



JANUARY 14, 2019



Construction started on new building

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday, Jan. 11, to celebrate the \$104 million civic, education and health center under construction at southwest Fourth Ave. and Montgomery St. The seven-story Fourth and Montgomery Building is slated for completion in fall 2020 and will house the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health; PSU's College of Education; PCC's Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs; and the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability as well as ground-floor retail and restaurants. [READ MORE](#)

Free music and theater events during scholarship weekend

Sit-in on an opera, play or chamber choir rehearsal. Attend a free violin, piano, jazz or voice masterclass. These are some of the many events that are free and open to the public during the [School of Music & Theater's annual scholarship weekend](#), Jan. 23–27. The scholarship weekend is a chance for members of the PSU community and prospective students to explore and learn more about the school's award-winning programs.

MLK tributes scheduled for Jan. 28 and 29

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute will feature two signature campus events. Rukaiyah Adams, a native Portlander, community activist and chief



investment officer at Meyer Memorial Trust, will deliver the keynote, "[Living the Legacy: Confronting Economic Injustice in Times of Crisis](#)," on Monday, Jan. 28. A [panel of scholars and activists](#) will discuss King's speech "The Three Evils of Society: Racism, Poverty and Militarism" on Jan. 29. Both events are at 6:30 p.m. in the Smith Union ballroom and free with tickets available online through the [PSU Box Office](#).

English Language Program granted reaccreditation

The Intensive English Language Program has been granted 10-year reaccreditation from the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the U.S. The Commission has determined that the Portland State University Intensive English Language Program meets the 44 required standards and commends the program for its achievement.



Reuse Room reopens after renovations

Departments may donate or acquire surplus office supplies in the newly [remodeled Reuse Room](#), located in 180 Cramer Hall. In addition to office supplies, the Reuse Room offers used home and school supplies, electric appliances and a lending library. The Reuse Room is open to all members of the PSU campus community during normal business hours. Part-time volunteers are occasionally on hand to answer questions and assist with locating items.

Lecture on history of voter suppression

"Give Us The Ballot: A Panel on the History of Voter Suppression and the Importance of Fighting for Voter Access" will take place Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 5 p.m. in 327 Smith Union. Panelists Winston Grady-Willis, director of the School of Gender, Race and Nations; history professor Marc Rodriguez; and Samantha Gladu will discuss voter suppression techniques throughout history, efforts to re-enfranchise Black voters, and Oregon's groundbreaking voter access policies. [Tickets are free with reservation.](#)

Benefits Buzz

[Weight Watchers At-Work](#) is free to all staff and faculty enrolled in a PEBB medical program. Bring an insurance card to sign up for one of two 13-week sessions in 312 Market Center Building: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. starting Jan. 22, or Fridays, 12:15 p.m. starting Feb. 8.

Faculty and staff who work over 600 hours in a calendar year are eligible for the [retirement pension 401a plan](#) and, regardless of hours worked, may contribute to two [voluntary retirement savings plans](#). [Sign-up to meet](#) with a retirement consultant.

Encourage students to...

Apply for next year's University Housing & Resident Life [student leadership positions](#) by Jan. 22. Employment with room & board.

Attend the [Social Impact Career + Volunteer Fair](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Smith Union Ballroom, third floor.

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EVENTS

January 14
[HR New Employee Orientation](#)

[Outspoken: Modern Quilts Exhibit](#)

[Exploring the Future: Skills for the Next Chapter](#)

[Jumpstart: Faculty Academic Writing and Publishing Group](#)

January 15
[OIT Workshop: PSU CampusNexus CRM Training](#)

[Speech and Hearing Eat Out Fundraiser at Cheryl's](#)

January 16
[Physics Seminar: The Hidden Features of Elliptical Galaxies](#)

[Give Us The Ballot: A Panel on the History of Voter Suppression and the Importance of Fighting for Voter Access](#)

[Extra Ordinary: Short Films & Videos About Everyday Life](#)

January 17
[Jumpstart: Faculty Academic Writing Group](#)

[Everyone Can Be A Leader: Exploring Non-traditional Community Leadership](#)

[Noon Concert: Oregon Guitar Quartet](#)

[Show & Tell: Jung Heo](#)

[Biology Seminar: Madagascar Meanderings: Twenty Years of Chasing Tenrecs](#)

[HR Training: Approval Lab – Timesheet or Leave Reports](#)

[On Drawing: Eleanor Erskine, Lisa Jarrett, and Hugh Merrill Exhibit Reception](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Southern Utah](#)

January 18
[HR Training: Design Thinking & Mindfulness for Leaders & Others](#)

[Winter Faculty Book Group](#)

[Toward More Inclusive Hiring for Faculty and Staff](#)

[Chemistry Seminar Series: Graduate Student Seminar](#)

January 18–19
[Voz Alta: Generaciones](#)

January 19
[Mini Conference for Faculty: Building Community in the 21st Century](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Northern Arizona](#)

January 21
[University Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)

[Friends of Chamber Music: Escher Quartet](#)

PRESENTED

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