

Spotlight

on Student Affairs

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2007 Student LeaderConnect, *Smith Memorial Student Union*

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2007 Student LeaderConnect

This October 19th nearly 75 student leaders from across campus came together to meet, share ideas and get inspired for the upcoming academic year. LeaderConnect is designed to help students create partnerships and networks that they can use to make their programs and events more successful. This event, sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Committee, is open to all student leaders who are interested in getting involved and learning about leadership opportunities at PSU. Resident Assistants, Student Ambassadors, Campus Recreation Student Leaders, Orientation Leaders, and representatives from ASPSU, and Student Affairs staff attended this year's LeaderConnect.

LeaderConnect is the first in a series of 3 events held at PSU each year for student leaders to meet to discuss leadership best practices and experiences. The next program in the leadership series is the 6th Annual Student Leadership Conference scheduled for January 25, 2008. This year's conference will feature a keynote address from Jefferson Smith, co-founder of the Bus Project. Mr. Smith, an Oregon native and graduate of the University of Oregon and Harvard Law School, will share his insights and wisdom about leadership gained through his experiences in politics in Oregon and elsewhere.

Student Affairs Highlights

OUTDOOR PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Portland State University's Outdoor Program was awarded the David J. Webb Program Excellence Award at the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education Annual Conference on November 3. This annual award recognized the Outdoor Program for its 40 years of activity on the PSU campus and its contributions to the region, state and nation. The award also recognized the PSU Outdoor Program as the first outdoor recreation program created by a university – started in 1966 by Sam McKinney and President Branford Price Millar.

The David J Webb Program Excellence Award honors an outstanding non-profit outdoor program which has provided dynamic and innovative services to its participants, demonstrated professionalism and high standards of conduct, and contributed to the outdoor community at large by sharing information and assisting other programs.

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GEAR UP Grant Project

Sherie Guess, Coordinator of the Diversity Scholarship Programs, received the maximum possible award (\$5,000) from the Oregon GEAR UP: College Awareness Enrichment Programs administered through the OUS Chancellor's Office.

Ms. Guess collaborated with staff in both Educational Equity Programs & Services and Admissions to develop "Bridges: The Next Step." This project supports Portland State's mission to provide opportunity to higher education for all communities of learners by building on the PSU Bridges Program sponsored by Admissions during Fall Term.

Specifically, the project will provide targeted first generation and underrepresented students with a day-long, hands-on workshop in January where students will build a college application portfolio. The goal is to assist students with articulating their goals, and organizing their plans for college, and creating a cogent personal statement for admission and/or scholarship applications. For more information contact Sheri Guess, 503-725-4457, guess@pdx.edu

NWASAP Outstanding Service Award Recipient: Jon Joiner

Jon Joiner, Coordinator of the Multicultural Center, received the 2007 Otis McCreery Outstanding Service Award from the Northwest Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NWASAP). The Otis McCreery award was established in 1987 to honor McCreery's many contributions to the student affairs. The award is presented each year to a student affairs professional who contributes in an outstanding way to the profession, displays integrity, and provides services beyond the expectations on campus and in the community. The regional association includes Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Idaho, Utah, and Nevada.

Jon Joiner received his award during the regional NWASAP conference on October 18-20, in Newport, Oregon.

Campus Recreation Hosts National Institutes

Portland State's Campus Recreation was the host for the NIRSA National Recreation Facilities, Fitness, and Aquatics Institutes. With over three hundred attendees, including eight from PSU, the Institutes broke attendance records and provided a great opportunity to network with colleagues and learn first hand the best practices for building and programming student recreation centers. Dan Fortmiller, Interim Vice Provost of Student Affairs, gave a warm PSU welcome and shared the stage with keynote speaker Lynn Jennings, an Olympic bronze medalist.

Campus Rec also co-hosted the NIRSA Region VI Conference with the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. The theme "It All Comes Together Here," linked the two events. PSU and Portland were on the main stage and thankfully the sun shone brightly for both events. As a result, many visitors fell in love with Portland and want to come work at Portland State.

