

# Monthly News from Portland Community College

August 2016

## ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

### Cascade Campus

- Cascade Campus continued its focused diversity and inclusion work during July. The Cascade Diversity Council held an all-day retreat during which members assessed the campus using the MultiCultural Organizational Development (MCOD) model and mapped out an inclusion change strategy for the coming academic year. The campus' Inclusion Change Team (a component of the MCOD model) underwent two training sessions, while the full Diversity Council received two days of training in Critical Race Theory.
- A group of students from Roosevelt High School's Jobs 101 program toured Cascade in July to learn about the campus' career/technical education (CTE) programs.
- A film crew from the television show "Portlandia" shot two scenes at Cascade Campus during July. This was the fourth time that the show has used the campus as a setting.
- The Cascade-based Paramedic program held a workshop for paramedic educators in July. The event attracted paramedic educators and professionals from around the region.

### Rock Creek Campus

- PCC Rock Creek received two major federal grants in July. The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) awarded a five-year grant of \$1,207,200 to the **TRIO Talent Search** program based at Rock Creek. Talent Search serves approximately 500 middle and high school students in Beaverton and Hillsboro school districts, providing them with academic, career, and financial counseling, tutoring, and mentoring that supports their graduation from high school and enrollment and graduation from a postsecondary institution. Among those who assisted with the grant were Vanessa Wood, Jill Gear, Narce Rodriguez, and the PCC Office of Institutional Effectiveness.
- A second five-year DOE award of \$2,061,170 supports the **College Assistance Migrant Program** (CAMP) that provides aid to migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs) and members of their immediate families to help them complete their first academic year of college and continue in post-secondary education. CAMP is based at the Rock Creek Campus and will serve 45 students in collaboration with more than 30 partners. Among those who assisted with this grant were Vanessa Wood, Narce Rodriguez, Beto Espindola, Karen Sanders, Vicky Lopez Sanchez, and Perry Angle.  
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- Rock Creek welcomed 150 new PCC **Oregon Promise** students and their parents July 28-29. The students learned about maintaining grant eligibility, financial aid, campus

resources, academic advising, and placement testing in advance of fall registration. A second group of Oregon Promise students visited Rock Creek August 16-17.

- Sixteen new **Caterpillar Dealer Service Technicians** received their two-year associates degrees June 22 during a ceremony at the Rock Creek campus. The program is a partnership between PCC and participating CAT dealerships across the northwest with services in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. The program will welcome 24 new students to the ThinkBig program fall term.
- The 95 Beaverton High School seniors who graduated June 2 from the **Early College High School program** at PCC Rock Creek represent the largest Early College group in the history of the program and tallied \$924,281 in dual enrollment tuition savings.
- Twenty-three Rock Creek campus and College Advancement staff members hit the road July 25 for the annual **Day in Washington County** bus tour. The group visited Terra Nova School; Stoneboat Farm; Campbell's 3D Archery; Blooming Junction; Camp Sergio, a labor camp for migrant workers; Baker Rock; and TopGolf. Several sites offered either employment opportunities for PCC students or potential partnerships with PCC's Community Education program.

### **Sylvania Campus**

- Sylvania Sociology instructor, **Kim Smith** was featured on The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) website for her work in the advancement of sustainability at PCC and her community. Smith is an AASHE Board member and the coordinator of the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN). She will be leading a workshop at the 2016 AASHE Conference & Expo during the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and UNESCO's new Global Action Program (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Baltimore, MD, October 9-12.
- Sylvania campus hosted its annual **Summer Cultural Luau** on July 14. More than 250 faculty, staff, and students enjoyed the local fare and music provided by our own Ed Tjaden's band, Sons of Aloha.
- More than 100 middle school students visited the Sylvania campus Wednesday, July 19 for the **"Your Future Begins Today!"** event sponsored by PCC, Beaverton School District, and the Portland Metro STEM Partnership. Part of Beaverton School District's Migrant Education Program, students participated in a variety of hands-on STEM activities, including experience in engineering, the MakerSpace, native plants and insects, anatomy and health professions, and the connections between chemistry and shelter, water, art, and transportation.
- Twenty-three local middle school students spent July 18-22 participating in the free **iDesign Workshop**, where they were taught how to set up, run, and profit from their own microbusinesses. The young entrepreneurs designed, created, and learned how to market their own custom decals, popup cards, and stenciled totes to help them understand what one would need to start their own business. The curriculum also

taught the students about copyright, specifically permissions around the use of artwork. The camp, provided through a partnership with area high schools and a grant from the Oregon Department of Education, helps underrepresented youth see themselves in creative, entrepreneurial, STEM focused fields.

- Girl Scout troops from Woodburn and Forest Grove partnered with PCC and the **Wind and Oar Boat School** July 25-29 to build a 12-foot skiff and test it in the Sylvania pool. The group of young girls built the boat under the direction of the Wind and Oar Boat School, which engages underserved youth in STEAM projects. For many of the young students, this was their first time successfully using tools, building something from start to finish, and carefully planning a project.
- With the help of local school districts and a grant from the Oregon Department of Education, the Sylvania campus hosted a four-week, dual credit **Digital Fabrication Camp** for high school students aged 14-18. The camp, which ran from mid-July to early August, offered students 7.5 PCC credit hours in Machine Manufacturing Technology that can be applied towards a Digital Fabrication Certificate, a program slated to begin in December, 2016. Students were introduced to Computer Assisted Machining (CAM) systems, laser cutting, printing, router fundamentals, digital laser scanning, and project machine technology through the creation of a board game.

