

Monthly News from Portland Community College

September 2016

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Cascade Campus

- Cascade Campus once again partnered with the Peninsula Park Community Center and the Piedmont Neighborhood association to put on their annual **National Night Out** celebration at Peninsula Park in August. Campus representatives were present to hand out enrollment and registration information, give away PCC-branded items, answer questions, and provide face painting for the many children in attendance. This year's National Night Out represented the second consecutive year that PCC has partnered with its neighbors on this event.
- Managers from the Cascade and Southeast campuses met during August for what is believed to be PCC's first bi-campus **managerial retreat**. The group heard a report on changing demographic and economic trends from a state economist and discussed ways in which both campuses could work together to better meet the needs of eastside PCC students.
- Cascade hosted a special **town hall meeting** with the Portland City Council in August. The meeting, which drew a capacity crowd in the Terrell Hall Auditorium, addressed proposed changes to Portland Police Bureau disciplinary guidelines.
- **The Youth and the Law Project** – a collaboration between area schools, including PCC, and community groups designed to educate young people about how to be safe when interacting with police – celebrated the end of its summer project at Cascade during August. A group of Roosevelt High School students, working out of a Cascade campus classroom over the summer, created a graphic novel depicting several scenarios in which young people might cross paths with police and suggesting safe courses of action for each. The students earned PCC credit for their efforts and the novel will be distributed to Portland high schools this academic year.
- The **Multnomah County Circuit Court** held a special public session at Cascade during August. The session is part of an ongoing partnership between the Court and the PCC Paralegal program, designed to give students and the public an up-close look at the judicial process.

Rock Creek Campus

- The first class of **Oregon Promise** students visited Rock Creek campus Aug. 17 to learn the basics required to enroll and prepare for the first day of fall term Sept. 26. Approximately 80 students were greeted on by college outreach staff and Oregon Sen. Mark Hass, one of the founders of the Oregon Promise program. Hass chatted with students and parents from Washington and Columbia county high schools, encouraging them to make the most of the historic opportunity.

- Rock Creek campus hosted a Bethany neighborhood meeting on Aug. 17 in collaboration with Washington County. The meeting focused on the proposed **Child Development Center** to open on campus near the Washington County Museum in fall of 2017.
- Rock Creek campus welcomed a group of **Educational Equity Interns** from Campus Compact of Oregon to campus on Aug. 18. The group met with Campus President Sandra Fowler-Hill who led an open discussion involving the student experience, child care, admissions, financial aid, and other topics connected to student life. The group later toured the campus and reported that, “the farm animals made their day.”
- The Aug. 25 Rock Creek **New Student Welcome Day** drew some 102 students from approximately 30 regional high schools to a full day of workshops and information sessions. Financial aid, campus resources, opportunities for student leadership, and Study Abroad were included in a long list of topics the students were encouraged to investigate.

Southeast Campus

- Aug. 8, PCC Chief Diversity Officer, Kim Baker-Flowers hosted the **HECC Equity Advisory Committee** meeting at the Southeast campus. HECC leaders Executive Director Ben Cannon and Chief Culture, Diversity and Inclusion Officer Cheryl Meyers toured the campus and became better acquainted with the services and programs located at the Southeast campus.
- Southeast campus President Dr. Jessica Howard hosted and chaired a **Public Safety Committee** meeting Aug. 2. This meeting continues to gather stakeholders and community members in the surrounding neighborhoods. Attendees included leaders of the Jade District NPI, ODOT, PBOT, City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Portland Police Bureau East Precinct Representatives, Warner Pacific College, 82nd Ave Business Association and representatives from many local neighborhood associations.
- Aug. 11, Southeast and Cascade campus leaders came together to host a strategic meeting to discuss serving the **eastside of Portland**, and the distinct responsibilities and insights to be most aware of. State economist Christian Kaylor highlighted specific economic analysis points to help fuel the discussion later held by individual campus leaders. Issues of priority were noted and campus-level teams will continue to work with Dr. Howard and Dr. Edwards to further the discussion and findings.
- The **Community College Student Success Oversight Committee** met in Salem Aug. 18 with Campus President Jessica Howard attending as a member. The SSOC will serve as the advisory committee for the new statewide Student Success Center, an opportunity secured by Jobs for the Future, the Ford Foundation, and the Oregon Community Foundation.
- Southeast Campus hosted the second **Jade International Night Market** Saturday, Aug. 20 and 27. The market was visited by over 20,000 community, business, and local leaders who enjoyed the over 85 vendor booths, 20 food carts and booths, and two entertainment stages. The community was also able to say the “first hello” to new

college president Mark Mitsui who addressed the crowd during the evening. Campus President Jessica Howard and Community Relations Manager Chabre Vickers emceed the event and look forward to many more years of what has become a long sought after community event.

