

Monthly News from Portland Community College

July 2016

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Cascade Campus

- **Cascade Library** reopened on June 20th after a major Bond project remodel that began in 2015. The new space includes a new library instruction classroom, comfortable seating areas on both floors, significantly expanded numbers of computers for student use, "laptop bars" with outlets for charging, a silent study room, reservable study rooms, first-come first-served study rooms, lots of new paint ... and it even has bathrooms (including a gender-neutral option)! This remodel has doubled the space for library instruction, so we will be able to accommodate more classes. Including the previously existing classroom, the Cascade Library has gone from 25 classroom computers total to 55 classroom computers total. Additionally, there are 33 student use computers on the first and second floors. Library staff are happily settling in to the new space. Our collection development focus is on Cascade this year, so we'll be adding a lot of new materials to the collection during the summer and onward. Please come visit us and see how the Library has changed!
- Cascade Campus hosted four classes of third-graders from **Alder Elementary School** in June. The students toured the campus and took part in hands-on activities provided by faculty and students from the Fire Protection Technology, Emergency Management, and Engineering programs. The students visit PCC annually in order to become familiar with and comfortable on a college campus, and to begin learning about the educational options available to them later in life.
- Cascade Campus took part in the **2016 Vanport Mosaic Festival** during June. The festival – of which PCC is a sponsor – commemorates the city of Vanport, at one time the second-largest city in Oregon, which was destroyed by flood on Memorial Day in 1948. The city sprang up to house wartime shipyard workers and served as the home for most of Oregon's newly-arrived African American residents. The campus hosted two screenings of the documentary "Lost City, Living Memories: Vanport Through the Voices of its Residents," and History professor James Harrison provided opening remarks at a commemoration of the 68th anniversary of the Vanport flood.
- In June, Cascade Campus hosted the graduation ceremony for **Trillium Charter School**, a nearby public K-12 charter school in North Portland, as part of the campus' ongoing commitment to serve as a community resource for institutions and organizations in its neighborhood.

Rock Creek Campus

- Twenty-four **High School Equivalency Program** (HEP) students walked across the stage in the Event Center at Rock Creek Campus Saturday, June 18 to collect their GED certificates. HEP, the Spanish GED program focused on moving students into the English

as a Second Language (ESL) program at Rock Creek, welcomes migrant and seasonal farmworkers who have dropped out or who never had the opportunity to obtain their high school equivalency. For many of these students, this accomplishment opens the door to college-level studies. Welcoming them on stage Saturday evening were campus President Dr. Sandra Fowler-Hill, Division Dean Dr. Karen Sanders, and HEP Director Norberto Espindola. This is one of the largest graduating classes in the six-year history of the program.

- Twenty-three students graduated from the Rock Creek **Veterinary Tech** program on June 10. They will take the National Board exam later this summer. The majority have accepted employment pending passage of the national exam. Thirty new students have been accepted for fall term.
- PCC campuses held a **memorial vigil** on June 22 honoring those killed or wounded during the June 12 Orlando shooting. The Rock Creek vigil drew approximately 55 participants. Volunteers held photographs of the victims read the name and age of each of the 49 people killed. The event was coordinated by ASPCC, the Multicultural Center, and the Rock Creek Queer Resources Center.
- Approximately 70 high school and college faculty from Washington, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties attended the June 21-23 **Northwest Promise** dual credit workshop at Rock Creek Campus in partnership with the Northwest Regional Education Services District. The grant-funded program, focusing on math, Spanish, and writing supports alternative and accelerated learning opportunities in area high schools. The group was welcomed to campus by President Sandra Fowler-Hill.
- This June, 87 percent of mentors and 88 percent of mentees completed their **Oregon Leadership Institute (OLI)** program at Rock Creek Campus. Since 1999, the program has helped Latino high school students develop leadership skills and learn about opportunities for college study. Current students (mentors) commit to facilitating five OLI Saturday sessions for mentees. To date, more than 500 high school students have graduated from the program.

