

Monthly News from Portland Community College**Dr. Jeremy Brown, President****971-722-4365**

1. On August 7, President Brown addressed students, faculty and corporate sponsors at the luncheon and demonstration for PCC 2014 First Robotics Summer Camp.
2. The Boeing Company offered paid internships to all 12 of the PCC Rock Creek Aviation Maintenance Technology students who applied for its five-week training that runs from mid-August to mid-September. Recent reports from Boeing indicate that the Rock Creek interns are doing exceptionally well.
3. Effective fall term, PCC Libraries will have one study room on each campus that is designated as priority for students with children. This expands the popular program which was piloted at Sylvania campus.
4. PCC was ranked No. 5 in the nation in awarding associate's degrees among two-year schools by *Community College Week*, a national trade publication for two two-year colleges. The ranking is part of the publication's annual "Top 100 Associate Degree Producers Special Report." The list was compiled from 2012-13 academic year degree completion statistics provided by the U.S. Department of Education.
5. On August 15, President Brown participated in a roundtable conversation hosted by the Portland Business Journal (PBJ). On September 5, PBJ published "Universities search for higher ground," featuring multiple comments from President Brown and highlighting PCC's success in Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.
6. On August 19, as a member of the All Hands Raised Partnership Council (Portland Public Schools), President Brown attended the Advisory Council summer meeting. The meeting addressed Ninth Grade Counts, a community-wide initiative to increase graduation rates.
7. PCC Sylvania Campus' Makers Space received regional and national media coverage inspired by the summer's activities, including robotics camps, wearable tech programmes and the three-dimensional printing of a prosthetic hand by a PCC student.
8. On August 25, the Rock Creek Campus Connections Team participated in an all-day retreat that involved site visits to key Hillsboro businesses and non-profit organizations that have partnered in some way with the Rock Creek Campus. Among the dignitaries who met with the campus group were Jerry Willey, Mayor of Hillsboro; Deanna Palm, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and PCC Board chair; and Mark Clemons, City of Hillsboro Economic Development Director.
9. On August 28, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities announced its approval of Oregon Coast Community College's (OCCC) new contract with Portland Community College, effective July 1. The partnership between the colleges will support and develop OCCC through the roughly five-year process towards independent accreditation. PCC successfully provided oversight to both Columbia Gorge and Tillamook Bay community colleges while they achieved independent accreditation in 2012 and 2013.

10. PCC libraries will lead a year-long initiative to encourage the use of free and low-cost materials in lieu of high-cost textbooks. The Open Educational Resources (OER) initiative will kick off by convening an inter-disciplinary team to support this work. Fall term, the team will create an inventory of current activities and will create educational opportunities to support college conversations.
11. On September 17, PCC opened the Swan Island Training Centre, a new 20,000-square-foot trades education building. Programmes at the centre, along with those housed at Cascade Campus and the CLIMB Centre, will provide skills and job training for more than 20 occupations in the trades.
12. The PCC Foundation Golf Invitational was a rousing success again this year! Over 220 golfers enjoyed a great day of golf Wednesday, September 10 at Heron Lakes Golf Course. The event raised nearly \$140,000 thanks to several new sponsors and significant support from the Foundation Board. Over the past decade, the PCC Foundation Golf Invitational has raised \$1.4 million to support general scholarships and those associated with the Building Construction Technologies program. This year's Invitational (the 11th Annual) was also enjoyed and well received by non-golfers in the crowd, including a strong showing from several College Cabinet Members. We congratulate Walsh Construction, winners of this year Invitational Trophy, and thank all our sponsors for their support and dedication.
13. On September 17, Dr. Brown's nomination by Governor Kitzhaber to serve as a Trustee for the Oregon Institute of Technology was voted upon and confirmed by the Oregon Senate.

Grant Activity

Funded Grants:

National Science Foundation --- Pacific Northwest Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) --- \$50,000. Portland State University is the lead institution and PCC is a partner. At PCC, the project will increase PCC students' exposure to research opportunities and STEM-related conferences and to provide leadership experiences, therefore increasing persistence in their studies and transfer to PSU to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Awards and Honours

1. Six PCC students were awarded \$5,000 scholarships from Oregon NASA Space Grant.
2. Two PCC library employees were a part of a group that won the Academic and Research Libraries (ACRL) Oregon Award for Excellence for their work on a regional assessment-related un-conference.

Media

Aug. 1: [Hillsboro Tribune](#) & [Hillsboro Argus](#). Deanna Palm, president of the Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, has been named the Portland Community College Board of Directors chairwoman for the 2014-15 year.

Aug. 6: [Portland Tribune](#). Adam Salvetti, **PCC** alum, was named the 2014 Portland Firefighter of the Year.

Aug. 6: [St. Helens Chronicle](#). Front page story on how a PCC welding class in St. Helens sparked a dream come true for local student.

Aug. 25: [OPB](#). At the Montavilla Young Makers camp this summer, housed at Portland Community College's Southeast Campus, middle school students took matters, and Legos, into their own hands.

Aug. 25: [The Oregonian](#). Portland Community College issued No. 5 most 2-year degrees among U.S. community colleges.

Aug. 23: [The Oregonian](#). Dr. Christine Chairsell, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, talked about the percentage of students at PCC that place into developmental math as part of an editorial focusing on improving math readiness.

Aug. 26: [Portland Tribune](#). The Wearable Tech Camp gets girls interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with a fun fashion project.

Aug. 29: [KOIN & CNN](#). Story shows how 3-D printing is changing everything and how PCC's MakerSpace is right there making it happen. Story appeared on CNN as well as KOIN's websites

Upcoming Events:

- October 17 and 18, Times TBD, Southeast Campus Construction Completion Celebration
- November 14, Time TBD, Foundation Scholarship Reception
- December 2, 6:00 PM, President's Holiday Reception