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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2012
DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD RECIPIENT

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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.

To date, seven Patron Awards have been bestowed. Award recipients include Richard and Sharon Helzer, and Doreen Margolin (posthumously, 2007); Norma Jean Germond (2008); Barbara Raz and Mary Holmstrom (2009); Lee and Virginia Finders (posthumously, 2010); and the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation (2011).

For the 2012 Patron Award, the District President nominates two recipients, the Intel Corporation and the Oregon Community Foundation.

In 1990, at Intel's request, PCC redesigned the Microelectronics Technology program and updated the curriculum to fit Intel's wafer fab technician requirements.

Intel and PCC's "Work Study Program" (active until 2008) allowed PCC MT students to work 20 hours at Intel as clean room technicians and attend school while working toward acquiring the AAS degree in MT. While being paid at work, they also had their tuition covered by Intel. At graduation they were interviewed for full time-permanent positions with the company. Hundreds of technicians went through this very popular program at PCC.

In 2011, Intel hired 100% of PCC graduates from the Microelectronic Technology Program (MT), and 17 out of 25 students in the Electronic Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology programs.

Intel awards substantial fellowships to PCC MT faculty members interested in participating in the annual SEMI National Conference. Intel has also recognized PCC faculty through its "Intel Educator of the Year" Award, which recognizes a community college educator for outstanding contributions to semiconductor manufacturing technology education. In 2008 a PCC instructor was the winner.

Since the PCC Foundation was established, Intel has contributed over \$2.5 million to the PCC Foundation including in-kind equipment, scholarships, sponsorships, matching gifts for contributions and volunteer hours from employees and retirees. In addition, Intel leadership and staff have supported the College through service on the PCC Board of Directors, the PCC Foundation Board of Directors, Foundation Committees, and the committee formed in support of the College's 2008 Bond Measure.

Intel has been an exemplary instructional, service, and philanthropic partner to the College – among the very best of the College's many workforce development partnerships.

The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) is a state-wide community foundation that works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes they care about. Through these funds, OCF awards more than \$60 million annually in grants and scholarships.

The PCC Foundation has been the beneficiary of OCF support via their scholarships, grants, and donor advised funds. OCF has contributed close to \$900,000 to the PCC Foundation over the years, which has provided many scholarship and training opportunities to over 300 PCC students. OCF-named scholarships provide awards for PCC students in specific programs, including nursing, veterinary technology, alcohol and drug counseling, and other career training fields.

In addition, two OCF funds have provided significant support. During the past three years, the OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation has provided scholarship awards to older students displaced from the workforce.

Most notably, since 2006 the John and Elizabeth Gray Early Childhood Fund has provided over \$125,000 to the PCC Foundation to educate and train PCC students in pursuing professional careers in childcare and early childhood education to ensure children are ready to learn when they start school. The Gray Early Childhood Fund has provided significant support to other Oregon community colleges as well.

Finally, various individuals with OCF advised funds have and continue to support the PCC Foundation. This includes gifts received for PCC's Future Connect Scholarship Program which has helped to meet the City of Portland's fundraising matching challenge.

PCC is committed to access and success for all students. The Oregon Community Foundation, through its philanthropic work and giving to PCC and throughout our state, exemplifies this vision.

RECOMMENDATION: To award the 2012 Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to Intel Corporation and the Oregon Community Foundation at the PCC 50th Anniversary Gala on May 19, 2012.