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— Julie Parrish

Representative, Oregon House District 37 and PCC Alumna



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PCC'S 50 D

For 50 years and counting, Portland Community College has provided educational opportunities to thousands of students who have earned degrees, retrained for different careers, updated workplace skills and learned about subjects that propelled them in new professional directions. Upon leaving PCC, those students have embarked on fascinating careers starting companies, caring for the sick, guiding economic development, educating the community and developing new technology — just to name a few.

In honor of PCC's 50th Anniversary, the public nominated and the college selected 50 "Diamond Alumni," former PCC students who have made positive impacts on their communities and others. Congratulations to the PCC Diamond Alumni!



Alesha Adamson

The founder of a healthcare information technology company based in Texas, this innovator is working to improve access to healthcare for rural and uninsured populations. She first learned about PCC in the early 1990s

through a program for at-risk youth.



Justin Bean

Justin worked hard during his time at PCC, transferred to University of Oregon and then dedicated himself to education and community service. He now works for Streetline, Inc., a technology startup in San Francisco that

delivers smart city technology to improve quality of life in cities around the globe.



Sally Brounstein

The first in her family to graduate from college, Sally has been a nurse at Providence Portland Medical Center for 40 years and also developed statewide curriculum for the Certified Nursing Assistant training program for

Oregon. In addition she teaches CNA courses for PCC's CLIMB for Health Professionals.



Michael Bartlett

It was Michael's lovely paintings that gave his then-girlfriend (now wife) the idea that his artwork could start him on a career path. After taking art classes at PCC, he realized he had a natural talent and enrolled in the

Graphic Design Program. Today he's the art director at The Maris Agency, an advertising agency located in Portland's Pearl District.



Ken Berry

Ken came to PCC to learn to type, but he left with a passion for education. He served Portland Public Schools for 35 years as a teacher, administrator, music director and principal. Though he retired in 2003, he still takes on substitute

jobs. He is also the executive producer of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. tribute, one of the largest in the country.



Margaret Carter

After attending PCC in the late 1960s, Margaret returned to the college as a counselor and then an instructor. In 1984, she broke barriers when she became the first African American woman to be elected to the

Oregon Legislature. In office, she worked to ensure that the state's educational systems remained effective and well funded. Margaret retired from the legislature in 2009 and she's now with the Department of Human Services.



Josette Beach

When Josette advises students in PCC Dental Sciences Programs, she speaks from experience. While she's director of the program now, she was once a PCC student studying dental hygiene. Her work outside of PCC

garners her national attention as she's involved in Medical Teams International and has brought much-needed dental care to residents in Mexico and South America. She often takes PCC students on the missions.



Samuel Brooks

When he left the Navy, Sam landed in the Pacific Northwest and enrolled at PCC's Cascade Campus, balancing classes and full-time work. He recalled, "PCC offered counseling and support to veterans, facilitating

my transition from military to civilian life. And PCC offered and continues to offer diverse instructors." In 1981, Sam and his wife, Margaret, founded S. Brooks Staffing, an employment services company.



Cau Chung

Cau immigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam in the 1980s with his wife and daughter. After they arrived in Portland, he took classes at PCC to improve his English and learn accounting. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from

PSU and now works in PCC's Bond office as the accounting manager.

DIAMONDS



Neil Clevenger

Neil is a reach and treat paramedic who performs dangerous rescues on Mt. Hood and the Gorge. His PCC training allowed him to pursue a career that helps people — his dream since he was a child.



Prentice Davis

After a rough childhood, Prentice came to PCC and graduated in 1998. Today he is a senior manager for the renowned Gateway to College National Network, helping teens complete high school while earning college credit. The

first in his family to attend college, he instills the importance of education in his two young sons.



Koni Denham

Koni has dedicated her life and career to service. After PCC, she joined the Peace Corps and earned master's degrees in educational policy and intercultural service. Now she is the assistant director of the Center for Civic Engagement at

Western New England University, inspiring other college students to give back.



Heidi Durrow

Already a successful journalist and attorney, Heidi became an award-winning novelist as well with "The Girl Who Fell from the Sky." The novel won the Bellwether Prize for Fiction in 2008, a prize recognizing literary fiction that addresses

issues of social justice.



Andy Duyck

A lifelong resident of Washington County, Andy is the owner of Duyck Machine Inc. and has served on the Washington County Board of Commissioners for 18 years. He was elected county chairman in 2010.



Isaac Elting McGuire

A year after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, Isaac volunteered to rebuild houses in the area. After PCC, he landed an internship with the City of Hillsboro Building Department

where he's now a building inspector.



Katherine Farrell

After working in the insurance industry, she changed course and became a dentist. Katherine enrolled at PCC for the math and science classes required for OHSU

dental school. She now owns Hubbard Family and Cosmetic Dentistry.



