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**SELECTION OF PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2008 DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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REPORT: In 2007, the Board established the Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to recognize extraordinary levels of service to the College. The Board also resolved to make this award at the graduation ceremony following Spring term.

The District President nominates Norma Jean and Henry Germond to receive the 2008 PCC Patron Award. Norma Jean Germond has served Portland Community College as an elected board member and PCC Foundation board member for over 22 years. Elected to the College Board in 1985, Ms. Germond has taken active roles in the recruitment and selection of three Portland Community College presidents as well as the passage of a permanent tax base and successful capital construction bonds. Ms. Germond served on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Community College Association and the Association of Community College Trustees. She has been a powerful advocate for community colleges with state and federal lawmakers. In recognition of her leadership and service to community colleges, OCCA honored her with the Howard Cherry Outstanding Advocate award.

Ms. Germond now serves on the PCC Foundation Board of Directors, where she plays a lead role in the awarding of Foundation scholarships to over 300 students each year. Norma Jean and her husband Henry recently established an endowed scholarship with the PCC Foundation that will provide tuition support for students taking developmental education courses.

Ms. Germond has given many years of passionate service to Portland Community College and given voice to the critical role community colleges play across the nation. Together with her husband Henry Germond, she has also made the dream of a college education a reality for many PCC students to come.

Two Patron Awards were bestowed at the 2007 Commencement ceremony. Given the length of graduation and the intended focus of the ceremony on students and their families, the District President would like the option to honor future Patron Award recipients at other College or PCC Foundation events, as appropriate, such as the annual Foundation Scholarship Dinner.

RECOMMENDATION:

To award the 2008 Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to Norma Jean and Henry Germond. To make the event at which the Patron Award is given at the discretion of the District President or his designee.