



Message from the Director

What a beautiful summer we've had here in Portland!



Summer term in the OISS was filled with student and staff vacations, updates to federal regulations for F-1 international students, and fun outdoor activities. I hope you, like us, were able to enjoy the sunny summer days and warm nights to rest, travel, and/or escape the hustle of the year.

Here's a snapshot of what we were up to last term.

Who is the OISS?



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Rebecca Seibert, Admissions Coordinator
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Tiff Hayes, Student Life Coordinator
Yuri Cerva, Admissions Assistant

Student Leader Spotlight

Meet **Justin**, one of OISS' International Orientation Mentors (IOM)! 🌟

Originally from China, Justin began his studies at PCC in Spring 2025 and quickly became involved on campus. He serves as a student leader in the **International Orientation Mentor** role, ensuring that new international students are welcomed to PCC. He helps to facilitate orientation activities and provides ongoing mentorship to support the new students' transition to life and academics at PCC.

His favorite thing about being a student leader at PCC is "connecting with peers from diverse backgrounds and being able to guide new international students through challenges I faced myself before."



Highlights from last term

This summer, our students got out and enjoyed our beautiful Pacific Northwest. In addition to summer classes, they visited different spots throughout the term, making lasting memories.

🌴 A **day trip to Cannon Beach** where students put their toes in the Pacific Ocean and enjoyed the fresh salty air.

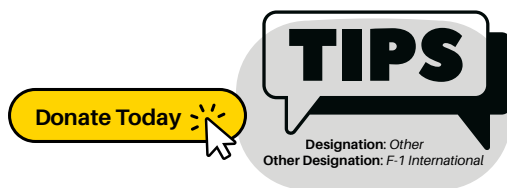
🍷 Lunch and **berry picking at Columbia Farms**.

⚽ Students experienced a MLS game and cheered on the **Portland Timbers**!

🍷 A day trip to **Seattle** was loved by all! They experienced Pike Place Market and the Museum of Pop Culture!



F-1 International Emergency Fund



Why donate?

International students often face significant financial vulnerability. Ineligible for federal financial aid, most scholarships, and many forms of emergency assistance, they have limited options when unexpected expenses arise—such as family job loss, currency fluctuations, rent increases, or car repairs. Visa restrictions require them to maintain full-time enrollment, pay out-of-state tuition, and limit employment to on-campus jobs. As a result, OISS staff frequently encounter students in urgent need with few available resources to provide.

Despite these challenges, international students remain deeply committed to their education and express strong appreciation for the support and kindness of PCC faculty and staff, which plays a critical role in their ability to succeed.