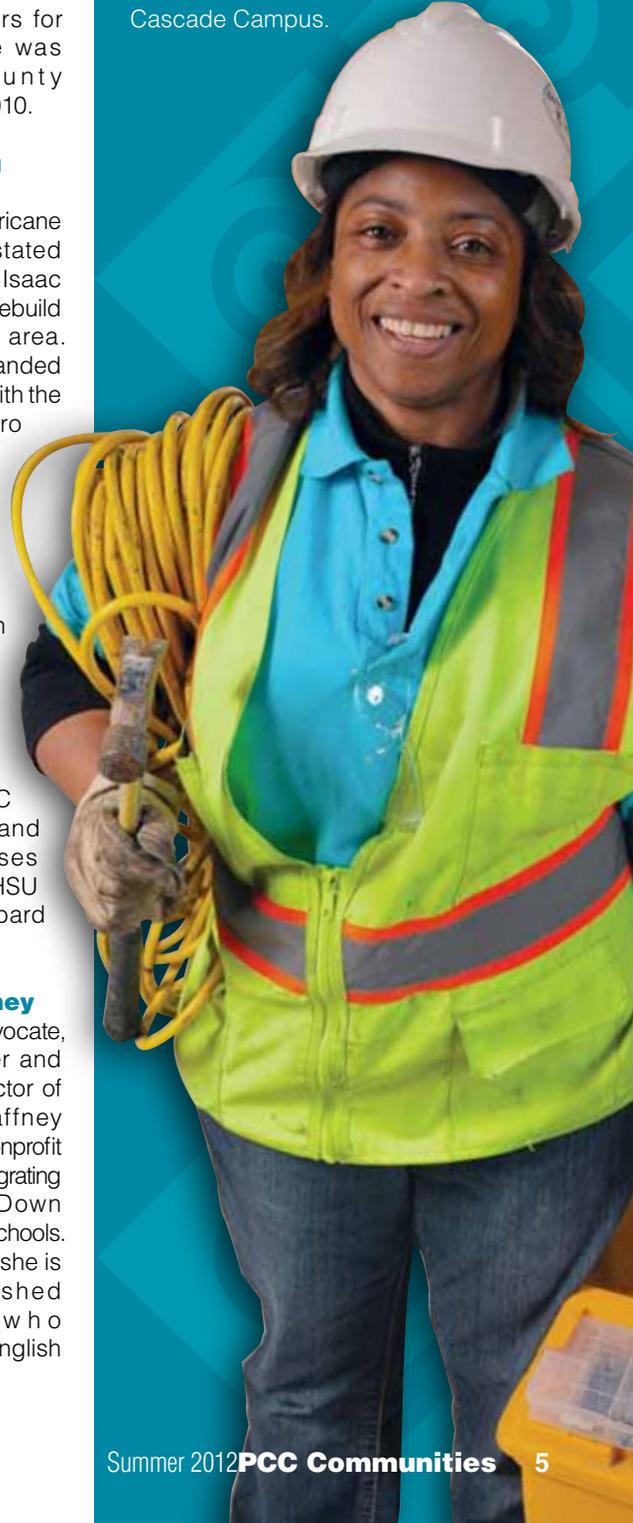
Karen Gaffney

Karen is an advocate, public speaker and executive director of the Karen Gaffney Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to integrating people with Down syndrome into schools. On top of that, she is an accomplished swimmer who

completed a relay swim across the English Channel in 2001.

SHARON MAXWELL-HENDRICKS

It was a nice twist of fate that brought Sharon Maxwell-Hendricks back to PCC 20 years after she graduated. After finishing the Skill Center Construction Trades Program back in the early 1990s, Sharon jumped feet first into the field and took on many roles. She's now CEO of Boanerges Group LLC, a general contractor and specialty construction company in North Portland. Last year her company was given the contract to remodel three classrooms at PCC's Cascade Campus.



JONATHAN SMITH

Jonathan Smith's long career in firefighting got an early boost from PCC. Seeking career direction, he enrolled in PCC's Fire Protection Technology Program. As a firefighter, he steadily rose through the ranks and by 2006 he was deputy chief of the Clackamas Fire District #1, essentially acting second in command. Jonathan retired in 2010 after 29 years in fire service, but keeps busy in retirement as a jazz guitarist. He plays at events and venues around town and released a CD, "En Route," last year.



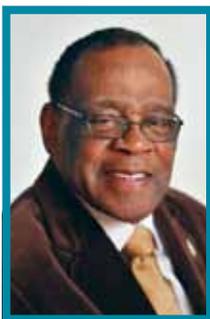
Geof Garner

Coming out of the military, Geof was looking for a new direction when he enrolled at PCC in 1992. He is now a program director with MESD's Alternative Pathways, helping low-income students who want to attend college.



Linda Gerber

Linda got her start at PCC as a 24-year-old single mom studying English literature. Later she earned her doctorate in education and worked as a dean at Mt. Hood. She came back to PCC in 2006, this time as President of the Sylvania Campus.



Shaheed Haamid

At PCC in the 1960s, Shaheed wrote for the school newspaper and held student government posts. After a career in radio and television, he's now a spiritual leader through the Muslim Community Center of Portland.