Workforce Development and Community Education

- The Fostering Success program recently established the **Fostering Success Program Fund** with the PCC Foundation office. The fund will support the program, establish funds for foster youth students, and provide scholarships for non-credit certificates.
- The Institute for Health Professionals is working with the **Sylvania Dental Department** to develop a non-credit dental assistant course, as well as a radiology CT course.
- The Small Business Development Center's Jill Beaman, lead for the Getting Your Recipe to Market program, is working with the Food Innovation Center at Oregon State University to create a food pavilion at the upcoming **Specialty Food Conference** in San Francisco.
- The training graduate rate for **Worksource Central** during the fourth quarter of Program Year 15-16 was 92%, which equals 153% of the performance target goal.
- **Worksource Tualatin** delivered Workforce Development's first incumbent worker project from Worksystems, Inc. In Program Year 15-16, 47 incumbent worker training projects were completed with 20 businesses in the high-tech and manufacturing industries. Over 540 incumbent workers benefited from training.
- Over 30 businesses and more than 400 former Intel employees attended **Worksource Beaverton/Hillsboro's** job fair for displaced Intel employees at the end of August.
- **Portland Metro Workforce Training Center** (PMWTC) staff met with representatives from the Federal Department of Agriculture to discuss PCC's delivery of services to county ABAWD (Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependent) participants. This was part of a larger audit of the State Department of Human Services ABAWD services. Auditors expressed appreciation for the time spent and commitment of service to ABAWD participants at PMWTC.
- **Washington County Workforce Development** achieved 100% of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) enrollment targets for the regional Health Careers Northwest grant at the close of August.

COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Communications

- Community Engagement is working with Strategic Communications, Workforce Development, and the Bond program to keep internal and external stakeholders aware of the latest developments associated with the **Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center** program. This includes the PCC Board of Directors, the internal college

community, and local area media and community members. Vehicles have included internal letters from the Office of the College President and media updates to reporters.

- Community Engagement has set a variety of meet-and-greet opportunities in late September for **PCC President Mitsui** with editors and higher education reporters from local print media outlets, including the Oregonian, Portland Tribune, Asian Reporter, and Oregon Business Magazine.
- Community Engagement partnered with the Registrar's Office and Rock Creek campus to support and promote an **Oregon Promise** student and parent(s) orientation in August, which was attended by Sen. Mark Hass and his team.
- To advance faculty success and welcome our new president, Strategic Communications provided primary support for PCC's signature **In-service** event, creating and executing all creative elements, as well as the program, lunch, and a college-wide "panther pins" game.
- To support and enhance critical fund-raising activities, Strategic Communications provided significant design and communications support for PCC's faculty/staff campaign, scholarship reception, Future Connect reception, and comprehensive campaign planning activities.
- The presidential communications team worked closely with the office of the president to develop an outreach plan and new communications tools and processes supporting President Mitsui's transition

Foundation

- The PCC Foundation received over 2,500 scholarship applications for the academic year 2016/17. We are pleased to announce that approximately \$850,000 has been awarded in scholarships to over 500 deserving students.
- The Foundation is honored to report new declarations of intent for estate gifts totaling over \$2.3 million which includes \$1.1 million from retired PCC faculty members.
- The Foundation is excited that the following community leaders have joined the Foundation Board of Trustees: Abel Ahumada Alaniz, PCC Diamond Alum; Honorable Margaret Carter, PCC Diamond Alum; State Senator Chip Shields, Oregon Legislature; Dale Pellow, former President and CEO, Howard S. Wright Construction; Ami Margolin Rome, Development Director at Oregon Episcopal School and daughter of PCC Board Member Doreen Margolin.

Office of Equity and Inclusion

- The Listening Intervention Team (LITE), a subcommittee of the District Leaders of Diversity Council (DLDC), 1st cohort begins Sept. 30.
- The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Certificate program (pending approval) begins Oct. 4. This is beginning-stage DEI training for PCC faculty and staff.