CO-Admission: Making Important Connections

Enabling students to make smooth transitions from community college to Portland State is an important goal in support of our University mission. To that end, the Co-Admission Program has established partnerships with six regional community colleges: Clackamas CC, Mt. Hood CC, Portland CC, Chemeketa CC, Clark CC, and Clatsop CC.

Through Co-admission, students are admitted to both Portland State and a community college. In a given term students may enroll entirely at the community college, entirely at Portland State, or concurrently at both institutions. This provides the greatest level of flexibility for class selection and cost savings, and provides services such as financial aid, library resources, and computer lab access at both campuses.

Co-admission also offers important comprehensive benefits: students can meet with UASC advisers who specialize in community college relations, and can access the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) through Banweb self-service. Courses taken at the community college are automatically transferred to PSU at the end of each term, which greatly simplifies paperwork. Access to PSU advisers and PSU degree audit reports, updated with recent transfer credit, helps students make better course selections at the community college in order to maximize transfer credit and degree applicability. Academic advising also provides an important personal connection to Portland State. Even before they set foot in a PSU classroom, co-admitted students have established symbolic and functional relationships here.

Fall 2007 marked an 18% growth in the number of students applying to the Co-Admission Program over the past year. These students are currently taking important steps toward achieving academic success!

For information about the Co-Admission Program, contact Nicolle Nixon, Co-Admission Coordinator, at nixonnn@pdx.edu or Joan Jagodnik, Assistant Director of Community College Relations, at jagj@pdx.edu.

Midnight Breakfast: Take a Break from Studying

Midnight Breakfast, an event designed to help students reenergize for finals, will take place on Tuesday, November 27th from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to enjoy free food and entertainment as they get ready for the busy weeks ahead. The theme for this Fall's event is "1950's Drive in Movie." The event will take place in the Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

For more information contact Student Activities and Leadership Programs, at 503-725-4452, leadership@pdx.edu or visit web.pdx.edu/~salp.



HOW TO HANDLE ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- Faculty have the purview to sanction the student with a modified grade for the assignment in which academic dishonesty is found.
- Faculty members can choose to handle issues of academic dishonesty solely within the context of the course or may choose to document the academic dishonesty with the Office of the Dean of Students.
- A faculty member may also choose to address the misconduct through the student conduct process by submitting a student code of conduct complaint form to the Office of the Dean of Students. The Code of Conduct complaint form and additional resources can be viewed online at www.pdx.edu/dos/conduct.html

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Student Legal and Mediation Services: Where Students Can Go to Get Legal Help

Student Legal and Mediation Services (SLMS) provides free legal assistance and notary services to students enrolled in four undergraduate or three graduate credits. SLMS assists students with a variety of criminal and civil law matters, helping them resolve legal issues and remain focused on their educational pursuits. The majority of cases students need help with involve domestic relations matters, landlord/tenant issues, and consumer law. SLMS will not take cases against other students, against PSU, or against a faculty or staff member. SLMS staff will provide students with referrals to other attorneys in the legal community, however.

SLMS also provides several campus-wide events to benefit the PSU community such as the dissolution workshops, bicycle law seminars, and discussion sessions on Oregon Marijuana Law.

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Women's Resource Center Remodel

The Women's Resource Center (WRC), located in the Montgomery Hall basement, will be relocating temporarily to the Career Center between December 3 and January 11 due to remodeling.

WRC staff will be available for appointments. Contact at 503-725- 5672 or email wrc@pdx.edu.

STUDENT AFFAIRS MISSION:

- To provide programs that facilitate and enhance student learning through intentionally connecting parts of the student experience into a meaningful whole through collaborative partnerships with faculty and other institutional agents by bridging organizational boundaries.
- To enrich and complement student learning by providing opportunities for involvement in meaningful activities within the University community and the larger urban community.
- To provide services that facilitate student transition to the University and remove barriers to student success.



DID YOU KNOW?

The **Career Center** is offering free workshops about these topics:

- *MBTI and career choices*
- *Writing Resumes and cover Letters*
- *Interviewing*
- *Strong Interest Inventory Session*
- *Networking*
- *Queers and careers*

For current schedules visit
www.pdx.edu/careers

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