Brett Hall

Brett worked hard at PCC, in his studies and as an active member of student government. Now an attorney, Brett volunteers with the Sunset High School Mock Trial team and continues to advise PCC students on goal-setting and résumé building.



Shay James

Shay enrolled in the Portland Teachers Program at PCC and went on to earn a bachelor's degree and teaching license. She taught at Tubman Middle School and is now principal at Franklin High School.



Roberto Jiménez

Roberto just finished the Executive Degree Program at Harvard University, but he's equally proud to be a PCC alum. At PCC, he gained the technical writing skills that launched him into his current job as executive director of the Farmworker Housing Development Corporation, a nonprofit dedicated to serving mid-Willamette Valley farmworkers and their families.



Betty Kendall

At a time when auto mechanic jobs were a "boys only club," Betty Kendall broke through gender barriers and enrolled in Automotive Service classes at PCC. She became the first female in the country to earn the distinction of Master Auto Technician and later founded the Association of Women in Automotive, inspiring countless women in her field.



Anh Le

Anh is the executive assistant to the dean of the Lewis & Clark Law School and in her "spare time" runs a contract paralegal business that she started shortly after graduating from PCC. She specializes in immigration, criminal defense and personal injury.



Randy Leonard

Randy calls his time at PCC in the early 1970s one of the best periods of his life. After struggling in high school, he made an effort at PCC to study hard and improve his grades. "I really felt I proved myself when I was there," he said. From there, Randy pursued a career in public service with positions in the Portland Fire Bureau and the Oregon state legislature. Currently, he serves as commissioner for the City of Portland.

**Jason Lim**

Ten years after leaving PCC, Jason Lim is back on campus, this time as a professional offering business and communication skills to the community at large. Lim is part of the Cascade Campus Public Safety Committee and Bond

Advisory Committee. As public affairs director for the Asian Reporter Newspaper, a family-owned company in North Portland, Lim is heavily involved with the neighborhood.

**Sarah Jeanne Lombardo**

A returning student who spent years in graphic design, she enrolled at PCC in 2007 and involved herself in human rights issues. She is now working toward a bachelor's degree in American Studies at

Mills College and is an advocate for racial and gender equity. "Sarah is a rocking social justice activist who speaks her mind and backs it up with action," said PCC staff member Jeannie LaFrance.

**James Scot McDonald**

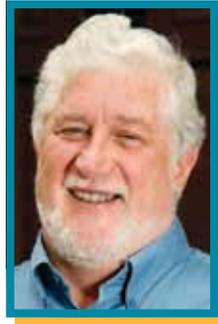
James completed the Nursing Program (and gave the graduation speech) in 1996. He recently retired from Kaiser Permanente but continues to actively serve as a volunteer with the Cascade AIDS Project,

training caregivers of HIV/AIDS patients and speaking at local high schools.

**Bevin McNamara**

Bevin took sign language interpreting classes at PCC and now works as an interpreter in the Washington, D.C. area. Inspired by her deaf students, she created a talent show while working at the Oregon School for the Deaf.

The show, "Deaf Beat," continues today and allows students to explore music and dance.

**Mark Noonan**

Mark worked as a high-tech engineer for more than 25 years but it's his "encore career" in elder advocacy that he finds truly rewarding. Armed with a degree in gerontology from PCC, he now works in

volunteer engagement for Elders in Action, a nonprofit organization that helps businesses better serve their older customers.

**Hadi Nouredine**

Hadi came to Oregon in 1984, having fled southern Lebanon. Gifted in math and physics, the 17-year-old took science and general studies courses at PCC before he moved on to PSU. At 19, he was accepted into OHSU's dental

school. Persistence and dedication have enabled Hadi to open his own practice, Family Dental Care, with offices in Beaverton, Lake Oswego, Hillsboro and Gresham.

**Deanna Palm**

Service to the community is a strong mantra for the president of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. In her position, Deanna plays a major role in job creation and business growth. She earned a business degree

from the college in the early 1980s and is now a member of the PCC Board of Directors, representing Zone 7.

**Julie Parrish**

Julie serves in the Oregon House of Representatives representing Tualatin and West Linn. Challenges are something she is used to, especially growing up as the second child in a family of eight that struggled

financially. "I couldn't afford to go to a traditional four-year institution, so I started at a community college," she said.

**Tom Potter**

As an active police officer looking for affordable schooling, Tom enrolled in PCC's Criminal Justice Program in the early 1970s. He continued as a longtime police officer and served as police chief for three years in the early 1990s.

The pinnacle of his career was serving as Portland Mayor from 2005 to 2009. During his term, he developed the city's office of Human Relations, dedicated to combating social injustices.

**Tera Roberts**

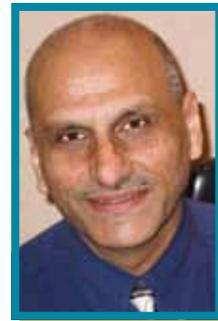
This Vernonia resident started a new life when she came to the Rock Creek Campus ten years ago. A single mother of eight, Tera persevered with support from PCC staff, and is now working as a public health nurse and

family nurse practitioner, changing the lives of women. This spring she receives her doctorate in nursing from OHSU.

