

Monthly News from Portland Community College

October 2016

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Rock Creek Campus

- The New Faculty Institute, held at the Rock Creek Campus September 13-14, welcomed new faculty from throughout the college. The two-day marathon was geared to introduce new full- and part-time faculty to the challenging and joyful side of PCC scholarship and student life. Breakout sessions focused on student success, technology in the classroom, assessment and how best to navigate the PCC system. The 16-member planning committee represented the entire college community.
- **Rock Creek's 40th birthday celebration** officially launched during the campus In-Service on September 20. Even Zippy the Drone made an appearance by capturing faculty and staff on the lawn in front of Building 7 spelling out the birthday year (see photo!). The campus will spend the next 12 months celebrating its history. For more information about the year-long celebration, please visit: <http://news.pcc.edu/2016/09/rock-creek-40th/>.
- While the **Springville Road** widening project is not scheduled to begin until spring of 2017, the college is working with Washington County to schedule an open house at Rock Creek for interested students, faculty, staff and Bethany neighbors who will be inconvenienced by the project. The road will be made wider by five lanes between 185th and 178th. Five lanes will also be added in width on 185th between West Union, just north of Springville Road. Bike lanes and sidewalks, street lighting, upgraded storm drainage, safety enhancements and a signal light at 185th and Springville Road are all included in the project which is scheduled for completion by fall 2018.
- The **College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)** welcomed 40 students to Rock Creek Campus September 22 for fall term orientation. The new students spent the day getting to know the campus and learning just how much is expected of them during their first year at PCC. The program is funded by the US Department of Education which awarded Rock Creek a \$396,972 grant in July.
- Again this year, Rock Creek staff participated in the annual **Wings & Wheels** event held at the Scappoose Industrial Airpark September 10. The venue is a winning match for Rock Creek's Aviation Science and Aviation Maintenance Technology programs.

Southeast Campus

- On Friday, September 9th the Southeast Campus Gallery hosted local artist, and illustrator, Steven Christian. Known for his vibrant illustrations and recent animation in documentaries this show is Steven's first solo exhibit. The reception on Friday evening drew over sixty people, and the artist enjoyed over 18 individual sales including many one of a kind original art pieces, books, posters, and stickers. The art show named Black Heroes Matter will be up in the Southeast Art Gallery exhibit space until Friday, October 28th.
- Monday, September 12th new **College President Mark Mitsui visited the Southeast Campus** to get to know the campus students, staff, and faculty. The visit started out with the monthly Southeast gathering known as Bagels, Coffee, and Conversation a no pressure, informal way to start the week spending time with campus leaders and staff and faculty from all over the campus. President Mitsui visited the STEM Center and met local community partners who are adding value to this incredible community. The next stop was the Answer Center where President Mitsui learned more about the Oregon Promise experience for new students. After an hour of discussion, President Mitsui met with campus management and leadership to discuss his plans moving forward and to hear feedback from the various campus departments. The tour ended with the President lunching with the Campus Management team and Campus President Jessica Howard.
- September 16th, Campus President Jessica Howard, Dean of Students Miriam Friedman, and Dean of Instruction Craig Kolins held a new Faculty half day on-boarding institute for new Southeast Faculty. The time was spent meeting new faculty and introducing them to the Southeast Campus' demographic data, collective goals and culture. It was also an opportunity for new faculty to connect with campus allies, faculty members who will help them navigate PCC as they begin their journey here.
- On September 20th the **Southeast Campus held its campus in-service**, attended by PCC Board Member Jim Harper who stayed for the duration to hear from campus constituencies. President Mark Mitsui attended as well, demonstrating his plan to "hit the ground listening" while he joined campus faculty, staff, and students for lunch. Southeast President Jessica Howard spent the afternoon visiting with various campus groups to answer questions and share plans for the academic year.
- On Friday, September 23rd Campus President Jessica Howard hosted a table at the **Latino Network's annual fundraiser gala, La Noche Bella**. Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Kali Thorne Ladd, President Mark Mitsui, and several other PCC leaders attended to support an incredible organization. Dr. Howard received notoriety as a Latino Network board member who helped ensure the night's success.

- For the first day of Fall term, President Mark Mitsui greeted new students, including many of this year's first cohort of the Oregon Promise, at the Welcome Back table. President Mitsui also made a quick stop by a Math 20 class to offer his support and encouragement for the new year. The visit and time spent were much appreciated.

Sylvania Campus

- The Sylvania Campus hosted a **Visioning Meeting** on Thursday, Sept. 15 and Friday, Sept. 16. The Visioning meeting came to fruition after the SW Corridor Steering Committee asked for PCC's response to the new transportation that will come to the area and as a launch pad to the Master Plan. More than 70 members of faculty, staff, and the community joined the two-day visioning to share their ideas of the future of Sylvania.

COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Advancement

Foundation

- The PCC Foundation has worked with its Board, staff and a consultant to finalize its **Campaign Plan** for PCC's first comprehensive campaign. We begin a series of social mixers this fall to introduce major donor prospects to President Mitsui and the new campaign.
- The Foundation also launched its annual Faculty Staff and Retiree campaign last month. This year the campaign, entitled **Yes We Can**, includes a gift of \$5000 in food for campus food pantries from Whole Food Markets if we secure donations from 700 members of our PCC community.
- Major gifts received this past month include an \$80,000 grant from Gateway to College, \$20,000 from the Oregon International Air Show, new \$25,000 scholarship endowments from Michael and Ruth Morrow and the Hillsboro Elks Lodge, and a \$25,000 Future Connect grant from Portland General Electric.

Community Engagement

- Community Engagement is finalizing its work with an external contractor on a community engagement capacity assessment. The resulting document will serve as a blueprint for PCC's relationships and connections with civic and community organizations, governmental bodies, business and industry partners, media and many more entities.

- Community Engagement is beginning work with the committees and groups associated with the **Facilities Master Planning** process, and soon, with those working on the **Academic Master Planning** process. Work to be done will include developing internal communications, organizing forums, creating a Web page and feedback forms, and more.
- Community Engagement has arranged a variety of meet-and-greet opportunities in late October for PCC President Mitsui. These will include editors and higher education reporters from local print media outlets including the *Oregonian*, *Portland Tribune*, *Asian Reporter* and *Oregon Business Magazine*, and is in the process of confirming an OPB Radio "Think Out Loud" appearance for him in November.

Strategic Communications

- Strategic Communications produced **PCC's District In-service**, an annual signature event intended to launch the academic year for faculty and staff. This year's event included a welcome ceremony for President Mitsui and a separate Q&A. Support included all creative execution, videos, full program development, promotion and logistical coordination.
- To support the PCC Foundation's development activities, Strategic Communications provided creative concepts, collateral and web materials for the **Faculty Staff and Retiree Campaign**, as well as advocate toolkits and a complete naming strategy for the upcoming comprehensive campaign.
- In support of the month-long **PCC Cyber Security Awareness Month**, the team created posters and other visual elements, and oversaw the creation of videos, messages and web materials.

Grants Office

- Oregon Department of Human Services – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training Grant - \$2,392,744
PCC will lead a consortium of six Oregon community colleges including Chemeketa, Klamath, Lane, Linn Benton, and Mt. Hood. The consortium will offer employment and training services to over 900 SNAP recipients. Participants will have access to remedial education, job search services, job search training, work experience and educational/vocational training, including Career Pathways. All participants will receive wraparound support from Career Coaches to ensure their success in the program. The goal of the program is to place participants in living-wage jobs so that they can transition off SNAP benefits. At PCC, the Career Pathways Department, the Willow Creek and Portland Metro Workforce Development programs will be conducting outreach to increase students' connection to college services: including GED, ESL, Career Pathways certificates, internships, and jobs. The Career Pathways team will also be providing

Career and College Success Coaching and access to support services (transportation and scholarships).

Human Resources

- Twelve Full-time Faculty positions are approved for the **2017 Block Hire**. Posting of positions will begin on October 19, 2016, with a Best Consideration date of November 21st, and final offers made by April 1, 2017. Twelve additional CTE Faculty will open for recruitment by Winter Term.
- HR is working with the IT Web Team and Strategic Communications to **redesign PCC's Jobs Page** to be more inviting to prospective candidates, and will include featured jobs, employee profiles and a highlight of major PCC accomplishments and events. The new page is scheduled to go live in time for the opening of the Block Hire job postings on October 19.

IT

- October is **Cyber Security Awareness Month**. PCC's IT Department is hosting a series of Tech Talks throughout the month at campuses and centers across the district and there are downloadable materials, videos and more on our website. This years' themes are around protecting your data both at home and at PCC.
- Our legacy student placement process using **Compass** will be replaced in October for the start of Winter Term. The new approach is a result of over a year's analysis of best practices and national data. The three-pronged approach to student placement will evaluate:
 - Direct placement using existing data such as GED,
 - Facilitated direct placement, which supplements direct placement with ALEKS (Math) and Accuplacer (reading/writing) tests, and
 - Staff supported placement combining the above with in-person advising.
- Our application teams are working hard to implement the technology integration to Banner for ALEKS and Accuplacer, as well as some web functionality by the October deadline.

Student Records

- **PDF Rush e-Transcripts** will go live with a soft roll out this month (October).
- We are convening a **FERPA Advisory Task Force** to help perform a FERPA audit across the district as well as help shape policy and practice around FERPA compliance.

- We are working to determine how to on-board ITT Tech students with relation to academic records, credit transfer, and completion.