Sylvania Campus

- The Gerontology Program at the Sylvania Campus completed the third of its conceptual design meetings on June 2 to create a vision for its **Therapeutic Learning Garden**. The Gerontology program is working with the Foundation to embark on a fundraising campaign to help bring phase 1 of the garden to life.
- PCC's **Students4Giving** class presented \$10,000 worth of grants June 7 to three local nonprofit organizations – PROWUS, Portland YouthBuilders, and Royal Family KIDS – as part of a term-long project focusing on student philanthropy. As part of the Sylvania Business Administration 208: Introduction to Nonprofits and Philanthropy course students chose to focus on agencies supporting at-risk youth in the Portland area. This year the class partnered with Doris Buffett's Learning by Giving Foundation which donated \$5,000 in matching funds to the \$5,000 Portland Community College raised.

- The Sylvania Campus hosted the **City of Tigard Employer Lunch and Tour** on June 2. Guests from manufacturing companies in the area were treated to a tour of the MakerSpace and the machine shop before discussing how to partner with PCC.

COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Office of Equity and Inclusion

- The college District Leaders of Diversity Council (DLDC) will host a summer retreat July 22.
- The DLDC subcommittee Listening Intervention Team (LITE) will begin training its first cohort in September.
- The DEI Certificate program, which includes professional development based upon 3 stages of DEI readiness, will begin its first cohort in October.
- OEI is convening a task force to address the Office of Civil Rights Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students.
- Inclusion Advocates, a recruitment and bias training for faculty and staff will begin this summer.
- A Social Justice Workshop and Social Justice 2.0 will take place in November.

PCC Foundation

- The Foundation is excited to announce that a record-breaking \$4.1 million in private and public support was raised this past fiscal year. Many thanks to all those that contributed generously to help support student access and success at PCC.
- The Foundation is pleased to report that over \$1.5 million in scholarships was awarded to about 1,500 students for next academic year. This is a 25% increase in support to positively impact our students.

Community Engagement/Strategic Communications

- Community Engagement has hired a freelance consultant for community relations support related to research for the bond renewal levy and to assist with onboarding the new college president.
- Community Engagement and Strategic Communications have begun partnering with bond levy campaign consultants to strategically plan for the coming year. Rob Wagner is leading this effort.
- Community Engagement and Strategic Communications have begun detailing initial plans for bond completion celebrations for both Rock Creek and Cascade campuses. Both are set to take place in fall 2016, most likely in October. Planning meetings have taken place with the bond office, campus presidents, and campus community relations managers.
- The 2016 Diamond Pride award winners were celebrated with a Board dinner, videos, and promotion through social media and other PCC channels. Continuing a year-long

effort to refresh PCC brand tools and resources, Strategic Communications redesigned elements of campus physical branding (pole banners, signage and posters), and completed student welcome days collateral.

- Enhancing PCC's national profile as a communications leader, the director of strategic communications and social media manager both presented at the national NCMPR Summer Institute on topics related to presidential communication at a large institution. Our associate director of strategic communication is president of this national council this year.
- Community Engagement served as the bridge between Public Safety and campus leadership to help fine-tune details surrounding campus-led moments of silence held across the college on June 22.
- Community Relations and Strategic Communications finalized logistics and materials (invitations, Power Point, content editing, etc.) with CLIMB for a breakfast CLIMB hosted at the Willow Creek Center on June 23. The target audience was Washington County-based employers, specifically in manufacturing. The meeting focused on the potential of launching a mechatronics program there, based on employer need for such a program.
- Rob Wagner, Kate Chester, and Celina Baguiao were invited to tour Marylhurst University on June 27 and meet with its director of admissions, director of marketing and communications, and manager of web communications. The invitation stemmed from the recent renewal of PCC's co-admission agreement with the university.

Grants Office

- **Oregon Talent Council - Realizing Advanced Manufacturing Potential in Portland (RAMP PDX) - \$577,500**

RAMP PDX will address key occupations and skills in the advanced manufacturing industry sector as described in the Oregon Talent Plan and will address the needs of both emerging and incumbent workers by incorporating:

1. Engaging outreach, including a strong MakerSpace component, for programs that lead to high-demand, high-growth, difficult-to-fill occupations in advanced manufacturing and related industry sectors;
2. Coaching for students and workers regarding creation of career and educational maps, support for accessing and completing training and/or credential programs, and connection to career exploration and work-based learning opportunities;
3. Training and educational opportunities in a new non-credit Certified Production Technician/Mechatronics Technology program, existing PCC credit certificate and degree programs (e.g., MMT, FMT, CADD, Digital Design and Fabrication, MT, EET), options for incumbent workers to "skill up" (e.g., CADD, CNC), and development of a bridge course to prepare students for credit programs that require strong math skills (e.g., engineering technology programs); and