**Mary Savage**

Mary graduated from PCC's Radiologic Technology Program, and today she is the director of diagnostic imaging for Providence Health & Services. She reconnected with PCC about 20 years ago when she served on the board for the

PCC Foundation. "Everywhere you go, you see the contribution that PCC makes to the lives of its citizens," said Mary.

**Aaron Shukla**

With a doctorate in geology, he entered PCC's Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program in 1994 to fulfill a dream to work in the medical field. Now he's an associate professor and program director for the Ophthalmic Technician

Program at St. Catherine University in Minnesota and the author of several publications.

KANAAN KANAAN

Though he was raised in a Palestinian refugee camp in Amman, Jordan, Kanaan Kanaan considers PCC — the place where he learned to speak English and studied art and computer science in the 1990s — the next best thing to home. Kanaan is an artist whose work focuses on peace and thoughtful dialogue among religions. In his “day job,” he inspires college students as the Middle East student advisor and retention specialist at Portland State University.



Rebecca Skloot

This best-selling author is known around the world for writing “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.” Initially studying to be a veterinarian, she first learned about Lacks in a PCC science class.



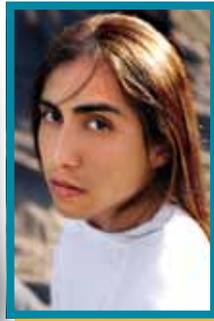
Kheoshi Taylor-Mayes

Kheoshi was a high school dropout with little family support, but she found her way to PCC’s Middle College Program, and went on to earn a master’s degree. “PCC renewed my love of learning,” she said.



Nishiki Tayui

After moving to Oregon from Japan, Nishiki studied art at PCC and went on to earn multiple degrees. She now teaches at University of North Dakota and exhibits her artwork around the world.



Solomon Trimble

The first in his family to graduate from college, Solomon earned a degree from PCC. He now works in youth engagement and youth suicide prevention for the Native American Rehabilitation Assoc. of the Northwest.



Christina Unga

This child care pioneer combined her passions for sustainability and children by opening the ChildRoots Centers for Young Children. Her environmentally friendly practices have earned national attention. Christina enrolled in PCC’s Early Childhood Education Program after high school.



Jeff Van Raden

As an owner of Columbia Industries in Hillsboro, Jeff employs more than 50 local workers, including a number of PCC grads. He is one of PCC’s biggest proponents as he sits on the Welding Program’s advisory board and serves as president of the PCC Foundation Board of Directors.



Connie Whipple

The counseling and psychology classes Connie took at PCC in the 1970s propelled her into a long career as an alcohol and drug counselor. She successfully worked with criminals, through Drug Court, to help them recover from addiction and return to mainstream society.



Mara Windstar

Fulfilling her dream to help individuals with disabilities lead more independent lives, Mara teaches people with disabilities to train their own service dogs through Paws to Freedom, a nonprofit organization she launched in 2004.



Olivia Yeung

Olivia’s “give back” personal philosophy left a huge impression on her PCC instructors and fellow classmates. She now works as the mentor program coordinator at Marylhurst University and sits on the board for the Ford Scholar Alumni Association. “Olivia is determined to make a difference in the world,” said PCC staff member Michael Morrow.



To read more about each of PCC’s 50 Diamond Alums, visit opportunity.pcc.edu

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Other Languages (ESOL)
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GED classes) (Non-credit)

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Civil Engineering Technology*
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Dental Laboratory Technology*
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**Program has special enrollment requirements.*

Calendar of Events: A Look at What's Ahead

June

The 2012 graduation ceremony is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, June 15 at the Memorial Coliseum, 1401 N. Wheeler Ave. Watch graduates walk to the stage and receive their diplomas and certificates in front of thousands of family and friends.

Summer term classes begin on Monday, June 25. For information about registration, call (971) 722-8888 or visit www.pcc.edu.

Looking to continue your arts education this summer? If so, the Summer Arts Institute at the Sylvania Campus is ready and waiting for you! For more information, visit www.pcc.edu/about/summer-arts.

New payment and drop deadlines **for credit and non-credit classes** are in effect this summer. Pay upon registration to avoid late fees. Visit www.pcc.edu/pay or see page 49 for details.

September

College-wide In-Service will be held Monday, September 17. Most college services this day will be closed until 1 p.m. Campus-specific In-Service will take place on Tuesday, September 18.

Fall term classes begin on Monday, September 24. For information about registration, call (971) 722-8888 or visit www.pcc.edu.

BIG DONATION

Bank of America provides partial tuition for 40 students pursuing careers in accounting, administrative, healthcare and maintenance fields By James Hill

The economy is sluggish but a big donation to PCC by a major player in the banking sector is helping students find their paths to employment.

