

Monthly News from Portland Community College

June 2016

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Cascade Campus

- Cascade Campus again hosted a group of visiting Ophthalmic Medical Technology students from PCC's sister campus in Japan, Osaka Jikei Technical College. The Osaka Jikei students were part of an annual exchange that sends CTE students from Japan to learn about their counterpart programs at PCC. In what has become a yearly tradition, the Osaka Jikei students provided a demonstration of traditional Japanese line dancing the Moriarty Auditorium.
- Cascade hosted approximately 200 local elementary and middle school students in May for the "Run, Roll, Stroll" event, a fund-raiser for The Girl Effect, a nonprofit dedicated to combating child poverty. The visiting students were able to take part in Cascade ASPCC's spring barbecue, which was happening at the same time.
- Award-winning poet and scholar Danez Smith visited Cascade during May to share his poems and lead a discussion about poetry and its relevance in today's multicultural America. Smith, whose poems have been lauded for their unflinching examination of race and gender, is a graduate student at the University of Michigan.
- During May, Cascade Campus hosted "More Than a Survivor, More Than a Story," a traveling photo exhibit detailing the lives and experiences of victims of human trafficking. The exhibit included a panel discussion featuring a group of human trafficking survivors.

Rock Creek Campus

- Selected by Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, the following Rock Creek faculty and staff will attend the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication at Reed College: Elaine Cole, Heather Mayer, Lisa Regan-Vienop and Ginger Smith.
- The Northwest Diesel Instructor's Conference was hosted by the Rock Creek Diesel Technology program April 21-22. Attendees came from as far away as Hawaii and Montana. Diesel industry representatives shared information about new industry standards required for curriculum updates at colleges throughout the Pacific Northwest.
- Rock Creek hosted the annual chemistry fair Friday, May 27th, in the Event Center. Students from all levels of chemistry presented their research

projects. Hundreds of students participated and about 25 faculty and staff members served as judges.

- Rock Creek Auto Collision Repair hosted its 3rd annual open house and car show on May 18th. More than 200 people toured the revamped 17,000 square-foot shop and paint booths. Thirty regional vendors were on hand exhibiting new tools and auto repair products.
- On Saturday, June 4, Rock Creek hosted the annual Student Leadership Banquet at NW Events & Environment in Hillsboro. With a theme of *Alice in Wonderland*, approximately 60 students and guests shared PCC stories and favorite memories.

Southeast Campus

- On Thursday May 6th Campus President Jessica Howard, Community Relations Manager Chabre Vickers, Reference Librarian Chau Hoang Fossen and a host of Southeast Campus students attended the annual APANO Voices of Change Fundraiser held at the Jade APANO Multicultural Space adjacent to campus.
- Monday, May 4th, a group of sixteen seventh graders from **César Chávez School** **attended a three-day camp at the Southeast STEM Center**, where they were introduced to the mathematics and mechanics of 3D printing. This new program from Portland Public Schools is encouraging seventh graders to get real hands-on learning and have fun. This event is part of Portland Public School's new program called the 7th-Grade Maker Experiences program.
- On Tuesday May 10th the Southeast Campus held its first **Multicultural Night** hosted by students through the Passion Impact PCC Club, led by Kien Truong. Hundreds of community members, and leaders attended the evening event held in the Great Hall. The students worked with many local groups and businesses to sponsor the well-attended event. Many campus leaders attended the event and Rob Wagner, Associate Vice President of College Advancement also attended the event.
- The Southeast Campus held its **second annual cultureSEast Signature Event** series during the week of May 16th. The event kicked off with a preview day of Games from around the World hosted by the Vietnamese Student Club. The three day event series included performers, presentations, panels and discussions on bridging identities, stories and communities. The opening and closing ceremonies were widely attended and the feedback so far this year has been astounding!
- On Wednesday May, 18th the **Southeast Campus hosted the United States Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx** as he visited the City of Portland for their finalist position

in the US Smart City Challenge. The event gathered leaders from across the state including Governor Kate Brown, City of Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, Commissioner Steve Novick, State Representative Barbra Smith Warner, State Representative Lew Frederick, State Representative Jessica Vega-Pederson, PBOT Director Leah Treat, and many, many more local business and community leaders.

