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DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD NOMINEES

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REPORT: In 2007 the PCC Board of Directors established the Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to recognize a person or organization that has made a significant contribution to ensure student access to education. The awards are presented during the PCC Foundation's Gala in the spring of each year.

To date, eleven 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); the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation (2011); and the Intel Corporation and The Oregon Community Foundation (2012); No award (2013); Ross Leinhart and Sheila Edwards-Lienhart (posthumously, 2014) and Stephanie Fowler and Irving Levin of the Renaissance Foundation (2015).

For the 2016 Patron Award we seek to celebrate the five year anniversary of Portland Community College's Future Connect program with the nomination of the **Meyer Memorial Trust**.

A longtime champion of education, Meyer Memorial Trust has been a significant partner to Future Connect, a visionary and innovative private and public collaboration created in 2011 to provide high-risk, high-potential youth a pathway to college. Originally seeded with a \$360,000 donation from the City of Portland, the city's support in total now exceeds \$1.9 million. The Future Connect consortium continues to grow and now includes students from the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro,

with funding from these cities, the State of Oregon and donations from numerous individuals and foundations. In all, during its first five years Future Connect has served more than 1,100 students and continues to gather interest locally, regionally and nationally as a model for academic success.

Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) joined PCC Foundation as a supporting partner of Future Connect in 2012 with a three year, \$300,000 grant. This investment in Future Connect remains one of the single-largest private contributions and has helped provide the critical leverage necessary to grow and serve more worthy students.

Meyer Memorial Trust was created by the late Fred G. Meyer, who built the chain of retail stores bearing his name throughout the Pacific Northwest. When Mr. Meyer died in 1978, his will established the charitable trust, bequeathing it nearly two million shares of stock in Fred Meyer Inc. In 1982, most of the designated funds were transferred from the estate and the charitable trust began operating.

Today, Meyer Memorial Trust remains among the largest 100 foundations in the nation. In fiscal year 2014, MMT invested more than \$36 million in 334 new grants and five program-related investments to nonprofit organizations operating and serving in Oregon and Clark County, Washington. In all, MMT has contributed nearly \$1.1 million to support the programs and students at Portland Community College.

RECOMMENDATION: As we celebrate Future Connect's five-year anniversary, it is our recommendation to the Board of Directors that Meyer Memorial Trust be the recipient of the Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award.