

PCC Board of Directors Update

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Monthly News from Portland Community College

Dr. Jeremy Brown, President

CAMPUS EVENTS

- **Cascade Campus**

The new Student Center building opened on the Cascade Campus in December. Dining services, Cascade ASPCC, the Cascade Multicultural and Women's Resource centers, the Cascade Black Student Union, and the ASPCC Bike program opened in their new quarters December 8th.

The LINKS Future Connect program hosted a panel discussion as part of the fourth annual ***Re-Engagement Convening*** at Cascade campus. The panel included Dr. Jeremy Brown; Portland Public Schools Superintendent, Carole Smith; Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown; and Portland Mayor Charlie Hales. The event was attended by more than 200 educators and leaders from across the nation.

On Friday, December 12th, during finals week, Cascade campus experienced a lockdown in response to a shooting at nearby Rosemary Anderson High School. The lockdown occurred at approximately 12:30 pm and followed College protocol. It was lifted approximately one hour later.

- **Rock Creek Campus**

The documentary, "Lucinda Parker: Water and Clouds," was selected for the **2014 NW Filmmakers Festival**. The film was directed by Michael Annus, video producer at Sylvania, in collaboration with Mark Andres and Prudence Roberts, Rock Creek art faculty and documents acclaimed Northwest artist Lucinda Parker in her studio as she creates large public art commissions.

- **Southeast Campus**

Career Pathways Manager, Kate Kinder integrated an informal tour of the Southeast Campus into the class syllabus this fall term. Students had the opportunity to walk around and see the campus and PCC staff "as they are." According to students, the campus Library and Student Services staff were "exceptionally warm, welcoming and encouraging." At the end of the tour several students remarked that coming to college didn't seem "so scary, after all."

- **Sylvania Campus**

Geography Department Chair, Christina Friedle was invited by Metro to present at its **Regional Land Information System** Subscriber (RLIS) meeting in December, where she showcased student work using RLIS data. RLIS is a compilation of more than 100 geographic

information system (GIS) data layers that serve as the spatial data infrastructure for the Portland metropolitan area.

Sylvania co-hosted the 3rd annual GIS Day where nearly 100 students and GIS professionals participated. Funding was made available by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) (PSU chapter), the Portland Open-Source GIS group and GIS Young Professionals, as well as in-kind gifts from the Society for Conservation GIS, Esri, and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Sylvania hosted a QGIS (open-source GIS software program) workshop in December with funding from the ASPCC.

Sylvania received a grant from Google for its Google Maps Engine software package, which will allow students to create web-based maps using Google's enterprise level program. This provides an excellent opportunity to partner with Google, and also for students to explore software programs that are not included in current classes.

PRESIDENT EVENTS

- December 1 Spoke with students, faculty and staff at Willow Creek Center (College Conversations)
- December 2 Spoke with students, faculty and staff at Newberg Center (College Conversations)
- December 5 Attended and spoke at the PCC Foundation Board Meeting
Attended Faculty Federation's Executive Council Meeting
Met with OR State Senator Richard Devlin
- December 8 Met at the State Capitol with OR State Senators Michael Dembrow, Betsy Johnson, and Mark Hass and State Treasurer, Ted Wheeler regarding upcoming budget issues
- December 9 Attended Portland Business Alliance welcoming event for Pembina Energy Company of Canada
Met with faculty, staff, and students of the Sylvania Campus for "Office Hours" visit.
- December 10 Attended National Re-Engagement Convening reception hosted by Portland Mayor, Charlie Hales
Attended Japanese Consulate-General reception to celebrate the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan
- December 11 Attended the National Re-Engagement Convening Conference at Cascade Campus and participated on a panel with Secretary of State, Kate Brown; Portland Mayor, Charlie Hales; and Portland Public Schools Superintendent, Carole Smith. Discussed the various programs in which Portland Community College is involved to better serve the opportunity youth of our communities.

- December 12 Met with individual faculty, staff, and students of the Rock Creek Campus for “Office Hours” visit

Participated with PCC faculty and staff in an open dialogue forum regarding national concerns arising from recent racial/law enforcement incidents
- December 15 Participated with faculty & staff of color in an open dialogue forum regarding national concerns arising from recent racial/law enforcement incidents

Met with individual faculty, staff, and students of the Cascade and Southeast Campuses for “Office Hours” visit
- December 16 Participated with faculty & staff in an open dialogue forum of white allies regarding national concerns arising from recent racial/law enforcement incidents.
- December 18–19 Attended OCCA Board/OPC meetings at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Oregon.