- On Tuesday, May 24th and Wednesday, May 25th the **Southeast Campus Queer Resource Center (QRC) held its first celebration of Southeast Pride**. The events included keynote speakers, a Consent for All workshop, Illumination Project Performance, Movie Screening and a Pride Party. Kole Myrick the QRC Coordinator engaged with many students, staff, faculty and community members who truly appreciated the two-day event series.
- Saturday, May 21st and Saturday, May 28th **The Eureka Program at Girls Inc** which encourages girls to explore education and career paths in STEM fields visited the Southeast Campus. Two Saturdays in May the Eureka cohort from Girls Inc **visited PCC's STEM Center** to participate in a hands-on learning opportunity. Lakia Davis, Eureka Program Manager, brought her cohort of Eureka teens to the STEM Lab to learn about 3D printing and computer-aided design and drafting.
- On Monday, May 23rd Campus President Jessica Howard performed with the Music Club during the **Southeast Multicultural Center's Spring Finale Radio Hour**. Students and President Howard played musical instruments and shared stories with the campus community on how music and education have become a part of their lives. Also featured during the Spring Finale show were Southeast Campus' Jen Poinar, Phil Christian and Tony Gonzales.

Sylvania Campus

- The Business Department welcomed guest speaker Kevin Hyland a longtime marketing professional in the sports marketing sector to speak at its Marketing Lunch Lecture Series on May 12. Hyland discussed marketing and sales integration, retail strategies and product development.
- The business administration department hosted a PSU Transfer Workshop on May 13 for more than 90 PCC students. Students listened to a panel of transfer students who explained what it was like to make the transition to PSU, while learning about the honors program and study abroad opportunities. PSU Advisors were also on site to answer any questions about the School of Business. PCC students who attended were co-admitted to PSU and had the \$50 application deferred.

- Sylvania welcomed a group of 25 students from Sunset High School on May 16. The eager students visited the MakerSpace and made USB cases with 3D printers and also used all of the other major processes in the area. A handful of them will be back in the summer for the Digital Design and Fabrication Camp that is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Education Summer CTE Grant.

COLLEGE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Advancement/PCC Foundation

- The PCC Foundation received over 2,500 scholarship applications for the academic year 2016/17. We are pleased to announce that approximately \$850,000 has been awarded in scholarships to over 500 deserving students.
- The Foundation is honored to report new declarations of intent for estate gifts totaling over \$2.3 million which includes \$1.1 million from retired PCC faculty members.
- The Foundation is excited that the following community leaders have joined the Foundation Board of Trustees: Abel Ahumada Alaniz, PCC Diamond Alum; Honorable Margaret Carter, PCC Diamond Alum; State Senator Chip Shields, Oregon Legislature; Dale Pellow, former President and CEO, Howard S. Wright Construction; Ami Margolin Rome, Development Director at Oregon Episcopal School and daughter of PCC Board Member Doreen Margolin.

Communications

- Community Relations/Public Relations, working in concert with Strategic Communications, has by and large wrapped up its support of PCC's "Whiteness History Month" in April. Calls continue to come in, as do questions about bloggers and media opportunities that we're fielding and putting to bed. We're pulling together a media summary of all stories that have run since January. PCC's quarterly flagship magazine, *Communities*, was produced, published and distributed to more than 300,000 area residents. The publication included a long feature exploring Whiteness History Month.
- Additionally, we worked with some of the campus community relations managers who submitted recap stories for the Web site from their personal perspectives, based on experiences at their campuses.
- We're continuing to evaluate needs for community relations and public relations support related to planning for the bond renewal levy. We've also begun detailing initial

plans for bond completion celebrations for both Rock Creek and Cascade campuses in the 2016-2017 academic year.

