September 2014

To Parents of Tualatin High School Computer Science students,

Tualatin High School partners with Portland State University to teach our Computer Science courses (CS 161 and CS 162) at Tualatin, through the Challenge Program, a 35-year old, nationally-accredited concurrent enrollment program.

Jill Hubbard, who has adjunct status from the PSU Department of Computer Science, teaches the courses, following the PSU syllabi and textbook policies and meeting regularly with her PSU faculty partner both at Tualatin and on campus. This partnership is key to our success in bridging the high school with the campus. Eligible students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and be recommended by Ms. Hubbard. Students enroll as regular part-time PSU students. Upon successful completion of the course, they earn 4 PSU credits per course, which are officially recorded on a PSU transcript, and widely transferable.

Our program is distinct as an accelerated learning option in the following ways:

• We build a community of faculty and instructors that is the foundation of Challenge’s success. It provides a venue for support and shared information that reinforces the connection between the campus and the classroom.
• We encourage and support class visits to campus to help familiarize students with Oregon’s largest university and to use student resources such as our library online databases and computer accounts as well as attend special events.
• Our instructors have the academic freedom to determine how to meet PSU standards and are not restricted by having to focus on teaching to a high-stakes final exam; nor are our students sidelined by weeks of test taking preparation.
• We strive for both an academic and cultural college experience and hold our students to college-level expectations, smoothing the transition to college.
• It’s a great deal. Our program fee is $230 for a 4-credit class—a 70% reduction of campus tuition ($768).

For details, including important Fall registration, payment, and deadline information, please see the back of this letter.

There is more information about Challenge on our website at www.pdx.edu/challenge-program, including a Student/Parent Handbook I encourage you to download. And of course, I am available to answer questions or help in whatever way I can.

Many thanks for your interest in Challenge,

Sally Hudson
Director
Tualatin High School Registration Information.

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FALL APPLICATION: Ms. Hubbard provides registration material to eligible students. Completed registration applications are due to her by Sept. 19, 2014 (blue registration form, payment, any other required documentation noted below).

FALL PAYMENT: We require payment with registration. A discounted cost of $50 per class is available to students eligible for, or participating in, the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program; must attach a copy of the eligibility letter with the registration form.

GPA WAIVER: Students not meeting our 3.0 cumulative GPA are eligible to request a waiver by attaching their high school transcripts to their registration. More information is available from their instructors or on our website.

Important Drop & Withdrawal deadlines:
Any student wanting to drop or withdraw from a class needs to alert both the instructor AND the Challenge Office by emailing us at cplink@pdx.edu. There are no refunds.

Drop deadline (no record at PSU) October 31, 2014
Withdrawal deadline (W on transcript) December 5, 2014