

Monthly News from Portland Community College

October 2015

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Cascade Campus

- The Professional Music program at Cascade hosted a day-long series of workshops and performances on September 23 that were facilitated by Ableton, Inc, a global leader in digital music composing and performing software. Both students and the community were able to take part in the day's events, which culminated in an evening performance in the Moriarty Auditorium.
- Cascade Campus implemented a new strategy during the first week of Fall Term designed to help new students better acclimate to campus life. Several information tables were deployed at strategic locations around campus from 9 AM to 5 PM during the first week of classes where students could ask for directions to specific buildings or offices, pick up informational handouts, and sign up for student clubs.

Rock Creek Campus

- Rock Creek Campus has seen significant savings as a result of participating in the Energy Trust Strategic Energy Management cohort this past year. Energy Management efforts at Rock Creek are producing real dividends. Between July and September, upgrades to equipment and valve repairs in Buildings 2, 7 and 9 have resulted in saving approximately \$47,000 in utility costs (electricity and gas.) Additional revenue from Incentives is to be determined by the Energy Trust. Thanks to all SEM team members (Mitch Kilgore, Karen Maxwell, Elaine Cole, Keith Gregory, and Laura Ward).
- On September 25, Rock Creek hosted the inaugural THINKMujer Summit in the Event Center. The day-long event welcomed 167 young Latinas to share panel discussions, seven lightning- round presentations, a career fair and expo. Sponsors include PCC, Corazon Chiropractic Clinic, Revolucion Coffee House, and the Rock Creek Multicultural Center.
- The Rock Creek Fall Student Parent & Child Care Resource Fair was held on campus October 1st. While the information tables, child care subsidy applications, lists of child care providers in Washington County, and information on how to become a registered child care provider focused on the adults, the children lined up for face painting, sack races, balloon animals, and free popsicles.
- Approximately 65 students from 26 community colleges in Oregon, Utah, and Southern Idaho participated in the regional Phi Theta Kappa conference October 2 through 4 hosted by Rock Creek Phi Theta Kappa students in coordination with the Rocky Mountain Cascade Regional Student Officer Team.
- The American Association of Zoo Veterinarians facilitated a continuing education workshop on carnivore dentistry during their national conference at the Rock Creek Campus September 26. The day-long event served as a great networking opportunity for the Vet Tech program.

Southeast Campus

- Friday, September 18, Southeast Campus President Jessica Howard moderated the Health Professions Industry CEO breakfast held at the Arlington Club. Interim President Sylvia Kelley, Board Chair Deanna Palm and other board and cabinet members attended the event, along with local

health industry leaders and discussed the potential for supporting the region in such an important way.

- Friday, September 25, Southeast Campus, along with the PCC Foundation supported and attended Latino Network's annual Noche` Bella Event. Southeast Campus Multi-Cultural Center Coordinator Rut Martinez-Alicea, Southeast Links Alternative Programs Manager Jeff Laff, and Southeast Campus President Jessica Howard attended the event, along with Board Members Kali Thorne-Ladd, Jim Harper, and Ken Madden.
- Southeast Campus's new YMCA Child Development Center celebrated a ribbon cutting, grand opening September 28. Southeast Campus President Jessica Howard helped cut the ribbon to welcome the new center to campus and shared a few words about how important the center is to completing the picture of a comprehensive campus and its offerings. YMCA CEO Bob Hall, YMCA Child Development Center Executive Director Jennie Sowder and YMCA Center Director Trish Roussel welcomed leaders from Portland Business Alliance participated. And students, faculty, and staff attended the event and enjoyed the mini tours offered after the ceremony.
- Southeast Campus Community Relations Manager Chabre Vickers co-emceed the 2015 Urban League of Portland Equal Opportunity Day awards Dinner September 29 along with Antonio Harvey, former Portland Trail Blazer. The event was supported by PCC Foundation, as well as the Cascade and Southeast Campuses. President Jessica Howard attended, along with Cascade President Karin Edwards and PCC Board Members Michael Sonleitner and Kali Thorne-Ladd. College Associate Vice President of Advancement Rob Wagner and Government Relations Manager Meghan Moyer were also guests, along with other college staff and faculty

Sylvania Campus

- The Sylvania campus community logged a total of 1,077 miles during the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's (BTA) Bike Commute Challenge. This is quite a feat, considering the hill our riders have to climb every day to get here! Among the 29 riders who participated were Annie Wilson who rode to work every day and Peter Seaman who logged the most miles biked overall at 175 miles. BTA reports that in total, 10,772 riders from the Portland metropolitan area, including 1,363 new commuters, participated in the annual September event, logging more than 1.25 million miles this year.

Hillsboro Center

- The September 29th open house at the PCC Hillsboro Center was a celebration of 13 successful years and recognition of the Center's new offerings, interior upgrades and exterior signage. Students enrolled at the Center may complete their entire first year of college as well as receive assistance with placement testing, advising and financial aid guidance and registration. To date, the Center has served more than 35,000 students.

COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Education Abroad

- PCC students were exceptionally successful in national scholarship competitions for Education Abroad in 2014-2015. Eleven PCC students were awarded a Gilman Scholarship, the largest number of recipients from any single community college in the United States for this year. One of these students was also awarded a Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship – one of only 36 awarded out of over 1,600 applicants! Student awards ranged from \$3,500 to \$5,625. In total, PCC students received \$45,625 in scholarships through these two programs.

