

## Monthly News from Portland Community College

June 2015

### ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

#### Cascade Campus

- The Fire Protection Technology program at Cascade gave a helping hand to a local high school in May when it donated one of its fire engines to Liberty High School in Hillsboro. The truck will be used to provide hands-on learning opportunities to students in Liberty's Fire Science program, a series of dual-credit courses offered at the school through PCC.
- Cascade held its first-ever, full-scale theatre production in May. "Transformations," which made its world premiere on May 28<sup>th</sup>, was entirely created and performed by students, including the writing, design, artwork, music, and media.
- The Urban League of Portland unveiled its *State of Black Oregon 2015* report at Cascade on May 5, the first such report to be released since 2009. Campus President Karin Edwards welcomed a capacity crowd – which included Portland Mayor Charlie Hales – to the Moriarty Auditorium for the event.
- The Cascade Multicultural Center marked its first year of existence in May with a celebration recognizing the work of the Campus' Equity and Diversity Advocates toward helping to establish the Center, and honoring two graduates of the African American Scholars program and several advocates from the Cascade Women's Resource Center. PCC Board member Jim Harper was in attendance.
- The Ophthalmic Medical Technology program at Cascade hosted a visiting delegation of students from Osaka Jikei College in Japan during May. The students toured the campus, worked with Cascade OMT students in the laboratory, treated the Campus community to a line-dancing performance, and took in the sights and sounds of Portland. The visit was part of an annual multidisciplinary exchange between PCC and Osaka Jikei.

#### Rock Creek Campus

- Students representing 50 community colleges from across the nation gathered at the Rock Creek Campus Event Center in May for the prestigious Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI). Four PCC students were among the 50 students participating in the Poster Session. Congratulations to the students and their faculty partners: Paige Gyldersleve with Jon Wherry, Math; Michael Belcher, Addie Luo and Sara Citrenbaum with Josephine Pino, Biology, and Nicholas Wagner with Kevin Lien, Biology.
- The Rock Creek Campus hosted 23 Japanese students from Jikei College during the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>. Started in 2008, this year's visit included cultural and bioscience lab exercises, lectures, and campus tours. PCC students joined the Jikei students for a tour of Genentech in Hillsboro. The visit was a collaboration between the Bioscience Technology and International Education programs.
- The Rock Creek Landscape Technology Program and the Campus Grounds crew installed an 8,500 gallon water storage tank donated by Clean Water Services May 18<sup>th</sup>. The tank supports PCC's Climate Action Plan goals with regard to water management and conservation. By capturing rainwater runoff, it is estimated the Campus will recycle 466,000 gallons of rainwater over 20 years. The tank becomes fully operational in July.

- Rock Creek has a new campus entrance sign. The 21-foot long steel sign, officially dedicated May 11<sup>th</sup>, was the capstone welding project of Rock Creek student Robert Ellertson. Ellertson was assisted by students and faculty from Welding Technology and Auto Collision Repair. It was funded by ASPCC, the Welding Club, and the RC Dean of Instruction Cheryl Scott. The sign replaced a wooden sign that could not be salvaged.
- Approximately 330 high school students from Washington and Columbia Counties attended the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Diesel Day at Rock Creek on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and well over 125 people enjoyed an open house sponsored by Auto Collision Repair May 13<sup>th</sup>. Both events offered students an opportunity to meet vendors and employers in their respective fields.
- The annual Rock Creek Women's Self-Care Retreat, sponsored the Women's Resource Center, welcomed 120 guests who participated in panel discussions, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities. The May 8<sup>th</sup> day-long event raised more than \$1,000 for the PCC Foundation scholarship fund.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by the Social Science and Health Division at Rock Creek offered more than 15 information and vendor tables, boxing lessons, and information on the new men's and women's PCC soccer teams which opens its inaugural season August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Rock Creek Business Administration instructor Usha Ramanujam and the PCC Internationalization Steering Committee hosted a "Business Education and Global Cultural Awareness" panel at Rock Creek May 15<sup>th</sup>. Panel members represented Portland State University, Intel, and Columbia Sportswear.
- The Rock Creek Landscape Club raised \$5,330 at its annual May Plant Sale. Of that amount, \$2,000 is directed to a PCC scholarship fund and the remainder supports the Landscape Club.
- The May 29<sup>th</sup> "Better Living Through Chemistry in the 21st Century" poster exhibit engaged 400 chemistry students from Rock Creek Campus. The student conference, now in its eighth year, focused on sustainability, pharmacy, green chemistry, and nanotechnology. The students engaged in both dry research and lab-based research. The entire chemistry faculty, both part- and full-time, assisted the students with their projects.