Thanks to collaboration between the college's Grants Office and the PCC Foundation, Bank of America awarded \$50,000 to the Foundation to provide partial tuition for at least 40 students in the Career Pathways Program. These students are pursuing a variety of careers in the accounting, administrative, healthcare and facilities maintenance fields. In addition, Bank of America employees will volunteer to provide students with financial literacy training and collaborate on a service project.

"This is the largest corporate cash gift to the college in our 50-year history and we are grateful to Bank of America for stepping up to fill the gap during this economic downturn," said PCC District President Preston Pulliams.

The Career Pathways Program connects students to short-term educational opportunities to help them gain employment and continue their education.

Career Pathway Certificates are 12 to 44 credit certificates that ensure Oregonians can obtain the skills, certificates and degrees needed to enter and advance in high-demand occupations.

The National Skills Coalition, the Workforce Strategy Center, the Community College Research Center and the League for Innovation in the Community College have recognized Career Pathways as a promising program.

"We are so excited for this grant from Bank of America," said Andrew Roessler, Career Pathways manager. "It will provide students who have been impacted by the poor economic conditions with opportunities that will increase their employability and put them on a path to earning a certificate or degree at the college."

Career Pathways was created in the late 1990s to provide training for laid off workers who needed to update their skills. Programs are completed in less than a year. During the past two years, Career Pathways students have achieved an 87 percent completion rate and



PCC President Preston Pulliams (right) accepts the donation from Bank of America's Roger Hinshaw. The funds will benefit students in PCC's Career Pathways Program.

81 percent have obtained jobs or continued their education.

"Within six to nine months, they identify an educational program that will lead to a job, complete their classes, and find a job in an occupational area that is new to them," Roessler added. "We are focused on providing 'just in time' enrollment advising, educational planning, and career services so students are set up for academic and employment success in the short-term and have a plan for continuing their education."

Bank of America is Portland's seventh largest corporate philanthropist, giving \$2.4 million to charities across Oregon and Southwest Washington in 2010. Locally, a large portion of the bank's philanthropy focuses on workforce development and educational attainment — and this recent Career Pathways gift represents the largest investment in a single job-skills program this year.

Monique Barton, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager for Bank of America, cited the college's track record of success and the flexibility of the

Career Pathways program as the main drivers for Bank of America's financial support.

Roger Hinshaw is the president of Bank of America for Oregon and Southwest Washington as well as one of the leaders of the Portland Business Alliance's Value of Jobs Coalition. The coalition promotes healthy community growth through private-sector jobs and more living-wage jobs.

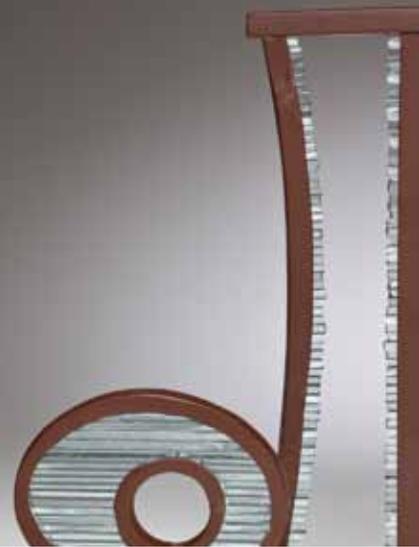
"We're so proud to support Career Pathways," said Hinshaw. "Programs like this have an immediate impact on our community, putting people back to work and fueling the economic vitality of our region." ■



To learn more about Career Pathways, visit www.pcc.edu/career/pathways. To learn more about the PCC Foundation, visit www.pcc.edu/foundation.

the UNITY PROJECT

By Christina Holmes



These four sculptures will be installed at the three main campuses and the Southeast Center.

With the yearlong 50th anniversary celebration winding down in June, notable signs of PCC's milestone will remain for decades to come at the three main campuses and the Southeast Center.

Earlier this month, the PCC Unity Project — four magnificent steel-and-glass art sculptures created for the anniversary — were dedicated to the college. The pieces were constructed as one collection but will be displayed individually at each site. The project reflects how the diverse aspects of PCC come together under one unified mission.

“The idea was that it would be shown as a whole piece and then the four pieces would break apart,” said Ben Buswell, a Rock Creek art instructor and Unity Project committee member. “The other element of importance was that all the materials had to be sustainable.”

The Unity Project came about as a cooperative effort involving faculty and staff members from across the district. The group spent several months discussing ways to artistically commemorate the college's 50th anniversary.

The creator of the recently unveiled masterpiece is Nicky Falkenhayn, a former student who learned her trade of industrial welding at PCC several years ago. Now a professional artist specializing in welding and jewelry making, she was commissioned to develop the Unity Project. She couldn't pass up a chance to work with PCC.



Sculptor and artist Nicky Falkenhayn spent months with a blowtorch in hand creating four pieces of public art that were unveiled earlier this month.

"I love the whole aspect of this commission. It's been an incredible experience how the whole thing just fell into place," she said. "It's also been quite a challenge, which I love."