### **Newberg Center**

- The executive leadership team and friends from the Sylvania Campus visited the Newberg Center Tuesday, July 26 to help build the foundation of the cob shed in the new **Learning Garden**. Under the supervision of PCC Building Construction Technology instructor Bernhard Masterson, the group helped pour concrete for the foundation of the shed.
- A constituency of PCC administrators and friends walked in the annual **Newberg Old Fashioned Grand Festival Parade** on Saturday, July 30. Parade goers were welcomed by one of PCC's green cars. The PCC group was led by Sylvania campus president Dr. Lisa Avery and Newberg Center Director Lynn Montoya Quinn.

### **Worksource Development**

- PCC Worksource Beaverton/Hillsboro staff, in partnership with PCC CLIMB, completed four successful rounds of **Certified Production Assistant (CPT)** trainings in the 2015-16 program year at Willow Creek Center. PCC staff at Worksource Portland Metro, Beaverton/Hillsboro assisted 40 job seekers in completing this training, 78% of whom achieved employment in the manufacturing industry sector with wages ranging from \$13.99 to \$26.00 per hour. This was the most successful location for this training in the region.

### **CLIMB Center & Office of Equity and Inclusion**

- PCC CLIMB Center has been partnering with the Office of Equity and Inclusion to manage course delivery for faculty and staff focusing on three learning tracks of training on diversity, equity, and inclusion: **Discovery, Understanding, and Social Justice**. The

courses are being designed as CEUs and could lead to a non-credit certificate in time. The first course will launch fall term. Once established at PCC, the CLIMB Center sees the opportunity to bring this training to other organizations within the community.

## COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

### PCC Foundation

- On June 29, PCC Foundation hosted its annual luncheon celebration and demonstration during the final days of our first **Robotics and Rapid Prototyping Summer Camps** at Sylvania's new Digital Design & Fabrication Center (formerly MakerSpace). Nearly 70 guests visited and celebrated the work of camp participants, including 35 local high school students, as well as industry friends and sponsors, such as Mentor Graphics and Boeing. This year's new and enhanced Robotics Camps were able to leverage an Oregon Department of Education grant that launched two other camps this summer -- an iDesign Workshop, a one-week tech entrepreneurship camp for middle schoolers; and a 12.5-credit Digital Design and Fabrication Certificate program for local high school students.
- The PCC Foundation continues to work on its **campaign plan** that will provide a roadmap for how we move forward with our first-ever comprehensive campaign. To date, more than \$4.9 million has been raised toward a goal of \$20 million. \$2.3 million of that is from Declarations of Intent from people who have included PCC in their wills.

### Strategic Communications

- Strategic Communications is collaborating with the Office of the President and Community Relations to plan welcome activities and outreach for **President Mitsui's** first 120 days.
- We are currently planning **signature fall events and activities**, including District In-Service and October open houses celebrating the completion of bond construction on the Rock Creek and Cascade campuses. These efforts will help set the stage for a planned bond renewal campaign in spring of 2017.
- Supporting success for PCC's high-profile cohort of **Oregon Promise** students, Strategic Communications provided collateral, swag, and communication strategy for orientations and key activities.

### Grants

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- The Oregon Talent Council awarded PCC a one-year, \$577,500 grant for the **Realizing Advanced Manufacturing Potential in Portland (RAMP PDX)** project. RAMP PDX will train, place, advance, and retain participants in a variety of advanced manufacturing jobs. The project will focus on increasing the pipeline for the many advanced manufacturing companies in the region and will implement engaging outreach, coaching/mentoring, work-based learning opportunities, and non-credit and credit certificate and degree programs in collaboration with industry. This includes the development of a new industry-driven, noncredit Mechatronics program at the Willow Creek Center.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Portland Community College has been honored by APPA: Leadership in Education Facilities with the **2016 International Sustainability Award**. APPA is one of the oldest higher education association (104 years old) with members in US, Canada, and Mexico. The award is designed to recognize and advance sustainability excellence in educational facilities and to applaud the integration of sustainable policies and “green” practices throughout all facets of an organization. PCC was recognized for innovative waste management, commitment to green building practices, outreach and education efforts, and student leadership in sustainability. PCC Facilities Management Director Tony Ichsan and Briar Schoon, the college’s Sustainability Manager, traveled to Nashville, TN the week of July 11 to attend APPA’s annual conference and receive the award. The college’s achievements in sustainability will also be featured in the upcoming Facilities Manager magazine.

## IN THE NEWS

- July 7: [Portland Tribune](#). Southern Oregon University was the first college honored as a Bee Campus USA, and Portland Community College became the fourth campus.
- July 8: [KOIN TV](#). PCC instructor allegedly embezzled more than \$100K.
- July 13: [The Oregonian](#) & [Patch.com](#). Headed by Portland Community College, the Opening Doors project will provide career-technical education and college and career advice and opportunities to about 100 young women over the next three years.

- July 13: The Oregonian, KPTV, KOIN & KBOO Radio. Michael Strickland, the man charged with waving a gun at protesters last week at a Don't Shoot PDX march, has been banned from Portland State and Portland Community College's campuses.
- July 22: KGW, Portland Tribune, The Oregonian and Portland Business Journal. Portland Community College's board of directors has announced the selection of Mark Mitsui as the college's next president.
- July 22: Portland Tribune. Portland Community College will give more help to low-income, first-generation students thanks to a \$1.3 million grant from the state.
- July 27: Bike Portland. Portland Community College uses cargo trikes instead of trucks to keep Cascade Campus quiet.