### **Southeast Campus**

- PCC Southeast Campus hosted its first cultureSEast Signature Event May 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. This four-day series of performances, lectures, panels, and presentations meant to engage the diverse cultures, identities and stories that comprise Southeast Portland was well attended and celebrated by the community at large. The event, led by students, faculty, and staff provided an array of spaces and venues for these unique voices to enhance the understanding of what defines our community – beyond what people might see. Of particular note the "NPR Story Corp style" video booth hosted by PCC TV and the cultureSEast planning committee.
- Over 85 first grade students, teachers, and family chaperones from Alder Elementary and the I Have A Dream Foundation (also known as the Dreamer School Initiative) visited the Southeast Campus on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>. The students attended a science class where they learned about and tested a hypothesis, as well as attended an interactive class to learn about hip hop performing arts. They also enjoyed classes in career exploration in fire safety and library studies and a class to learn about endangered species and how to be safe around animals.

## **Sylvania Campus**

- US Representative Suzanne Bonamici visited the Sylvania campus MakerSpace on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Engineering Faculty Gregg Meyer, Division Dean of Science and Engineering Dieterich Steinmetz, MakerSpace Lab Tech Ben Hill, and several students toured the congresswoman through the ever-growing interdisciplinary innovation studio full of 3D printers and scanners, CNC machines, lasers, vinyl cutters, sheet metal tools, and injection molders.
- PCC's Sylvania Campus opened the east entry of the College Center May 12<sup>th</sup>. The beautiful new atrium is the new home to Sylvania's "Welcoming Pole," a 30-foot totem carved by Canadian First Nations artist Richard Hun. Drumming by Dustin Harmon and The Woodsmen from The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and speeches by interim Sylvania Campus President Suzanne Johnson, Bond Program Director Linda Degman, and Sylvania Multicultural Center student leader Rebecca Uh completed the program.
- The Sylvania Multicultural Center staged two student-led performances of the production "Voices of a People's History of the United States." The May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> shows featured the words of rebels, dissenters, and visionaries. Student actors voiced the struggles and liberation of people from the past and present.
- The Sylvania theater department produced Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie" in May. Using a unique staging technique in which the performers and audience all used the stage, the performances went off without a hitch. Sylvania students, instructors, and Performing Arts Center staff were all involved in the production.

## **Newberg Center**

- Ground has broken on Newberg Center's 11,000-square-foot Learning Garden. Designed by Seed Garden Designs of Portland and driven by student leadership at the Center, the garden will be a living lab for students and members of the community. The garden design will give a nod to Newberg's horticultural heritage by showcasing plants that highlight the best of Newberg, including camellias, which is Newberg's city flower, and grape vines and hops, which are grown in abundance by local farmers for the microbreweries and wineries in the region.

## **ACTING PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Presidential Transition Conversations/Forums**

- May 28 – Newberg Center
- June 2 – Sylvania Campus
- June 5 – Willow Creek Center
- June 8 – Southeast Campus
- June 9 – Rock Creek Campus
- June 11 – Downtown Center, CLIMB Center, Cascade Campus

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| May 29 | • Attended the CTE Career Academy Breakfast/Leadership Forum at Willow Creek Center.                          |
| June 3 | • Lead the monthly All Managers and Confidential Staff Meeting at the Sylvania Campus Performing Arts Center. |
|        | • Presented at the Downtown Center Service Awards Ceremony.   |

June 4 & 5 • Participated with other Oregon Community College Presidents in the Oregon Presidents Council.

June 12 • PCC Commencement Ceremony

## **COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES**

### **Advancement/Foundation**

- The Foundation is excited to announce that, so far 400 scholarships totaling almost \$700,000 have been awarded for 2015/16! They are confident they will reach their goal of \$1.1 million awarded by the time they're done. The Foundation had double the number of applicants, therefore the competition was fierce.
- The Foundation's inaugural solicitation Phonathon wrapped up 926 pledges for \$43,500.
- The 2014-15 Faculty, Staff, Retiree Annual Fund campaign will run through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remind your staff to make their gifts! To date the campaign has 590 participant for \$225,000; their goal is \$275,000.
- The Foundation has implemented a new stewardship program in which donors and supporters are invited to various PCC events (plays, concerts, tours, etc.). If you have signature events in your department you would like to showcase, please email [nikki.west@pcc.edu](mailto:nikki.west@pcc.edu).
- This month marks the kickoff of the annual PCC Golf Invitational fundraising event. So far the Foundation has received \$40,000 in scholarship commitments.
- The Foundation received an Oregon Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to fund a Future Connect outreach specialist position to be located in Washington County.
- The Foundation received a \$50,000 Challenge Match Grant from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund to be used to increase alumni giving.
- The Foundation received a \$20,000 Workforce Development Grant from Bank of America to fund the Future Connect program.

