FMS employees gathered at the Rock Creek Campus Event Center for their annual team meeting on August 28th, 2014. Safety and Risk partnered with Wise Steps and provided OSHA training covering the following subjects: electrical safety, hazardous waste, MSDS, and safety responsibilities. The morning break-out sessions included blood-borne pathogens training, PPE assessments, and the management team attended contractor notifications/confined spaces training. In the afternoon, Terry Lookabill provided a hay ride tour of the Farm; Briar Schoon led a group on the Sustainability Loop walk; and Jennifer de Laix hosted a Benefits Briefing. The photo above was taken by PCC’s Jeff Wilson.
Cascade Campus Bicycle Shelter

With much anticipation, the Cascade Campus covered bike shelter has opened. The project was funded by ASPCC and TGIF funds. Paula Baretto wrote and received the grant. Esther Forbyn (Paula’s predecessor) kept it moving forward as did Doug Taylor. The construction was coordinated by FMS Project Manager, Jeff Brandt. It’s located on Borthwick, adjacent to the Student Services Building. The shelter has room for 12 bicycles. The photo was taken by FMS Cascade Campus Custodial Manager, Mark Parkvold.

FMS APPA Graduates

Kathy Fukuyama, College Architect, and Frank Harris, SE Campus Custodial Manager, graduated from the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) Leadership Academy on September 11, 2014. The purpose of The Leadership Academy is to enhance and further develop leadership throughout the educational industry. The Leadership Academy provides opportunities for professionals to increase their awareness of industry issues, to learn the skills necessary to handle today's changes, and to discover the leadership potential within each of us.

The program is designed in tracks, with each track emphasizing a different perspective and type of leadership skill. We are very fortunate in FMS to be given such educational opportunities. Employees, FMS, and PCC all directly benefit from this type of training. It's all about improvement.

Kathy Fukuyama
Sandy Wanner Returns to PCC—Provides Purchasing Training

Sandy Wanner began her career at PCC in 1987, working for Administrative Services, in the Physical Plant Department. When she retired from PCC in 2013, she was the Lead Buyer, working in the Procurement Department. Like many PCC retirees, Sandy is back as a casual employee. Although she is residing with FMS at Sylvania, Sandy is available to any department who may need purchasing training, RFP consulting etc... If you would like to contact Sandy, send her an email: swanner@pcc.edu, or call her at extension 8488.

Burke Thornburg: Zone 2 Maintenance Manager

Burke Thornburg, PCC’s former east side HVAC technician, has been selected to serve as the Zone 2 Maintenance Manager. Zone 2 is charged with building maintenance at Cascade, Southeast, Swan Island Training and PMWTC.

Welcome New FMS Employees

Brad Ulmer
Sylvania Custodial

Crystal Moore
Sylvania Custodial

Dave Warren
Sylvania Custodial

Delon Christian
Sylvania Custodial

Joey Dugard
Sylvania Custodial

Sandra Vega
Sylvania Custodial

Stefana Paradise
Casual SRC Office Asst.

Veronica Manderjano
Southeast Custodial
Energy Trust of Oregon’s Strategic Energy Management Update

This year, the Rock Creek Campus will be participating in the Energy Trust’s Strategic Energy Management initiative. The Strategic Energy Management program is a cohort-based energy management effort, through which, participating organizations gain energy savings in building operations and occupant behavior. It focuses on both the technical and human aspects to ensure maximum benefits.

The Energy Trust is partnering with Strategic Energy Group for this initiative. It requires participation in several workshops, focusing on organizational and technical aspects, and also provides one-on-one sessions, tools, and templates to enhance energy management. The program is designed with the intention of participating organizations learning from one another. This year’s cohort has participants from higher education, government, and the private sector.

PCC’s team is led by executive sponsor, Dr. Sandra Fowler-Hill, Rock Creek Campus President, and Energy Champion, Laura Ward. Others from facilities, sustainability, campus leadership, TSS, finance, etc. will be involved. The program is free of cost and estimated value is $100,000. PCC will receive incentives for energy saved at $0.02 per kWh and $0.20 per therm. Briar Schoon

AASHE Annual Conference in Portland

Portland Community College was a host institution for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) annual conference held in Portland, October 26-29. This conference is the largest gathering of sustainability higher education professionals and students, drawing over 2,100 registrants from around the world this year.

PCC Sustainability staff hosted a sold-out tour of the Rock Creek Campus covering the campus’s many sustainability initiatives including: The Learning Garden, closed loop compost system, LEED building practices, and 500 KW Solar Array. A tour of the CLIMB Center emphasized the Green Roof and the Storm Water Plaza, a project PCC collaborated with the City of Portland. PCC had an informational table in the expo hall, specifically designed for the conference by the Marketing team, which highlighted PCC Sustainability’s new look. Several PCC faculty and staff members presented at the conference, sharing best practices on sustainable purchasing, learning gardens, cooperative education projects, and international sustainability initiatives. PCC President Dr. Jeremy Brown, introduced the conference’s closing keynote speaker and spoke about the college’s many efforts making PCC a leader in higher education sustainability. Briar Schoon, PCC Interim Sustainability Manager

In Memoriam

Sandra Homlitas, retired FMS employee, passed away from a terminal illness on October 29th, 2014. Sandy worked at PCC’s Rock Creek Campus from 1987 until 2010. Read Sandy’s obituary.

Sandra Homlitas