

PSU Salutes Adam Reid '03



Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Adam Reid '04

Adam is the cofounder of Portland's Leadership & Entrepreneurship Public Charter High School (LEP). He teaches the Leadership & Entrepreneurship classes, helps coordinate outreach and community relationships, and provides general input regarding the direction of the school. Prior to the school's opening date in August 06, as one of the Co-Founders, Adam spent two years developing the charter proposal and conducting outreach efforts within the community. During this time, Adam also held a teaching position as an Adjunct Instructor at Portland State University where he taught Popular Culture - a class theme used to build sophomore student's reading and writing skills.

Adam gained most of the ideas featured in LEP while helping to develop Ethos, Inc., a nonprofit multicultural music center in North Portland, where he started and managed multiple programs that brought music education to underserved youth and communities. Other relevant experiences from Adam's past include serving several years as a Student Leader for Service and a University Studies Peer Mentor at PSU, and tutoring after school at Jefferson High School. Altogether, Adam served thousands of volunteer hours in the local community, which includes two full-time years with AmeriCorps. He has received several awards for his leadership in community service.

Getting to know Adam...

Favorite way to spend time

Swallowing bugs as my wife and I ride our motorcycles along the Columbia George back roads or watching thought provoking documentaries.

Favorite cause

Helping to educate and inspire Portland's Youth for 21st century success.

Person most interested in meeting

Jesus...I'm impressed with how he challenged the status quo, pushed people beyond their comfort zones and made them think outside the box.

Most important lesson learned

Don't be afraid of mistakes and failures. They are the best learning opportunities available, and a chance to start new and change for the better.



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