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Free tuition draws students

Together, two free-tuition programs have drawn more than 2,000 students to the University this fall. Transfers Finish Free, a new program aimed at students who transfer to PSU to finish their degrees, helped matriculate 1,112 students. Four Years Free, a program for incoming Oregon freshman that is now entering its second year, added 526 new students in addition to the 430 current sophomores who started in the program last year. Both programs offer free tuition to full-time, low-income students who are eligible for Pell Grants and Oregon Opportunity Grants. Although transfers are up this year, overall enrollment is down from last year. [READ MORE](#)

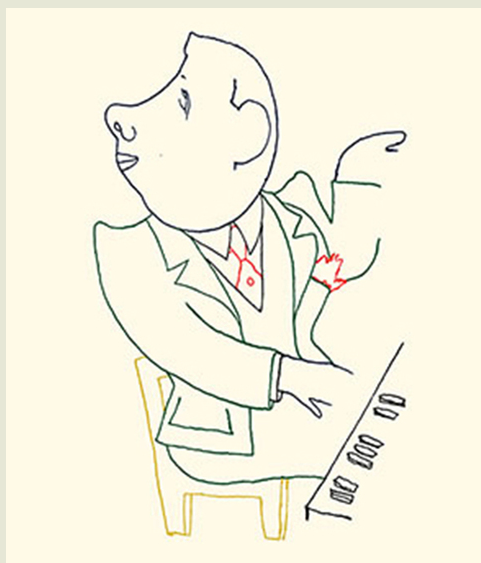
Name changes approved

The Portland State Faculty Senate approved two name changes at its Nov. 5 meeting. The Graduate School of Education is changing its name to the College of Education. It will be offering undergraduate degrees, and the new name will be in place by Jan. 1. The Office of Graduate Studies will immediately be known as the Graduate School. The name change will raise the visibility of the program, which supports 5,700 graduate students, 21 doctoral programs, over 70 master's programs, and close to 50 graduate certificates, says Roositza Wooster, dean of the Graduate School.



Music from Beijing to Portland returns

Following the success of the first concert in October, a [second From Beijing to Portland concert](#) will be performed Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in 75 Lincoln Hall. Featuring music teachers and students from the Confucius Institute and the International Summer Music Institute, the concert will showcase music from traditional Chinese instruments such as the yangqin and guzheng. The concert is free and all community members are encouraged to attend.



Poulenc & Friends performance Nov. 16

A marathon concert of masterworks for voice, strings, winds and piano takes place from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, in 75 Lincoln Hall. Part of a series of performances celebrating French composer Francis Poulenc, the concert will

feature students, faculty and guest artists playing and singing his work and that of his early 20th century contemporaries. The [free concert is broken into four parts](#), and the audience may pick and choose from performances, which begin at 5, 6:30, 7:45 and 9 p.m. The Poulenc@PSU series, which runs through January, is hosted by PSU Opera with participation from the Alliance Française Portland.

Donations sought for student parents

The Resource Center for Students with Children requests donations of food, toys and gift cards for its [annual Winter Wonder program](#). This year, instead of matching student families with donors, the RCSC will collect general donations and distribute them to families in early December. Donations of any size are welcome and group donations are encouraged. Ideas include gift cards from Target, Safeway and Fred Meyer; nonperishable food items; cold weather clothing such as hats, gloves and scarves; and children's books and toys. Individual donors can also [donate cash online](#). The deadline for donations is Dec. 4.



Sample international cuisine at cooking competition

PSU Eats and the Office of International Student & Scholar Services invite the campus community to join them for [International Food Fight](#), a cooking competition featuring amateur student chefs from Bangladesh, Peru and Kuwait. The free event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Parkway North, 101 Smith Union. Attendees will receive a free meal comprising tastes from around the world. This event is part of [Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week](#).

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[FS Training: AP Policy](#)

[Armistice Day: Nation-States, The New World Order and the Rhetoric of World War I](#)

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[OIT Workshop: Intro to Cognos \(DataMaster\)](#)

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[How to Bloom: Poetry and Q&A with Kavi Ade](#)

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[Biology Seminar Series: Rocky Parker](#)

[Transforming Northwest Portland](#)

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[Environment Seminar Series: Annette Dietz](#)

November 16
[Scenarios for Adoption of Autonomous Vehicle Technologies in Freight](#)

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[Transgender Action and Care Conference](#)

[Zephyr Clarinet Choir Fall Concert](#)

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[Oregon String Teachers Solo Competition Finals](#)

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