- As the college continues its work in Columbia County related to the Advanced Manufacturing Research Center, we partnered with our collaborators on the project and serviced a press release out to local media in late May, once the funding was awarded by the legislature.
- Community Relations/Public Relations and Strategic Communications met with the Oregon Food Bank and Waterfront Blues Festival to discuss how the college's sponsorship of the festival will look. The Blues Fest will take place in early July and includes the July 4th holiday.
- We continue to evaluate a variety of table sponsorships that are arriving now, for events to take place in the fall. Under consideration is whether the Advancement Office is to sponsor them or split them with the campuses.
- Community Relations/Public Relations and Strategic Communications are working closely with the Commencement team on a variety of projects. Those under Communications/Public Relations' jurisdiction include the commencement program letter from the president, speaker bios for the program, the diploma insert letter, talking points, run-of-show input and more. Strategic Communications partnered to produce the June 10 PCC commencement exercises with stage design, alumni "pride packs," goodies for new alumni, speeches, live social media display and selfie booth.
- The director of Community Engagement served on the presidential search advisory committee, and semi-finalist interviews were held May 9 and 10. We serviced a press release in mid-May when the selection of finalists was made, and with several others in Advancement, we have helped coordinate details surrounding visits by the finalists to the college the week of May 23.
- We worked closely with Dr. Christine Chairsell's office on PCC's renewal of its co-admission agreement with Marylhurst University, shooting photos and writing copy for the Web site.
- Community Relations and Strategic Communications continue logistics planning with CLIMB focused on a breakfast CLIMB plans to host with Washington County-based employers. The meeting's purpose is to entertain the idea of developing a mechatronics program in Washington County. This is set for June 23.

- Strategic communications produced a successful "panther pride week" in partnership with community relations managers and student leadership. During the week, hundreds of free T-shirts were distributed. (An emphasis on visible spirit symbols has been a key goal this year.) Students lit up social media with turquoise--and social media engagement was strong after our complex April.
- Special attention has been given to the efforts of PCC's Office of Equity and Inclusion and the Listening Intervention Team for Equity (LITE), by way of a Power Point presentation given to various internal meetings, Web site content and more in the development stage. The LITE effort will launch in mid-to-late November.

Financial Aid

- The Financial Aid Office (FAO) is currently offering 2016-17 student aid to students who have met PCC's priority deadline and completed their award requirements. To date we have offered financial aid to approximately 9,000 students. Of note, the FAO has offered 705 Oregon Promise Grants to recently graduated HS students who met the State's eligibility criteria. At this time this represents \$1,769,800 in additional student aid for eligible HS graduates who are intending to attend PCC.

Disability Services

- Portland Community College was one of only two colleges in the country to receive scholarships for a total of four students with spinal cord injuries in one year. The scholarships are awarded through the Craig H. Neilsen foundation. This is the third year PCC students have been invited to apply for this unique scholarship that provides full funding for all tuition, books, and fees, but also provides students with an incidental fund to address transportation or medical related expenses.

Grants Office

FUNDED GRANTS

- **Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Community College Student Success - \$1,324,063.** The project will broaden the reach and impact of Future Connect throughout PCC's District and across the state of Oregon, providing nearly 3,000 students with critical program services and support. The grant will support 480 new students with coaching, instruction and transfer assistance. It will provide recruitment services to more than 2,500 students in high school students residing within Future Connect's current service region. In addition, the project will build a system and network of support across Oregon to serve students participating in emerging Future Connect program models.

- **US Department of Education - Juvenile Justice Reentry CTE Education - \$1,151,093.** The goal of this project is to provide career and technical education and wrap-around services to a total of approximately 100 female youth offenders over three years at Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility in Albany, Oregon. While incarcerated, the young women will have the opportunity to take Basic Computer Skills (CAS 144), online with supported instruction from a teacher at Three Lakes High School. This course is one of four courses needed for a Career Pathways certificate in CAS and would stack to other Career Pathways at PCC. Opportunities will also be available to them in areas of vocational and pre-apprenticeship education through partnering organizations. Three tracts will be available to these young women post-release: 1) continue with career pathway courses at PCC, 2) continue with state approved pre-apprenticeship programs, or 3) go directly into the job market.
- **Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission - Innovative STEM Activities Program - \$286,816.** This proposed project will expand recruitment, retention, and supports to women and underrepresented minority students in targeted Physics, Chemistry, and Engineering courses taken by students to fulfill program prerequisites and/or requirements at PCC as well as students planning to transfer into four-year STEM programs. This project will build on and expand existing efforts, successes, and lessons learned regarding increasing the number of women and other underserved students in STEM programs at PCC over the last five years.

