

Monthly News from Portland Community College

September 2015

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Cascade Campus

- Renovations to the Cascade Student Services Building were completed in August, clearing the way for many of the building's occupants to move into their newly reconfigured spaces in time for the start of Fall Term. The offices of Admissions, Advising, Counseling, Career Services, Testing, Community Education, Outreach & Orientation, Veterans Resources, the Business Office, and the Orientation Center were all remodeled over the summer. In addition, the campus administration offices received new carpeting.
- New works of art are being installed throughout the new Student Union and Cascade Hall buildings at the Cascade Campus. Most prominent is a significant work by Francisco Salgado hanging in the south lobby of Cascade Hall. More works will continue to be installed in both buildings during Fall Term.
- The Cascade TRiO Student Support Services program – formerly Cascade ROOTS -- secured a \$1.1 million federal grant in August to support its continuing operations. The program aims to boost the retention and graduation rates of low-income and first-generation students, as well as students with disabilities. Currently, the program supports 140 students per year.

Rock Creek Campus

- The High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at Rock Creek was awarded a \$2.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The funding will help HEP continue its work with migrant and seasonal farmworkers, as well as members of their immediate family, to obtain a general education diploma. To date, HEP has assisted 500 students and graduated 128 during the last five years.
- The Rock Creek Leadership Team held an all-day retreat August 17 to plan for the new academic year and talk about ways the campus can best reflect the goals of the new Strategic Plan. Laura Massey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, discussed enrollment, academic trends, and student services. Innovative Growth Solution's Shirlene Warnock and Jeanne Nyquist facilitated a discussion on how Rock Creek might engage the six primary themes of the Strategic Plan and what is needed to create a "success pattern."
- The Rock Creek Science & Technology Division hosted its second STEM Camp of the summer August 17-21, this one in collaboration with Adelante Chicas. The camp welcomed 22 eighth through 12th grade Latinas who spent the week learning about science, technology, and college "survival" skills.
- Rock Creek's New Student Welcome Day brought 250 new students and family members to campus. The event was supported by approximately 30 Rock Creek student leaders and more than 30 faculty and staff.
- Terri Barnes, an historian at Rock Creek, has been published in Medieval Magazine. The article she wrote about preparing to teach the experimental Viking History class made the cover of the magazine.

Southeast Campus

- The Southeast Campus was host to the 2nd Annual Jade District International Night Market August 15th and 22nd. Event organizers said that nearly 20,000 people were on campus over the two weekends. The main-stage was host to many local entertainers, including Chervona with our own Instructional Support Technician Andre Tempkin. Many local elected officials like Senator Michael Dembrow, City of Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, City Commissioners, and a host of State House Representatives also addressed the crowds. A big thank you to PCC Board Member Michael Sonleitner for welcoming the community to the campus.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is leading a transportation planning effort known as the 82nd Avenue of Roses Implementation Plan to identify potential transportation improvement projects on 82nd Avenue and northern Clackamas County. Chabre Vickers, the PCC Southeast Campus Community Relations Manager has been selected by ODOT to serve on the Community Advisory Committee whose purpose is to provide “on the ground” input and recommendations to project staff and the Project Steering Committee (elected and appointed officials) on issues of importance to community members and other project stakeholders. This work will begin this fall and continue on through December of 2016.
- Southeast Campus sponsored and engaged with Southeast Portland community members throughout the summer during Portland’s Summer Free for All – Concerts in The Park. A PCC Southeast Campus booth, along with the Community Relations Manager connected with thousands of local community members at over 7 local concerts while engaging in a treasured community activity throughout the months of July and August.

Sylvania Campus

- Sylvania President Lisa Avery, Sylvania Community Relations Manager Karen Kane, and Bond Director Linda Degman participated in a meeting with neighbors from the West Portland Park, Far Southwest, and Mountain Park neighborhood associations on August 13. The Southwest Corridor Plan was the topic of the meeting, and after a presentation by Metro and TriMet, Dr. Avery spoke of growth at Sylvania and of PCC’s support of a transit line in lieu of driving whenever possible. Neighbors expressed concerns about both the existing traffic in southwest Portland and the impact of possible construction on the area. The three will serve on a neighborhood work group as the Steering Committee continues its work.
- A special summer camp for local teens of color ended with the launching of a boat and a jump into the Sylvania Campus pool, a first for the college. Eight students (seven boys and a girl) ended a week that combined teamwork and communication with traditional boat building to increase their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The program was a partnership between PCC, the Wind and Oar Boat School, and iUrban Teen. The students built a 12-foot long Bevin skiff in AM101, and portaged it over to the HT building. Instructors were from Wind and Oar; in addition, Sylvania instructional support technician Ben Hill and instructor Reg Holms provided students further opportunity to learn other technologies by working with equipment from the campus’ MakerSpace lab.

Hillsboro Center

- With a new look and expanded offerings, the PCC Hillsboro Center will hold an open house September 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. Deanna Palm, PCC Board Chair and executive director of the Hillsboro Chamber will speak as will Sandra Fowler Hill, Rock Creek Campus president, and Steve Callaway, Hillsboro City Council president. All are welcomed to attend.

COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Equity and Inclusion

- The Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) is currently working on implementation of a Title IX online training for faculty, staff and students
- The quantitative Climate Survey will occur September 28 through October 12 and the qualitative/focus groups will take place on each campus between October 13 and 16. The District Leaders of Diversity Councils (DLDC) is planning numerous initiatives in support of Theme 5 of the PCC Strategic Plan specifically and the overarching plan broadly.
- An Inclusion Advocates program is being designed for PCC recruitment and pilot cohorts are tentatively scheduled to begin in late Fall term.
- OEI is working on writing the curriculum for the DEI certificate program for PCC faculty/staff cultural competency development.
- The 2014 workforce analysis has been posted and we are currently working to revise a current iteration of the PCC Affirmative Action Plan. An OEI manual for service delivery of investigations of complaints of harassment/discrimination has been created and we will begin the process of creating awareness with college stakeholders during Fall term.
- OEI is partnering with the PCC marketing department to develop an awareness campaign to distinguish between affirmative action and diversity/equity/inclusion orientation. They are also working with OEI on the climate survey and Title IX campaigns.

Foundation

- In collaboration with the PCC Foundation, 180 golfers raised over \$100,000 September 10th at the 12th Annual Golf Tournament for student scholarships.
- Our annual Faculty, Staff and Retiree fundraising campaign kicked off at In Service September 14th. Our goal is to raise \$285,000; our collective efforts raised \$260,000 last year. Those who give \$25 or more will receive a PCC lunchbox as a token of our appreciation!
- We are pleased to report that we started off our fiscal year with a significant gift of equipment from Intel, valued at \$165,000.

Communications

- Published the fall 2015 issue of Communities, PCC's quarterly magazine and community education course schedule, with feature stories on Ivy-league bound alumna Frances Fagan as well as PCC's renowned Zoo Animal Management program and Veterans Resource Centers.
- Provided significant support for the 2015-16 Faculty, Staff, Retiree Fundraising Campaign, including development of gift items, collateral and direct mail solicitations (featuring faculty, staff and retirees).
- Completed promotional activities in preparation for PCC's District In Service, including teaser videos, direct mail updates and promotional emails.
- Provided strategic consulting and issues management for a number of emergent college-wide communications issues.

AWARDS and HONORS

- Rock Creek students Grant Larson and Carsten Kilde were awarded \$6,000 music scholarships by Pacific University in Forest Grove. Both Larson and Kilde study classical guitar. Kilde also qualified for an additional \$53,000 from the University.
- Jackie Babicky Peterson, a strategic advisor and instructor with PCC's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) was recently honored with the 2015 Oregon Small Business Development Center State Star. Each year at its national conference, the Association of Small Business Development Centers honors people from each state for their service to small businesses, or who have provided a significant contribution to the state's SBDC and community -- and Jackie is Oregon's shining star this year.
- Sylvania Dental Assisting Instructor Jill Lomax is this year's recipient of the Betty and Richard Duvall Faculty Professional Development Award. The award will support the dental assisting program by providing funding for Jill to attend a course where she will learn to use computer-aided design and manufacturing technology to design, mill, and stain a dental prosthesis—all skills that a dental assistant can perform in a dental office. Having an instructor with these skills allows PCC to train students to be prepared to enter the workforce with the most updated skills in technology and standards of care.
- Andrew Jozwiak, student of Sylvania Astronomy/Physics Instructor Rod Lee, was selected to attend the NASA Community College Aerospace National Scholars program at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

IN THE NEWS

- Aug. 3: **GoLocalPDX**. Works purchased at the Art of Trade Gallery to Portland will see half of the proceeds going toward the Portland Community College Industrial Jobs Training Program scholarship fund.
- Aug. 3: **Community College Week**. Sylvia Kelley named interim head of Portland CC.
- Aug. 4: **Portland Tribune**. Portland sees growth in alternative higher education models and Christine Chairsell said maybe it's time for these options to come.
- Aug. 5: **GoLocalPDX**. Portland Community College is only one of very few community colleges in the United States that offers a fully equipped, full-spectrum education and training in digitally-based "additive manufacturing."
- Aug. 12: **The Oregonian**. Editorial concludes that reduced class time for Portland students moves in wrong direction and cites percentage of PPS grads who must take at least one remedial class at PCC.
- Aug. 13: **The Oregonian**. Portland Community College programs at Rock Creek, Cascade campuses win \$3.3 million in grants from U.S. Department of Education.
- Aug. 18: **The Oregonian**. Michael Sonnleitner was elected this past May to represent Zone 3 (Southeast Portland) on the board.
- Aug. 19: **Portland Tribune**. Former instructor Michael Sonnleitner joins Portland Community College board.

- Aug. 19: **Beaverton Leader**. PCC programs win \$3.3 million in grants from the Department of Education.
- Aug. 27: **GoLocalPDX & Portland Business Journal**. Jackie Babicky Peterson, a business advisor at Portland Community College, has been awarded the 2015 Oregon American Small Business Development Center State Star.
- Aug. 30: **The Oregonian**. Story focused on how more Oregon students racking up college credits while still in high school with a profile on a PCC student.