Student Services

- Disability Services partnered with faculty to create a robust accessible activity packet for instructors teaching Math 20. The activity packet is an OER with creative commons licensing. It exists in multiple formats including printable documents and accessible html that uses MathML. This means students can use magnification, text to speech, and refreshable braille technology to access materials directly. In addition, there are 3D printed fraction kits that were designed by a PCC student. These fraction kits, along with other manipulatives, allow faculty to engage students with hands-on exploration, supporting learners who may have struggled with traditional instructional techniques.

Workforce Development & Community Education

Career Pathways

- PCC will lead a consortium of six Oregon community colleges on a federal USDA **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** Employment and Training 50/50 grant (SNAP 50/50). Included are Chemeketa, Klamath, Lane, Linn Benton, Mt. Hood community colleges along with PCC. The consortium will offer Career Pathways employment and training services to close to 500 SNAP recipients. Participants will have access to GED, ESOL, and developmental education courses, as well as support accessing Career Pathways certificate programs, internship and jobs. All participants will receive wraparound support from Career Pathways Career Coaches to ensure their success in the program. The goal of the program is to place participants in living-wage jobs with pathways for advancement, so they can transition off SNAP benefits. At PCC, the Career Pathways Department, the Willow Creek and Portland Metro Workforce Training Center programs will also be conducting outreach to increase students' connection to grant services and college programs. College success and career coaching will be provided by the Career Pathways team, including support services/resources for students' success (transportation and scholarships).

Workforce Development - Washington County

- Department of Human Services has funded a computer lab at **Willow Creek Center** for contextualized job readiness instruction. **ABAWD (Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents)** Food Stamp recipients who are non-native English participants will receive enhanced English language instruction to prepare them for employment and training. Linkages are being developed for connecting job seekers to Worksource and SNAP 50/50 programs and resources. Services have rolled out October 1.

HONORS and AWARDS

- Three **Rock Creek Campus** members have been selected to participate in leadership training by three of the area's most prominent civic organizations. Angie Berdahl, Dean of the Arts and English Division, was selected for Leadership Hillsboro. Vicky Lopez-Sanchez, director of TRIO Talent Search, was named to Leadership Beaverton. Eder Mondragon, Assistant Coordinator of the Rock Creek Multicultural Center, was selected to participate in the Latino Leadership Program sponsored by the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.
- On September 9, the **Landscape Technology program** at Rock Creek Campus received the 2016 Special Recognition Award from the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies. The award focused on the new modular training curriculum, Vegetated Private Water Quality Facility Management, designed to benefit landscape professionals, municipalities, water providers and PCC students. The training is intended for anyone who owns or manages the vegetated facilities designed to clean storm water and prevent erosion.
- The Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation announced that the **PCC Eyeglass Program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility** was selected for the Legacy Health Partner of the Year award. Several PCC staff attended the Lions Hall of Fame Gala on Saturday, October 1st to receive the award.
- **Portland Metro Workforce Training Center** was awarded the Vocational Technical (VT) contract with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide VT services for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) clients for Multnomah County.

IN THE NEWS

- Sept. 1: **Portland Tribune**. Highlighted PCC's \$577,000 grant to spur manufacturing training and the board's recent announcement of the new chair, vice chair.
- Sept. 1: **Portland Business Journal**. PCC recognized for environmental excellence, keeps working for footprint reduction.
- Sept. 1: **The Oregonian**. Janitor and PCC grad turned Nike shoe developer starts community coffeehouse
- Sept. 6: **KATU**. PCC is exploring how to best help students stranded by the closure of ITT Tech.
- Sept. 6: **Portland Tribune**. A variety of loan programs and help from PCC has helped Brew Dr. Kombucha become the third largest kombucha producer in U.S.

- Sept. 7: **Forest Grove News-Times**. Local Oregon Promise grads are enrolling at PCC.
- Sept. 8: **Lake Oswego Review**. Officials at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus are inviting the public to help them envision what the school will look like in 25 years and beyond.
- Sept. 8: **Portland Tribune**. Three employees of Portland Community College advanced to collegewide leadership positions over the summer. The college announced Aug. 30.
- Sept. 8: **The Oregonian**. The rapid-bus project has been billed as a project to connect higher education centers at Portland State University, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland Community College's Southeast Portland campus and Mt. Hood Community College.
- Sept. 8: **South County Spotlight**. Portland Community College, a key player in the OMIC, is on track to develop a workforce training center, college officials say.
- Sept. 13: **Inside Higher Education**. Mark Mitsui, deputy assistant secretary for community colleges at the U.S. Department of Education, has been appointed President of Portland Community College, in Oregon.
- Sept. 29: **Tigard Times**. PCC keeping and expanding the 'Promise' in 2016-17.