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President emphasizes student success in convocation address

Portland State is making measurable progress to help students from all backgrounds succeed, including an array of new initiatives, said President Rahmat Shoureshi in his annual Convocation address Sept. 26.

The president told faculty and staff that the keys to achieving success are “financial support, mentoring, advising and engagement,” and he cited the example of student Angelica Acosta pictured here. His address was preceded by the presentation of [faculty and staff awards](#) for research, teaching and service. [Read more, including the president’s full address.](#)

Changes to undergraduate education

A new model for undergraduate advising rolled out this fall that allows students to choose either a major or select one of seven exploratory Advising Pathways. Incoming and continuing undergraduate students will be assigned an advisor based on the major or exploratory Advising Pathway they have selected. Students will receive an email with the name of their assigned advisor within the first two weeks of fall term, and they can also find their advisor on the [Pathway Advising website](#). [READ MORE](#)



Get into a Portland State of Mind

The University will open its doors to the community October 11-25 with events that celebrate knowledge, culture and the University’s unique connection to the city. This year’s lineup includes [PSU Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#) Oct. 12, [Family Friendly Yoga-Raiser](#) Oct. 13, an [Oct. 15 debate on the Oregon ballot measure](#) that would repeal the state’s sanctuary law, and so much more. Most events are free or low cost. [View the full list online.](#)

Walk for health in October

Walktober, Campus Rec’s annual 31-day walking challenge, is back and open to the entire PSU community—no Rec Center membership required. Interested participants should visit the [website](#) to create an account and join as an individual or team member. The number of steps taken and recorded will earn prizes and incentives. [Guided walks](#) are held throughout the challenge. Email walktober@pdx.edu with questions or for more information.

Join the chorus

Faculty, staff, alumni and other community members are welcome to join the PSU Community Chorus, which rehearses Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. in 453 Cramer Hall. No audition is required and the chorus puts on one performance each term. Interested singers are encouraged to attend a rehearsal, where they will have the option to learn more and sign up.

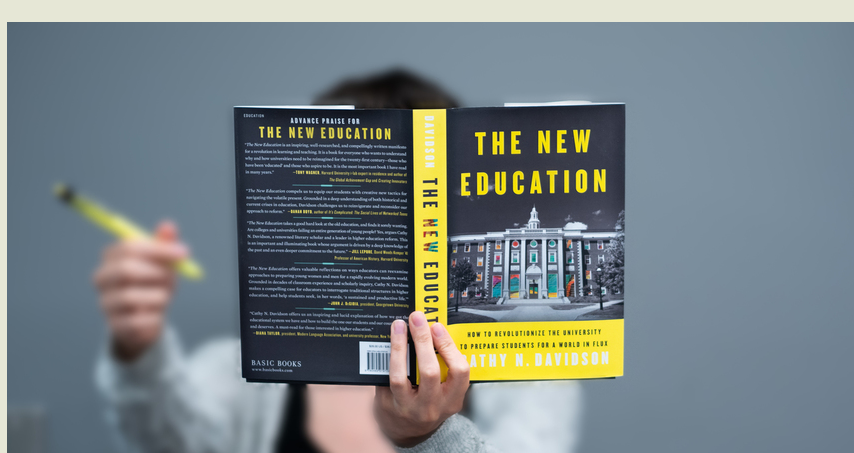


Workshop on designing international programs

Faculty interested in creating and leading short-term international programs are invited to an [information session Friday, Oct. 12](#), 1 to 2:50 p.m. in 605 Karl Miller Center. Former faculty leaders and the Education Abroad team will discuss how to choose a location, globalize curriculum, and design an International Faculty-Led Program. Anyone eligible to teach for credit may teach through the program. Professor Ines Warnock and students in Barcelona, Spain, are pictured here.

McNair Scholars accepting student applications

Encourage undergraduate students to apply by Nov. 2 for the [PSU Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program](#), which starts winter 2019. The program introduces juniors and seniors who are first-generation, low-income, and/or members of under-represented groups to academic research and to effective strategies for getting into and graduating from Ph.D. programs. McNair scholars work closely with faculty mentors on original research projects.



Opportunities from the Office of Academic Innovation

Join the [Faculty Book Group](#) to discuss [The New Education: How to Revolutionize the University to Prepare Students for a World In Flux](#) on Fridays at noon in the [Office of Academic Innovations](#), M209 Smith Union, starting Oct. 5.

Drop by the Office of Academic Innovation’s [Donuts & D2L sessions](#) at 10 a.m. on the first Fridays of every month—starting Oct. 5—in M209 Smith Union.

Apply to take advantage of the [Fall Faculty Writing Retreat](#), a day (8:30 to 4:30) dedicated to silent writing on Oct. 26 and/or Dec. 7. OAI provides free coffee, meals and snacks.

EVENTS

October 1
[Jumpstart Faculty Academic Writing Group](#)

October 2
[HR Training: Banner Finance & HR](#)

[HR Training: Banner Basic](#)

October 3
[HR Training: EPAF](#)

[Education Abroad Fair](#)

[HR Training: Banner HR-Only](#)

October 4
[Jumpstart: Faculty Academic Writing Group](#)

[HR Training: Banner Finance & HR](#)

[Noon Concert: World Flutes & Low Flutes, Drums & Strings](#)

[Why Gorbachev’s Russia Became Putin’s](#)

[Surviving in the Creative Industry in Japan](#)

[Learn to Pray and Heal](#)

October 5
[Faculty Donuts & D2L Drop-in](#)

[Faculty Book Group](#)

[Transportation Seminar: Statistical and Econometric Analysis of Heavy-Vehicle Hard Braking and Crash Frequency](#)

[Chemistry Seminar: Melanie Cooper](#)

[Disability Resource Center Open House](#)

October 7
[Not Sorry: Feminist Experimental Film from the 1970s to Today](#)

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