

# Portland Community College Board of Directors

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## VISION

Building futures for our Students and Communities

## MISSION

Portland Community College provides access to an affordable, quality education in an atmosphere that encourages the full realization of each individual's potential. The college offers opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth to students of all ages, races, cultures, economic levels, and previous educational experiences.

## WHO WE ARE

Portland Community College is a public, multi-campus, comprehensive community college serving the lifelong learning needs of our students. We offer college transfer programs; professional technical education programs; adult basic skills; opportunities to develop English as a second language; high school completion and dual credit; community and continuing education programs; and service-learning opportunities that foster the development of civic responsibility and engagement. Through extensive partnerships with business, industry, labor, educational institutions and the public sector, we provide training and learning opportunities for the local and state workforce and promote economic and community development.

## STATEMENT OF VALUES

- Quality, lifelong learning experiences that helps students to achieve their personal and professional goals
- An environment that is committed to diversity as well as the dignity and worth of the individual
- Continuous professional and personal growth of our employees and students
- Effective teaching and student development programs that prepare students for their roles as citizens in a democratic society in a rapidly changing global economy
- Academic Freedom and Responsibility - creating a safe environment where competing beliefs and ideas can be openly discussed and debated
- Sustainable use of our resources
- Collaboration predicated upon a foundation of mutual trust and support
- An agile learning environment that is responsive to the changing educational needs of our students and the communities we serve
- Accountability based upon an *outcomes-based* approach in education
- The public's trust by effective and ethical use of public and private resources

## GOALS

**Goal 1 – Access:** We will improve access to quality lifelong learning opportunities through the effective use of technology, affordable classes and the strategic location of facilities.

**Goal 2 – Student Success:** We will promote success for all students through outstanding teaching, student development programs, and support services in all that we do;

*Professional technical education* will be responsive to industry needs and prepare students to work in a global marketplace.

*Transfer preparation* will prepare students for success in obtaining baccalaureate degrees.

*College readiness* will promote student preparation for college-level programs and employment.

*Community education/continuing education* will provide quality education to enrich students personally, socially, culturally, and to upgrade occupational/job skills.

**Goal 3 – Diversity:** We will enrich the educational experience by committing to the development of diversity in our student body, faculty and staff.

**Goal 4 – Continuous Improvement:** We will develop, safeguard and allocate our resources (human, financial, capital, and technological) to ensure through planning and assessment the delivery of relevant, quality programs and services.

**Goal 5 – Cultivating Partnerships:** We will effectively respond to the educational needs of our students and communities through strategic alliances with business, government agencies and educational institutions.

**Goal 6 – Community:** We will facilitate growth and development of our district communities by accepting a leadership role and serving as a key educational resource to the community.