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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2017  
DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD NOMINEE

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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 (April 22, 2017).

To date, twelve 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); Meyer Memorial Trust (2016).

For the 2017 Patron Award we continue this tradition by nominating **Dr. Betty Duvall**, an extraordinary community college leader and PCC supporter.

Dr. Betty Duvall was a member of the PCC Foundation Board from 2006 to 2013, serving as chair from 2009 to 2011. A longtime donor to PCC, she supports student programs and special projects through the General Funds for Excellence Program and the annual "Evening for Opportunity" gala. She recently established the Betty and Richard Duvall Professional Development Endowed Scholarship to provide educational opportunities for PCC faculty. Since 1999, she and her husband, Richard, have generously contributed financial support for PCC students, faculty and academic programs.

Dr. Duvall spent most of her distinguished career as a community college administrator. Upon completing her Ph.D. in Higher Education from St. Louis University, she worked as Dean of Instruction at St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley. She went on to serve as Executive Dean (now called Campus President) of Portland Community College's Rock Creek campus from 1989 to 1994, leading the campus during an important time of expansion.

In 1994, she was appointed as the Community College Liaison in the U.S. Department of Education, becoming the first person ever to hold that position. Following her national service during the Clinton Administration, Dr. Duval joined the faculty of Oregon State University, where for 10 years she taught and led the Community College Leadership Program. At OSU CCLP, Dr. Duval led efforts to promote graduate education and professional development to prepare the community college leaders of tomorrow. She retired in 2006 as a Professor Emerita.

In 2012, Dr. Duvall was appointed by Governor of Oregon to represent community colleges around the state as a member of the first cohort of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. In her leadership role with the HECC, Dr. Duval framed goals, created accountability measures, evaluated missions and approved degree programs while promoting community colleges' important place in the education continuum.

"I have a deep and binding interest in higher education and what it can mean for students and communities," Dr. Duvall told the Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments during her appointment hearing. "I worry about where we are now, and I would love very much to work with you, the governor and other people in the state in ensuring higher education remains a viable part of our opportunities for our citizens."

**RECOMMENDATION:** In honor of Dr. Duvall's life's work to advance the mission of community college both regionally and nationally, it is our recommendation to the Board of Directors that Dr. Betty Duval be the recipient of the Portland Community College 2017 Distinguished Patron Award.