matching gift from the Miller Foundation. Visit pcc.edu/foundation to give or to learn more about the Miller Foundation Challenge.

PCC constructed its first LEED Platinum building, the Willow Creek Center, as a result of the bond program.

All are invited to share their thoughts on the bond program and that includes all of the loyal alumni and retirees who know the college so well. Take a moment to view the evolving bond website at bond.pcc.edu, or write to bond@pcc.edu if you would like information, have suggestions or want to get involved.



PCC Willow Creek

Now is your opportunity to make a difference!

Yes, I will give back.

Every gift makes a difference! Financial support from individuals is crucial to the PCC Foundation's ability to award hundreds of scholarships every year so that qualified students can access education. There are many ways to give: Visit pcc.edu/give to make a secure online donation, or use the attached envelope to make a donation by check or credit card.

You can also give back by helping us tell PCC's story.

Your story may be posted on our 50th Anniversary planning website or used in publications to promote PCC's 50th Anniversary celebration. If you provide contact information, we may contact you to ask follow up questions about your experience at PCC.

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

How has PCC touched your life? _____



The opportunity to celebrate our past...

How has PCC touched your life?

Beginning in fall 2011, Portland Community College will be celebrating 50 years of service to our community.

As this important milestone approaches, we are taking the time to reflect on where the college has been over the last 50 years, where we are now, and where we're headed. What started out as night classes in a Portland Public School portable building has become a four-campus college with centers throughout the district to serve more than 90,000 students each year.

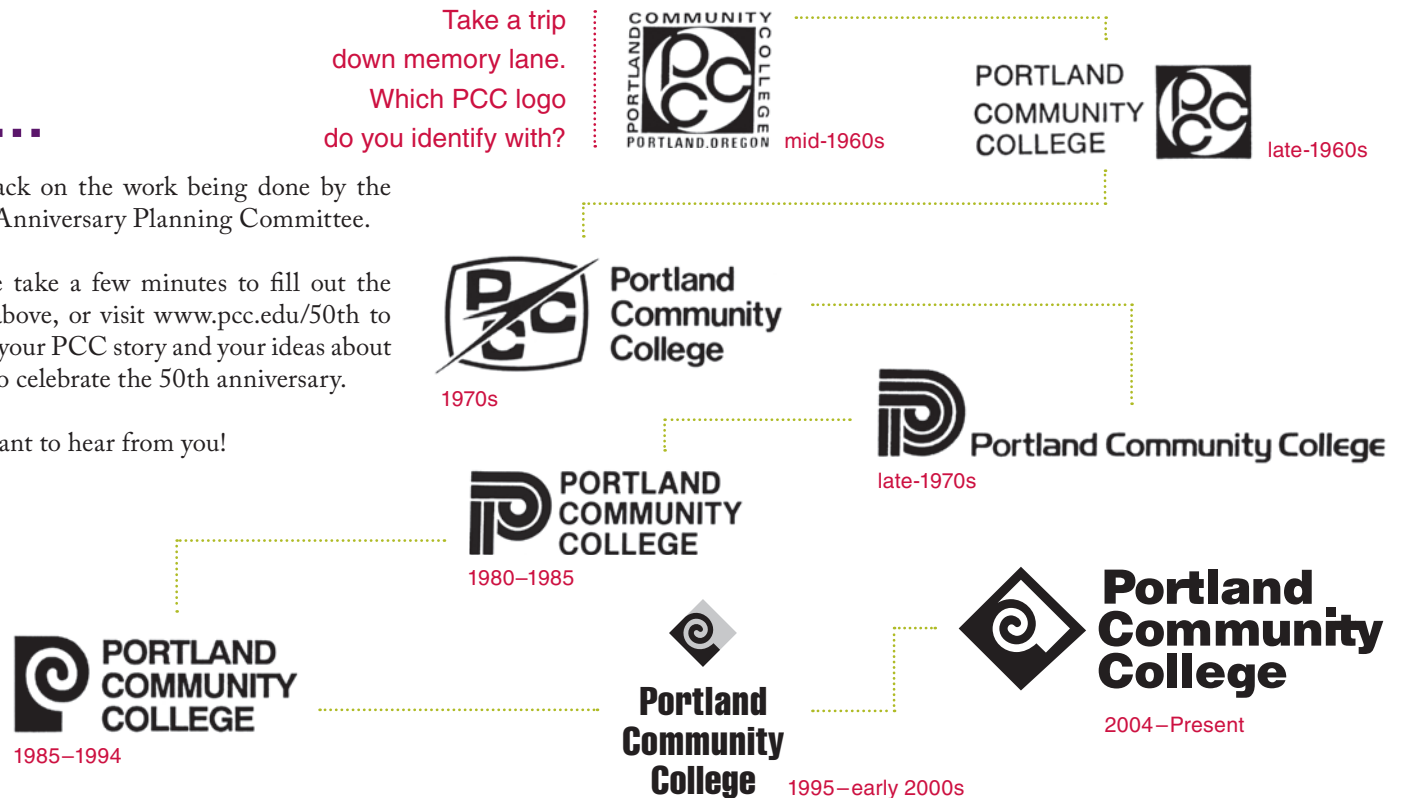
For the next year, you will have the opportunity to participate in planning the 50th anniversary by sharing your stories of PCC, voting on ideas and providing

feedback on the work being done by the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the card above, or visit www.pcc.edu/50th to share your PCC story and your ideas about how to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

We want to hear from you!

Take a trip down memory lane. Which PCC logo do you identify with?



Will you give back? pcc.edu/give

It starts with a gift. It ends with an opportunity.

“Thanks to the fantastic people at PCC who helped guide me in my search for a future, I graduated with my Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree this year while working full time.”

Djambel H. Unkov '10
Future History Professor



“PCC gave me the chance to start over—I am now the president of the Black Student Union, serving my community as Miss Black Oregon and as a Middle College mentor. Thanks to a scholarship from the PCC Foundation, so many doors have opened for me. Thank you, PCC.”

Sable Scott
Future Journalist

“PCC has been one of the most important institutions ever in my life—first as a student, and now as an instructor. I want to give back to students who are working their way through and could use an extra boost to help them realize their dreams.”

Sylvia Gray '86
PCC History Instructor



Coming up next year!

PCC Night with Portland Trailblazers *Rose Garden*

A portion of the proceeds will go to the PCC Foundation. All PCC attendees will have the chance to shoot free throws after the game! E-mail jennifer.sonntag@pcc.edu or call 971.PCC.4607 for more information.
February 1, 2011 at 7 p.m.

PCC Foundation Scholarship Banquet *Oregon Convention Center*

Mark your calendars for the Foundation Scholarship Banquet! More information to come.
April 28, 2011

Cascade Festival of African Films *PCC Cascade Campus and various locations*

This five-week film festival has been bringing African films and filmmakers to Portland for more than 20 years. Learn more at www.africanfilmfestival.org
February to March 2011