4. Plans in collaboration with industry to build out articulated programs and pathways leading to high growth, high demand, and mission.
- **Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Open Educational Resources (OER) - \$37,491**
 This grant will provide funds to adapt two existing, successful OERs for the calculus sequence (MTH 251–254) which will better align with PCC’s Course Content and Outcome Guides (CCOGs). The OER will be written in MathBook XML (MBX), which offers accessible HTML output built with universal design principles. Additionally, MBX allows for a print version and an EPUB version for use on portable devices. All exercises for this textbook will be designed in WeBWork an online open-source homework platform that is supported by the Mathematical Association of America and the National Science Foundation (NSF).
 - **Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Innovative Activities Related to STEM - \$286,816**
 PCC’s Effecting Cross-Discipline Practices in Education for STEM Success (EXPrESS) project will expand recruitment, retention, and supports to women and underrepresented minority students in targeted Physics, Chemistry, and Engineering courses taken by students to fulfil program prerequisites and/or requirements at PCC as well as students planning to transfer into four-year STEM programs. This project will build on and expand existing efforts, successes, and lessons learned at PCC over the last five years. The following goals have been identified for the project:
 1. Increase the recruitment, retention, student success, and completion of targeted populations -- women and other underserved minority students who are enrolled in the targeted ENGR, CH, and PHY courses at PCC.
 2. Implement models, effective practices, and/or strategies that contribute to understanding the factors of supportive curricular/co-curricular activities that affect recruitment, retention, student success, academic/career pathways, and/or completion (including student transfer) for women and underserved minority students.
 3. Institutionalize effective curricular and co-curricular activities for women and underserved minority students in STEM pathways at PCC.
 - **Metro Area Communications Commission (MACC) – Public Communications Network Fund - \$94,121**
 These funds will replace the cameras in the PCC broadcast studio with up-to-date industry standard equipment. The studio will be dedicated to support students enrolled in Multimedia 264 Broadcast Media I and Multimedia 265 Broadcast Media II, as well as other students in courses that will collaborate to produce “PCC Bridges TV News.” This project will provide students with valuable job training and increase original programming for Channel 27.

- **AmeriCorps – Confluence Environmental Center, Rock Creek - \$13,300**
To obtain an AmeriCorps volunteer to be the Learning Garden Educator at the Rock Creek Campus. They will act as liaison between sustainability staff and the PCC community and provide outreach and education.
- **AmeriCorps – Confluence Environmental Center, Sylvania - \$13,300**
To obtain an AmeriCorps volunteer to be the Learning Garden Coordinator at the Sylvania Campus, including leading educational activities and overseeing service learning students and volunteers.

IN THE NEWS

- June 1: Willamette Week. Finalists for job as Portland Community College president leads campus in 'racial crisis'.
- June 1: Glenn Beck. Portland Community College devotes entire month to 'whiteness'-shaming.
- June 1: Daily Journal of Commerce. Scappoose chosen as site of \$7.5 million innovation center.
- June 1: St. Helens Chronicle. Legislature approves \$7.5 million for PCC's partnership on manufacturing innovation center.
- June 2: Portland Tribune. Southeast President Jessica Howard talked about transportation needs for 82nd and Division areas.
- June 2: Beaverton Valley Times. The Early College Program, a partnership between PCC and the Beaverton School District, was a life-changer for one young student.
- June 2: Portland Tribune. Jefferson High School revival takes hold thanks in part to PCC partnership.
- June 7: Portland Business Tribune. With help from PCC's SBDC, Five Star Guitars named National Small Business Person of the Year.
- June 10: Hillsboro Tribune. 1997 Hilhi grad will be featured speaker at Portland Community College commencement.
- June 14: Willamette Week. After taking a PCC class to learn how to start a business, Lucy de Leon has begun selling her family's salsas at New Seasons.
- June 19: The Oregonian. More than 200 PCC students, staff and faculty walked in the Portland Pride Parade.
- June 24: Hillsboro Tribune. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici wants students to 'feel safe' in schools, cites PCC supporting with FGHS students.
- June 24: Portland Business Journal. Marylhurst cited for its strong partnership with PCC that allows a seamless transfer to a four-year degree.

- June 28: Portland Business Journal. The Oregon Angel Fund staff regularly refers entrepreneurs to PCC's SBDC.