The inspiration for the unique pieces came as Falkenhayn focused on the idea of PCC's "birthday." In Switzerland, where she was raised (she is Dutch by birth), there is a lot of fuss over birthday cakes. She began thinking about the numbers atop a birthday cake and as they tumbled around her mind she came up with the idea to highlight the number 50. Then she thought about cutting each number in half and turning it on its side and even upside down. That's how she arrived at the four unusually shaped sculptures — each with some resemblance to the numbers 5 and 0.

Another interesting aspect to the design is the inclusion of "messages" from the PCC community. Within each sculpture are glass plates on which students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to write notes when the plates were brought around to the PCC campuses earlier this year. The glass does not show through on the final piece but the messages serve as a time capsule of sorts.

Spending months in the welding shop at Rock Creek and also working in her home

studio, Falkenhayn has experienced great feelings of excitement by being closely involved with the Unity Project.

Her first welding classes at Rock Creek were a mix of artists and professional welders coming together and using their imaginations to turn hulking pieces of rusty steel into useful or fashionable pieces.

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— Nicky Falkenhayn

good group of people who wanted to make things with our hands."

Falkenhayn was intimately involved with every step of the process since she won the commission last December. Another major part of the Unity Project focused on student participation, so earlier this year, Falkenhayn went to each campus and spoke to students about public art and procedures for safely and securely installing the sculptures.

"We talked about everything we need to take into account for public art such as the traffic patterns, trees and lights," she said.

For now, most of the pieces will remain at Rock Creek because of new construction at

the other campuses. The college hopes to finish much of the construction at each campus before installing the sculptures in their permanent homes.

Funding for the Unity Project was provided by the PCC Bond Program, in accordance with Oregon's "One Percent for Art" legislation. Voters approved PCC's \$374 million bond measure in 2008.

One Percent for Art, passed in 1975, mandates that one percent of direct construction funds for new or remodeled buildings with construction budgets of \$100,000 or more be set aside for the acquisition of artwork. While cities and counties throughout the state are bound by the legislation, PCC is not. However, PCC is voluntarily participating in the program.

"Using the One Percent for Art funding for the Unity Project for PCC's 50th Anniversary allows us to come together as a college to recognize and celebrate, through art, PCC's contributions to our community," said Craig Kolins, interim president of the Extended Learning Campus. "Unveiling the Unity Project during the Founders' Week Celebration was the perfect time and venue to show that unity." ■



For more information about bond-funded projects and construction, visit bond.pcc.edu.

TURN AROUND TUTOR

Gateway to College teachers saw success in Adam Clark long before he did; now he's inspiring younger students

By Abraham Proctor

Adam Clark was a teenager on the wrong path. Having bounced around various high schools in the Gresham area, and after finally being expelled from Madison High School, he found himself at a crossroads.

At the age of 17, he found his way, thanks to PCC's Gateway to College Program. Now 24, he has come full circle and earns a living providing tutoring and technical support for the program at the Southeast Center.

"I wouldn't have gotten any education at all without Gateway to College," Clark said.

After his expulsion, Clark decided that his best option was to earn his General Educational Development (GED) certificate. He enrolled in the YES Program (Youth Empowered to Succeed) — a branch of Gateway for students under 21 — and earned his GED after one term of study.

"It came as a slight surprise to me," Clark said of his swift success. "I didn't think of myself as a bright guy."

GED in hand, Clark pondered his next move.

"With a GED, I knew I could get a job, but not a career," he said. "I knew at that point that I wanted more from my life."

A PCC resource specialist referred him to the mainstream Gateway. He was accepted into the program, received a scholarship and began his studies in 2005. The wayward kid who didn't think much of his own abilities found that he was a thriving student.

"It's a great program," Clark said. "You get lots of support, lots of guidance."

Then, with things going so well, Clark hit a snag during his second term. He ran afoul of the law, and faced incarceration. His bright future was on the verge of being snuffed out.

But, to his surprise and gratitude, his PCC mentors and instructors weren't quite ready to give up on him. Letters of support started to pour in on his behalf. The judge in charge of his case, Clark recalled, stopped reading after about the 10th letter.

"Had I made the case on my own," he said, "it wouldn't have made a difference. Because

of all the letters, the judge saw I was working toward something better and gave me another chance."

The support from Gateway to College helped reduce Clark's sentence to probation and a short time in jail. When he was released, the program welcomed him back with open arms. He returned to his studies with gusto, finished the program, and is now studying psychology at Portland State University, with a minor in Spanish. Along the way, Clark started working for the Gateway program.

He credits his success — and second chance — to the support he found in Gateway to College.

"They knew I was a good person before I did," he said. ■



For more information about Gateway to College and other alternative high school programs, visit www.pcc.edu/prep

Adam Clark (center) takes a break from tutoring students Mariana Rodrigues (left) and Cristian Mendoza-Villa at the Southeast Center.



MOTIVATED TO SERVE

Students take volunteerism to a new level as PCC surpasses its 50,000-hour goal

By **Christina Holmes**

Da Hyun Kim and Aaron McKee have plenty going on in their lives with classes, jobs, family obligations and some free time every now and then.

