



SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

Convocation this Wednesday

President Rahmat Shoureshi will share his vision for student success at Portland State during the 2018 Faculty and Staff Convocation Wednesday, Sept. 26, 3 to 6 p.m. in the Viking Pavilion at the Peter W. Stott Center. The annual event will also include the Faculty and Staff Excellence Award winners as well as recognition of those who are new or promoted. A reception will follow the program. [RSVP online.](#)



New video and photos of solar eclipse

On the anniversary of last year's total solar eclipse, a team of PSU engineering students and alumni released a [video](#) and [high-resolution photos](#) showing the eclipse shadow as it moves across Oregon. Funded by a [nationwide NASA project](#), the PSU team launched five high-altitude hydrogen balloons from Corvallis, Ore. Cameras mounted on the balloons took approximately 180,000 photos, which were used to create panoramic images of the earth, sun and moon during the eclipse. [READ MORE](#)

Establishing Native studies

This fall, Portland State is offering [Oregon's first bachelor's degree in Indigenous Nations and Native American Studies](#), which will provide Natives and non-Natives with opportunities to study the history, culture, values and contemporary issues of Native peoples. A petition, survey and letters of support showed that there was demand for the major, and in June, the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission unanimously approved it.



Helen Gordon director named

After a nationwide search, Mary Schumacher-Hoerner was chosen new director for the Helen Gordon Child Development Center, the University's early childhood center and laboratory school. She was most recently an associate professor of early childhood education and director of the Child and Family Development Center at San Juan College in New Mexico. Schumacher-Hoerner succeeds

retiring director Ellie Justice this fall. [READ MORE](#)

\$1 million gift to support Judaic Studies

The University has received a \$1 million grant to create a new scholarship program within Judaic Studies and bring Israeli professors to campus. The grant was presented through the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer Family Fund of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, on behalf of Arlene Schnitzer and Jordan D. Schnitzer. It will cover more than half the cost of tuition and fees for nearly 20 undergraduate students majoring in Judaic Studies over the next five years, and establish the Harold Schnitzer Visiting Scholar Fund to bring Israeli scholars to campus for year-long appointments. [READ MORE](#)



PSU hosts STEM experience for girls

For the third year in a row, PSU hosted Oregon Summer Transportation Institute, a free two-week residential camp open to high school girls from Oregon. The camp, made possible by support from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), featured guest lectures by local professional women from the ODOT, PSU, TriMet, moovel and more. Girls worked on two-week projects to improve five Portland intersections and also learned basic bike repair and self-defense skills. [READ MORE](#)

Policy comments sought

The University Policy Committee is seeking public comment on [three proposed policies](#) for the University: Access Control Policy, Art Collection Management Policy, and Information Security Policy. [Comments should be submitted by Oct. 17.](#)



Campus Rec certified Gold

Campus Recreation is the newest department certified Gold in the [PSU Climate Champions Program](#), which promotes and recognizes resource conservation and stewardship. The program includes an assessment for departments to track their progress, and Campus Rec, with a near perfect score, is the highest-scoring department since the program's launch. Campus Rec achieved its status with a variety of innovative efforts, including green cleaning, zero waste events and thoughtful choice of fitness equipment. [READ MORE](#)

Benefits Buzz

Employees may no longer take loans from their TIAA ORP account. Read about this and more in the [Oregon Public Universities Retirement Plan newsletter](#).

Columbia Sportswear and Adidas are offering [discounted store passes](#) for PSU employees.

Content for Benefits Buzz is provided by the PSU Office of Human Resources and more benefits information is available on the [Human Resources website](#).

EVENTS

September 24
[HR Training: New Employee Orientation](#)

[A Glimpse of China: Chinese Dance and Music](#)

September 25
[Faculty & Staff: Welcome New PSU Leaders](#)

September 26
[Faculty and Staff Convocation](#)

September 27
[Party in the Park](#)

[Soccer: PSU vs. Weber State](#)

[Volleyball: PSU vs. Northern Arizona](#)

September 27-28
[Care Ethics Research Consortium Conference](#)

September 28
[HR Training: Benefits Only Information Session](#)

[Community-based Assessment of Transportation Needs to Inform City of Portland Smart Cities Plan](#)

[Soccer: PSU vs. Weber State](#)

[Chemistry Seminar Series: Paul Spiege!](#)

September 29
[Volleyball: PSU vs. Southern Utah](#)

September 30
[Soccer: PSU vs. Idaho State](#)

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