### **Equity and Inclusion**

- The PCC workforce analysis is complete and the Affirmative Action plan is still pending.
- Title IX online training and the Title IX reporting system are currently in the process of undergoing PCC branding and design implementation

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

- PCC's 2015 Commencement Ceremony was held Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 850 students crossed the stage and approximately 5,000 guests were in attendance. Cascade Campus President Dr. Karin Edwards MCed the event. Additional speakers included Board Chair Deanna Palm, Acting PCC President Sylvia Kelley, Student Speaker Kole Myrick, and Commencement Address Speaker Jeff Pettit. Graduating student Lisa James Bennet sang the National Anthem and Math faculty member Michele Marden carried the institutional mace. PCC awarded nearly 5,400 degrees and certificates during the 2014-15 academic year!
- President Sylvia Kelley, Dr. Chris Chairsell, and Jan Volinski will travel to Kirkland Washington to meet the NWCCU Commissioners with Evaluation Chair Connie Capurro. The purpose of the meeting

will be to answer and clarify questions commissioners may have concerning the recent accreditation visit. We fully expect a letter from the NWCCU to arrive in late August reaffirming our accreditation. PCC will be making the full report available to the College on the Academic and Student Affairs website as soon as appropriate. Thank you to the entire PCC community for your participation and efforts to make this accreditation experience the best it could ever be.

- As of June 4, 2015, the Financial Aid Office has awarded \$147,583,590 in federal student aid to 12,140 students for the 2015-16 award year. This represents approximately one third of the total amount of aid to be offered for the full year.

## **AWARDS and HONORS**

- Congratulations to the Beta Pi Rho chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Southeast Campus on receiving Five Star Chapter status again this year, as well as this list of well-deserved awards on May 16th:
  - 2015 Distinguished Chapter Award (Top in the region)
  - 2015 Honors in Action Project Award (Top in the region)
  - Five Star Chapter Plan Award: Five Star Level
  - Honors in Action Distinguished Theme Award
  - Communication Award
  - Horizon Award - Nicole Seery
  - Art Award - Ryo An
- Cascade student Alseny Diallo was named the 2015 recipient of the Washington State University – Vancouver/Cascade Campus President’s Award. The award is presented each year to an outstanding Cascade-based student, and provides for one year of tuition-free study at WSU-V (and is renewable for a second year).
- Rock Creek Campus President Sandra Fowler-Hill has been awarded a stipend to attend the Executive Education for Sustainability Leadership conference offered through the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health July 7-10. She said, “I am very excited by this opportunity to learn strategies for change management and continue the great work of the Strategic Energy Management cohort.”
- Tricia Brand, Associate Dean of Students for Southeast Campus was highlighted at this month’s AAWCC Luncheon held in the newly remodeled Community Hall on the SE Campus on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Education Program Coordinator, Ann Campbell was awarded “Best Innovative Programming Idea” at the Oregon Association of Community and Continuing Education (OACCE) 2015 Spring Forum Conference. The award recognized Ann’s work on the Personal Training Program; Fitness Technology students and recent graduates get important experience and Community Education students receive personalized coaching and training.
- The Portland Teachers Program – the Cascade-based program that trains new teachers of color for public school classrooms – received a \$7,500 check in May from Union Bank. Union Bank Vice President Shawn DuBurg presented the check, part of Union Bank’s commitment to education and community investment, to program director Deborah Cochrane during a brief ceremony at Cascade. The PTP also held its 26th annual Celebration of Students during May, at which PCC Director Jim Harper and his wife were in attendance.

- The annual Allan Epp Service Awards celebrated more than 175 Sylvania campus and college/district employees for their service to PCC. The awards are named after Allen Epp, who taught history at PCC for more than 50 years. Epp began teaching when PCC was an adult vocational program under Portland Public Schools management. The service awards, which are given each spring, honor his outstanding contributions and service to PCC and to our community. One faculty member honored has been at the college for 40 years; five for 35 years, and four for 30 years.

## IN THE NEWS

- May 5: **Business Tribune**. In the YourBusiness section it was announced Marc Goldberg would lead PCC's workforce development, community education.
- May 12: **Oregonlive**. PCC's Fire Protection Technology Program has donated one of its fire engines to Liberty High School in Hillsboro.
- May 13: **Daily Journal of Commerce**. A grand opening celebration was held for the newly completed "front door" to Portland Community College's Sylvania campus.
- May 13: **Portland Observer**. PCC's Women in Art series speaker Leslie King-Hammond was announced in a quarter-page story.
- May 14: **Lake Oswego Review**. Portland Community College will bring internationally recognized art historian, curator, artist, and educator Leslie King-Hammond for its 2015 Portland Women in Art Lecture Series.
- May 14: **Tigard Times**. Totem pole finds a new home on PCC's Sylvania Campus.
- May 19: **Portland Tribune**. Noted Canadian carver's prized totem pole graces new east entry to Sylvania's College Center building.
- May 21: **Hillsboro Tribune**. PCC donates fire truck to help Liberty High program.
- June 12: **Oregonlive**. Commencement student speaker Kole Myrick was featured.
- June 12: **Oregonian**. Dr. Chris Chairsell's op-ed on student completion ran in the print issue.