COLLEGE-WIDE EVENTS

- All campuses held Winter festivals for faculty and staff in December with ticket, food, and/or clothing donations going toward local charities. At Cascade, this was the last official event held in the old Student Center building.
- The Intel Foundation donated \$20,000 to help fund "New STEAM Curriculum Modules: Engaging Underserved High School Students through Extendable Hands-On Activities Exploring Engineering and Design through Six New Modules for STEAM Workshops." The project involves the Rock Creek, Southeast, and Sylvania campuses.
- The Academic Policies and Standards (APS) Handbook has been almost completely updated. The APS Workgroup spent the last few months editing the handbook making it ready for upload into Cloverleaf, a curriculum management software program that maintains content integrity.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Disability Services Director, Kaela Parks presented a webinar for a national audience on Assistive Technology Loaner programs January 6th. A prior webinar within the series that focused on the use of data to inform practice was offered in December and in February the use of WeBWork will feature PCC Math Instructor, Alex Jorda. The webinar series is offered through the Association on Higher Education and Disability.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Cascade ASPCC held an alumni event at the new Student Center to thank alumni who were involved with the nearly seven year from concept to completion project.

- Southeast ASPCC hosted the campus' inaugural Bike Fair December 2nd. The event, co-organized by ASPCC's new Bike Coordinator Erich Wandtke and Assistant Coordinator for Student Leadership Nicole Seery drew more than 100 people with resource tables and information about bike commuting, safety, and security. Several vendors participated as well, including TriMet, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Lucky 13 Bikes, Bikes 4 Humanity, and Electric Field Bikes.
- Students from the Electronic Engineering Technology Program's Microcontrollers and Embedded Systems class displayed and demonstrated their term projects at Sylvania's College Center December 1st. Displays included greenhouse controllers, a myoelectric robotic hand, a 3D light cube, home automation projects and sensors, and a laser-light cat distractor. Second-year Electronic Engineering Technology students shared their hard work with staff, faculty and other students on campus.

IN THE NEWS

- PCC Board Chair, Deanna Palm joined President Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden along with hundreds of college presidents and other education leaders to announce new actions to help more students prepare for and graduate from college. *Hillsboro Tribune, Dec 4, 2014*
- With support from community partners and PCC, Portland Public Schools offers more than a dozen alternative programs for students to earn their diploma or GED. *The Oregonian, Dec 10, 2014*
- PCC has opened a small business center at its new-ish Southeast Portland campus. *Portland Business Journal, Dec 10, 2014*
- PCC President, Jeremy Brown pointed to a city-funded program that helps low-income high schoolers reach college. "Our retention rate, from one year to the next - for students who start and then continue - is 83 percent," he said. "That's unheard of." *OPB, Dec 11, 2014*
- PCC's graphic design students helped add arrows, boxes, animals, graphs, charts and elevation drawings to bring life to the pages of local author's book on bridges. *Portland Tribue & The Oregonian, Dec 11, 2014*
- Small business owners in Southeast Portland have another advocate in the neighborhood thanks to Portland Community College. *The Oregonian, Dec 19, 2014*

PCC FOUNDATION

- The 2015 PCC Foundation ***Evening for Opportunity Gala: Lunar Landing, A Space Age Gala*** will be held Friday, April 10th at Pure Space in Northwest Portland. Host a table, bring friends, host donors & spread the word!

- 324 new alumni have pledged support to PCC. We have more alumni donors in the first 6 months of the fiscal year than all year last year and our dollar amount is up 50%, as well.
- The annual Faculty, Staff & Retiree Campaign **GIVE BOLDLY** is still in progress. Please participate by going online to make your gift at pcc.edu/employeeegiving and please encourage your colleagues to do the same!
- Notable gifts include:
 - OCF Joseph Weston Foundation - \$36,000 for scholarships;
 - Portland Business Alliance - \$20,000 for the Working Waterfront Scholarship Fund;
 - Matthew and Ella Essieh - \$10,000 and the Regional Arts Culture Council - \$6,000 for the Cascade Festival of African Films;
 - MDU Resources - \$5,000 and US Bank - \$5,000 to support Future Connect.

We are thankful for the many generous donors that support our deserving students through scholarships. Please spread the word that the scholarship application is now open through March 1st.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

- Communications launched a new Trimet-bus advertising program with refreshed photography and copy expanding the College's "Think PCC First" campaign, now highlighting themes expressed in the College's strategic plan. The busses will debut in mid-January and can be seen throughout the PCC District.