HONORS and AWARDS

- Elsa Gomez was named the recipient of the 2016 Washington State University-Vancouver Community College President's Award, an annual scholarship awarded by the Cascade Campus President (as well as by the presidents of Clark and Mt. Hood community colleges). The award provides for one year of tuition-free study at WSU-V, and is renewable for a second year. Ms. Gomez, who immigrated to the United States from Nicaragua, intends to earn a degree in Neuroscience from WSU-V and then pursue a career in research.
- A standing-room-only crowd filled the Moriarty Auditorium at Cascade during May for the Portland Teachers Program's annual end-of-year "Celebration of Students." The event honors students who have completed PTP and are ready to start their careers as teachers, as well as those who have completed milestones within the 5-year program. A large proportion of the crowd was made up of PTP alumni, who turn out every year to support current students and to maintain ties with other member of the program's extensive alumni network. To date, PTP has placed more than 200 teachers of color in Portland and Beaverton public school classrooms.

- PCC's Architectural Design and Drafting students, along with Landscape Design and Interior Design students, earned \$500 in cash for their design for the City of Rainier's transit center presented April 18 to the Rainier City Council. Once a firm has been selected to design the transit center, they will be asked to incorporate elements of the student's design in their proposals. Congratulations to students Doug Eaglebear, Vanessa Golding, Corinne Dermond, Vanessa Morgan and Jodee Perry.
- Rock Creek Dean of Student Development Narce Rodriguez was awarded the Oregon TRIO Association Achiever Award at the May 12 TRIO annual professional development conference in Ashland. Each year, the Oregon TRIO Association (OTA) receives nominations from more than 35 TRIO programs throughout Oregon.
- Stephanie Crosson, a student in the Rock Creek Building Construction Technology design build remodel program, has been named Outstanding Student Member by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) & SubZero /Wolf for her "demonstrated excellence and commitment in her studies and potential promise within the kitchen and bath Industry." The Rock Creek design build program is the only hands-on design build remodel program certified by the National Kitchen and Bath Association in the country.
- Rock Creek Dealer Service Technology Service student Chase Gilbertson took first place in the SkillsUSA Oregon competition April 15. He will be one of more than 6,000 students who will compete in the 100 occupational and leadership skills event at the National SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, Ky., June 20-24th. The Dealer Service Technology Program, also referred to as ThinkBIG, is a Rock Creek-Caterpillar Inc. partnership.
- Robert Garrison, Rock Creek Auto Collision Repair student, has won the 2016 Collision Repair Education Foundation's 3M Hire Our Heroes tool grant award valued at \$4500. This program focuses on student veterans.
- The Science and Engineering Department was awarded a \$286,816 HECC grant over 13 months to support outreach and retention of underrepresented students in chemistry, Physics and engineering. The grant will fund PCC faculty professional development, E/I hub exploration with Oregon STEM Hubs, paid faculty and student tutors, PCC-PSU paid student ambassadors and website upgrades.
- The National Science Foundation in collaboration with the National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence (GeoTech Center) announced GIS students Kyung Lee and Mike Holscher won first and second place, respectively, in the two-year college category of the 2016 Undergraduate Geospatial Technology Skills Poster Competition.

Posters submitted from across the country were submitted and judged by a panel of geospatial professional associated with the GeoTech Center. They will receive their award at the end of June after an all-expenses paid trip to the Environmental Systems Research Institute User Conference in San Diego, Calif.

IN THE NEWS

May 2: The Oregonian. Thirty six of Oregon's top community college students will be honored Tuesday, including eight from PCC.

May 4: Portland Tribune. Isabelle McRae has become the first Portland Community College student to earn a prestigious Critical Language Scholarship to Turkey.

May 13: South County Spotlight. The Oregon Institute of Technology has committed up to \$1.75 million toward a property purchase in Scappoose for manufacturing research center.

May 16: OPB, Hillsboro Tribune & Portland Tribune. Oregon's largest college, PCC, has announced three presidential finalists.

May 16: Portland Tribune. Congresswoman Bonamici invites top Democrat on U.S. House committee to Portland meetings, including PCC's Rock Creek Campus.

May 18: The Oregonian. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx spoke Wednesday at the Southeast Campus.

May 19: Beaverton Valley Times. Portland college to choose new president from three finalists.

May 21: South County Spotlight. PCC Public safety training facility next for Scappoose?

May 25: Forest Grove News-Times. PCC students join rally in Forest Grove to combat discrimination.

May 27: South County Spotlight. State releases \$7.5 million for PCC's innovation center.

May 31: Portland Tribune. Legislature releases \$7.5 million for PCC project.