- To make PCC Strategic Plan Theme 5, strategic intention 5-2 more accessible, a Critical Race Theory (CRT) Toolkit will be available at In-service. The Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) will begin a toolkit tour, along with members of the DLDC marketing committee, in the fall.
- Inclusion Advocates' curriculum written by OEI and based on Oregon State's Search Advocate program (used with permission) will begin in the fall facilitated by OEI and HR.
- The Title IX online training has been live since late July and is reaching all PCC faculty, staff, and students.
- The Title IX & EEO online reporting system (Advocate GM) is now live and in use.
- The new Title IX brochure that is in compliance with HSB759 has been distributed and is live on the OEI website.
- The OEI Speakers/Practitioners Bureau is live on the website with current faculty and staff who are available to speak/facilitate on DEI topics for the PCC community.

Grants

- **National Science Foundation Scholarships in STEM (NSF S-STEM)**
PCC was awarded a 5-year grant of \$997,253 beginning September 1st, 2016. Realizing Engineering Technology Achievement (RETA) focusing on increasing the number of women and underrepresented minorities in three targeted programs, Electronic Engineering Technology (EET), Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology (CMET), and Machine Manufacturing Technology (MCH). PCC will offer a total of 104 one-year scholarships with an expectation that 52 students (4 cohorts of 13 students) will receive these scholarships for two years at PCC. Six additional awards will be one-year scholarships awarded to RETA scholars who have completed their two-year program at PCC and enroll at Oregon Institute of Technology. In addition to the scholarships, RETA will provide specific wrap-around support services, such as intensive advising, dedicated tutors, exposure to women and minority industry role models, and cohort-building activities.

Title III FLAIR Grant

- The Title III FLAIR grant, awarded in 2010, has released its final project improving access to student employment and career development resources at PCC. Students can now access all on- and off-campus employment opportunities from a new "Need a Job?" channel on the Paying for College tab in MyPCC.
- This final project also includes two new self-service tutorials: "How to Choose a Career" and "Connecting College to Career." The tutorials assist students in understanding a career development process that leads to future employment. They can be accessed via Panther Tracks: Guides to Student Success at pcc.edu/panther-tracks. In addition, a career reference guide promotes reliable resources regarding employment trends, salary comparisons, job search preparation, etc.
- <http://guides.pcc.edu/YourCareerDevelopment>

- Career Exploration Specialists, Jobs & Internship Specialists, the Financial Aid Work Study Coordinator, and Workforce Development staff members collaborated during the past three years to integrate their resources according to a common career development framework. Their work enabled the development of a "one-stop" website that links all existing career services and resources throughout the college: pcc.edu/pantherworks. The PCC Marketing and Communications department in College Advancement developed PCC Panther Works. Special thanks to them for their collaboration and leadership!
- The Title III FLAIR program presents its program review Sept. 16 to college leadership and the grant will end on Sept. 30.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- The Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies honored the Rock Creek Campus Landscape Technology (LAT) Program with an award recognizing outstanding community partnership involving LAT, PCC, and Clean Water Services (CWS). LAT and CWS staff recently collaborated to create a training focused on "Vegetated Private Water Quality Facility Management." The award was accepted by Rock Creek Campus President Sandra Fowler Hill on Sept. 9.

IN THE NEWS

- Aug. 1: [Community College Times & Chronicle of Higher Education](#). Mark Mitsui will be the next president of Portland Community College in Oregon, effective August 29.
- Aug. 2: [Portland Tribune](#). Portland Community College and five out of the state's six public universities also have changed presidents since 2015.
- Aug. 2: [Argus Observer](#). TVCC and Portland Community College were the lone Oregon schools to win high school equivalency program grants.
- Aug. 4: [Tigard Times](#). Mark Mitsui to take reins as PCC president on Aug. 29.
- Aug. 5: [The Oregonian](#). Reporter Amy Wang featured PCC Diamond Alum Brenda Mallory, who has a new art show that explores connections between beauty and brokenness.
- Aug. 17: [Newberg Graphic](#). PCC's Newberg Center calling all hands for cob shed project.
- Aug. 23: [KGW TV](#). Reporter tries out for PCC's handball team and discovers it's really hard.
- Aug. 23: [Portland Tribune](#). PCC hosts the annual Jade District International Market Night.
- Aug. 25: [Portland Tribune](#). PCC grad Kole Myrick talks about PCC's development of queer resource centers and being on the forefront of transgender issues.
- Aug. 26: [Hillsboro Tribune](#). New Oregon Promise law gives recent high school grads chance to continue education at PCC.
- Aug. 26: [South County Spotlight](#). PCC names new chair, vice chair.
- Aug. 29: [Patch.com](#). PCC gets grant to train and place students in manufacturing jobs.