Yet neither one ever hesitates to be the first in line to volunteer and serve their communities on a regular basis.

The two PCC students — Kim at Rock Creek and McKee at Cascade — have become super volunteers, standing ready to help their schools, fellow students and Oregonians. And it's the hours they've donated, and those of thousands of other volunteers, that has helped PCC surpass its goal of 50,000 service hours before the end of the school year.

"They are fantastic examples of our volunteers," said Sarah Tillery, PCC's Service Learning Program Coordinator. "They're really motivated and inspiring. They have completely full lives and yet they still perform all of these volunteer hours."

For Kim, volunteerism is part of her core. She was encouraged to serve from a young age while growing up in South Korea. In high school, she was required to perform 60 hours of service a year. When she moved to Oregon a year ago, she searched for ways to give back in her new home.

"I like to do nice things for others and I like the fact that I can meet other people who also are volunteering," said Kim, who's been involved in many service projects organized by Tillery's office. "When I first got an email from the Service Learning office I thought to myself, 'Can I join this?'"

Now learning English, taking classes at PCC and working at both a coffee shop on campus and her aunt's restaurant in Salem, she still manages to find time to feed the hungry in O'Bryant Square every Sunday. She's also made Christmas cards for seniors and cleaned Roosevelt High School on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Many times she goes to great lengths to volunteer. For the Roosevelt outing, she woke at 4 a.m. in order to take a bus to the Rock Creek Campus and then a shuttle to the Cascade Campus and still another bus to the high school.

"I want to lead a busy life," said the 19-year-old. "And I don't want to be lazy."

McKee said he was raised with strong morals and parents who taught him to treat others with a high level of respect.

Today he's the diversity retention coordinator for PCC's Active Minds Club which assists struggling students.

"There are a lot of people suffering in the world and being able to give back to others is just the best feeling," said McKee, who also works in the Cascade library and serves in student government.

He's studying to become a drug and alcohol counselor.

About seven years ago, McKee spent time in a drug treatment center and, once out, decided to earn his GED. That set him on the path to pursue higher education and focus on counseling.

"I first volunteered when I was in drug treatment. When I graduated, my mother and I volunteered for the Shamrock Run and that's when I realized I wanted to do more so I went to the Oregon Food Bank," said McKee.

Taking part in the MLK Day of Service earlier this year was an eye opener for McKee as he saw hundreds of volunteers at Roosevelt with one task at hand: to beautify the school. Among the tasks was writing notes of encouragement on every student locker.

"These are great opportunities to meet people and give back to the community on a larger scale. It was really cool to get together with so many different colleges," he added.

Perhaps his "coolest" volunteer effort to date was the Polar Plunge which supports Special Olympics Oregon. McKee was one of the swimmers who jumped into the frigid Columbia River in February to raise money for the nonprofit.

"I was a co-captain this year and we raised \$1,800 so it was definitely worth it to jump in," he said. ■



Above: Da Hyun Kim removes invasive plants at Bluffs Park.
Below: Aaron McKee creates artwork in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.



50,000-HOUR UPDATE

PCC has reached its goal of performing 50,000 service hours as part of the 50th anniversary and we're still going strong! Many groups, classes and individuals have contributed volunteer hours, but there is still time to be part of the 50,000-hour challenge. Join PCC at the final Day of Service on Saturday, June 2, at the Oregon Food Bank. Volunteers will package and sort food for emergency food boxes.

For more information about the challenge, visit opportunity.pcc.edu/volunteer.



Left: Preston Pulliams receives the "key to the city" from Newberg Mayor Bob Andrews at the opening of the PCC Newberg Center. Right: Pulliams and Portland State University President Wim Wiewel sign the PCC-PSU co-admissions agreement earlier this year.



PCC'S PRESIDENT TO RETIRE IN 2013

Preston Pulliams led the college through unprecedented enrollment growth and worked to increase access to higher education

PCC District President Preston Pulliams, who led Oregon's largest college through a dramatic surge in enrollment while state funding for public education declined, has announced that he will retire in July 2013.

Pulliams has been president since 2004 and is best known for the way he tirelessly sought out solutions and searched for more efficient ways to help serve the region's educational needs.

"The leadership that Dr. Pulliams has brought to the college has created outstanding new opportunities for students and for our community and we are deeply appreciative of his commitment," said Jim Harper, chair of the PCC Board of Directors.

Pulliams' announcement came in March, giving the college more than a year to search for a new district president. The PCC Board of Directors said that a national search for a new president will begin this spring and that the effort will involve the Board, faculty, staff, students and members of the broader community. By late fall, the college will host forums to develop a candidate profile. Finalists are expected to meet with community members in spring 2013, and the Board hopes to announce the new president by May 2013.

"Dr. Pulliams has made a huge impact on PCC, and the Board remains committed to the important initiatives launched under his leadership. His announcement gives us the time to launch an inclusive, thorough process to find his successor," Harper said.

