



PCC ROCK CREEK  
LEARNING GARDEN

## GARDEN



Hired our first full time, permanent **Learning Garden Coordinator, Miriam Latzer**. The position had been part-time from our initial hiring in 2013 at 20 hours.



**18** Seed to Supper classes using curriculum from **Oregon Food Bank**.



Led **32** garden visits/loop tours.



Harvested over **5,000** pounds of produce.



Sold nearly **\$4,000** of food at weekly **Portlandia FarmStandia**.



Dismantled 20 aging raised garden beds and created in-ground beds, thereby doubling the available space for food production and reducing weeding pressure in pathways.



Moderated a Garden and Farm Education network session for the 3rd year in a row at the Association for the Advancement of sustainability in Higher Education conference in San Antonio.

## ENERGY



Brought **grid electricity** to the garden for a more reliable irrigation system.



Created a **free-standing cold storage unit** in the garden by converting a 6'x10' cargo trailer, applying 4" of blown insulation, and utilizing Coolbot technology to keep produce at an average of 40 degrees F with a small, 12,000 btu air conditioner.



## VOLUNTEER



Recorded just over **1000** total volunteer hours in the garden



Celebrated **Earth Day 2017** with over **25** volunteers putting in **100** hours of work in the garden.



Redeemed almost **\$1500** in vouchers at the **Portlandia FarmStandia** in exchange for volunteer hours worked.

## PARTNERSHIPS



Partnered with newly established campus Co-op to provide fresh produce to their free food pantry.



We engaged in a year-long partnership with the **College Assistance Migrant Program** to provide dedicated growing space as well as guidance and support in producing hundreds of marigolds for **Dia de los Muertos 2017**.



Awarded **\$8500** in TGIF grant funding to partner with the **Building Construction Technology** department (BCT) to create an open-walled, garden shelter.

The creation of this shelter by and for PCC students will expand opportunities for course collaboration and outdoor education as well as allowing the casual garden visitor to relax and fully appreciate the hard work of our work study students and many, many garden volunteers, who have donated **thousands** of hours of labor to make the learning garden a truly special place on our campus.



Washington County Master Gardener MOU was signed to establish a demonstration garden campus and partner on programming in the future.