Disability Services

- Disability Services has launched a new option for instructors to login directly to the PCC Accommodation Management System and view a personalized dashboard showing the status of all active accommodation requests for students in courses they are teaching.
- PCC has formed an Accessibility Committee to advise and assist college leadership in promoting and achieving an inclusive, accessible environment. The committee will monitor the institution's overall compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and other legal directives.

Veteran Services

- PCC has been selected by the Department of Veterans Affairs as one of the top 10 VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) sites in the country (out of 94 campuses) and one of only two community colleges. VA Headquarters in Washington DC has asked PCC to host a VSOC Post-9/11 GI Bill open house. Karin Edwards has been invited to speak, along with new Portland Regional Office Director Will Streitberger. The event will be at Cascade Student Union on Thursday, October 29, from 12:00 – 2:00pm. It would be great to have as much District support as possible at the Open House!

Distance Education

- The Distance Education department, on behalf of the Distance Learning Advisory Council, has released a new guide titled, “What Works Well in Online Teaching at PCC.” The highly collaborative document provides a description of effective practices specific to online instruction, guidance for new and experienced online instructors, opportunity for reflection and dialogue about online teaching, and an opportunity to align online courses with PCC values and institutional goals. The guide can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.pcc.edu/about/distance/faculty/instructional/>. For a hard copy, contact Katie Davis or call ext. 4330.
- The college received press last month in the September issue of the *Community College Journal*. Two articles regarding online education were published in the issue. One article highlighted online learning nationally (<http://www.ccjournal-digital.com/ccjournal/20150809/?pg=28&pm=2&u1=friend>) and the other focused on how colleges can begin to address accessibility in online instruction (<http://www.ccjournal-digital.com/ccjournal/20150809/?pg=38&pm=1&u1=friend>).

Library

- The library is involved in a year-long strategic planning process which will align with the college's strategic plan.
- The library is involved in a number of projects at the Orbis Cascade Alliance, helping us to better work together with Alliance partners.
- Cascade Library is being remodeled and things are going smoothly in our temporary quarters.
- The Library will be supporting Everybody Reads 2016 this year. VP of Academic and Student Affairs Christine Chairsell, the Campus Presidents, the Office of Equity and Inclusion, and ASPCC have all donated funds.
- We are focusing on services to non-campus locations and dual credit programs.
- The library is working to improve ADA compliance with some of its third party tools.

- Librarians are supporting the Educational Reform work, majors and Core Outcomes coming out of the Dean of Academic Affairs's office.

AWARDS and HONORS

- Sylvania Gerontology instructor Jan Abushakra has been selected to receive the 2016 Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Hiram J. Friedsam Mentorship Award. The award was developed to honor Friedsam, who was a professor, co-founder, and director of the Center for Studies in Aging and Dean of the School of Community Service at the University of North Texas. Dr. Abushakra will receive the award at AGHE's 42nd Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference in Long Beach, CA, March 3-6, 2016.
- The work of two Sylvania Geographic Information Systems instructors is included in the book "Atlas, Portland-ness: A cultural atlas." Randy Morris, part-time instructor in GEO/GIS was a lead cartographer and Christina Friedle, FDC for GEO/GIS was a contributing cartographer. "Atlas: Portland-ness" uses modern cartography to tell the hidden stories of Portland and includes 150 infographic maps to explore unexpected topics like city chickens, wild coyote encounters, food-truck trends, and coffee culture. The book was authored by David Banis and Hunter Shobe from the Department of Geography at Portland State University.
- The National Science Foundation (NSF) has extended its support of the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI), which came to life at Rock Creek Campus in the spring of 2013. The NSF-funded consortium sponsored last spring's poster session at Rock Creek that featured the research work of students from 50 community colleges from across the country. One of the Rock Creek students, Michael Belcher, is now a student at OSU.

IN THE NEWS

- Sept. 5: **The Oregonian**. The chair of the final Oregon State Board of Higher Education, David Yaden, wrote an opinion piece that stated Oregon universities must collaborate to succeed and highlighted PCC's partnerships as a model.
- Sept. 8: **The Oregonian**. Reporter claims PCC officials ignored warnings about now rotted \$3 million roof before it was built at Newberg.
- Sept. 11: **Portland Business Journal**. PCC's CLIMB Center adds software development to its courses.
- Sept. 16: **The Oregonian**. Editorial chastises PCC for Newberg Center roof problems and not heeding warning on green building practices.
- Sept. 17: **The Oregonian**. Portland Community College has announced that Ann Prater is the new director of development of the Portland Community Foundation and Kate Chester is the college's first director of community engagement.
- Sept. 22: **Daily Journal of Commerce**. Photo gallery published about the work on a major renovation and expansion of Building 5 at Portland Community College's Rock Creek Campus is nearing substantial completion.

- Sept. 24: **KGW TV**. Scott Morgan, an instructor at Portland Community College Automotive Service Technology Program, was interviewed about the VW emissions scandal and what is wrong with the car technology.
- Sept. 29: **Portland Tribune**. At age 30, a former PCC student and basketball player is earning success at Lewis & Clark College.