During Pulliams' time at the college, he worked to increase PCC's visibility among community and business leaders, sharing his vision for increasing access to higher education and ensuring that students have the best opportunities to succeed. PCC's full-time enrollment has grown 40 percent since 2006, serving students who are pursuing degrees and certificates, new skills for job transitions, high school diplomas, continuing education and personal development.

One of the most significant achievements during Pulliams' tenure was the passage of a \$374 million bond measure in 2008, the largest educational bond measure in Oregon. Funding from the bond has allowed PCC to engage in ongoing work to increase the number of classrooms, expand workforce training programs and modernize facilities throughout the college district.

The first member of his family to attend college, Pulliams has often said that his vision is to guarantee everyone the chance

to earn a PCC degree, regardless of one's ability to pay.

Under his direction, annual contributions to the PCC Foundation increased significantly and scholarship awards to students tripled. Pulliams also was instrumental in steering a partnership between PCC and the City of Portland to create the Future Connect Scholarships Program, and he championed efforts with Portland Public Schools to redesign Jefferson High School to become the Jefferson Middle College.

"Being president of Portland Community College has been the best job I have ever had," said Pulliams. "I'm passionate about the role PCC plays in helping students achieve their dreams, and how the college supports economic development and enhances the quality of life in our region."

He adds, "It's been an honor to lead this amazing institution." ■



Visit opportunity.pcc.edu to send a congratulatory message to President Pulliams before he leaves PCC next year.



By **Christina Holmes**

Weekends on the Willamette

Imagine a summer day with temps in the 80s as you move through the ripples of the Willamette River on a kayak, relaxing in the water while snapping photos of the surrounding wildlife of herons, beavers and sea lions.

That peaceful existence on Portland's beautiful waterway is easy to turn into a reality thanks to a strong partnership between PCC Community Education and the Portland Kayak Company that offers classes for everyone from novices to experienced water enthusiasts.

"Kayaking is one of the most popular outdoor activities in general and certainly in Portland," said John Tilles, who owns Portland Kayak Company with Mike McKoane. "The cool thing about this sport is that you can do as much or as little as you want. The learning curve to feel comfortable in the water is really quick."

The Northwest offers many tantalizing kayaking excursions with the vast number of rivers, lakes, creeks, reservoirs, bays, waterways and estuaries from Mount St. Helens to the coast.

One of the most popular classes offered is Essential Kayaking in which students learn fundamental strokes and boat control. Students then tool up and down the Willamette River with a stop at Ross Island as they develop paddling skills and get a new perspective of Portland.

"This is a wonderful class for people who are just getting introduced to the sport," said Tilles. "All of our Community Education instructors are guides so they really know all there is to know about kayaking."

There is a maximum of 12 students per class and the schedule for summer term includes a variety of courses. Some classes are women only which is a great draw for some females, said Annie Brown, an instructor who also manages the kayak shop.

"It's more of a social class and there is a lot more networking that goes on," said Brown.

While kayaking has a strong following, it's Stand Up Paddle Boarding that's making a huge splash. The paddle board is bigger than a surf board and riders use a paddle to control balance and movement. It requires a bit more work than kayaking because riders stand the entire time.

"You definitely get your exercise for the day because it takes some effort to move the board," said Tilles. "When you're standing up for five miles, well, that's pretty hard."

Tilles's company has been around for more than 20 years, 11 years in the Johns Landing area and a decade on the waterfront prior to that.

In the beginning, they also offered white water rafting trips marketed to tourists. Now the business is focused squarely on kayaks

and stand up paddle boards with all the equipment needed for a quick trip or a longer, multi-day adventure readily available. Rainy, winter months in Portland allow Tilles to run kayak trips to warm-weather Mexico.

The connection with PCC started about three years ago and it's been a boon for both Community Education and the Portland Kayak Company. Together, they are able to reach out to the community to offer popular classes that local residents want.

"We love partnering with PCC because it gives folks another avenue to hear about our classes," said Brown. "It's one of those things that's here in your own backyard, but you don't know about it."

The Willamette River is a great, local place to get away from hectic daily life and folks should check it out during the upcoming summer months, Tilles recommends.

"The river is just incredible and you wouldn't think that you're even in downtown Portland when you see the eagles, herons and sea lions," Tilles said. "It's surprising all that goes on in this river." ■



For more information about kayaking and paddle boarding classes, turn to page 39 or visit www.pcc.edu/community.

PCC mails this schedule of classes to households four times each year to let you know about upcoming Community Education classes and share what's happening at PCC. It is printed and mailed for about 22 cents per copy and can be recycled. Because it is addressed "Residential Customer" we are not able to remove individuals from our distribution route. We hope you find it informative and enjoy the stories inside.

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Name: *Nancy Miller*

Occupation: *Retiree*

My Project: *Rediscover the French I learned in college so I can converse with the "locals" when I visit France.*

Class I Took: *Keeping Up in French*

And Now: *I've been taking the class for 21 years, and I'm still learning new things. And I love being able to talk with people - in Portland or Paris! - who share my love of French language and culture.*

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