

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

## Convocation highlights faculty achievements, strategic plan

Portland State faculty and staff gathered to celebrate at the 2015 Convocation Sept. 23, and were honored for achievements ranging from the discovery of “weird life” on the ocean floor to excellent service to students. At the annual kick-off of the academic year, President Wim Wiewel also provided a sneak peek at PSU’s new strategic plan. [READ MORE](#)

## University makes 'most innovative schools' list

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Portland State among the “most innovative” national universities in its Best Colleges 2016 rankings, released online Sept. 9. Portland State is the only Oregon campus on U.S. News’ first list of “schools that the public should be watching because of the cutting-edge changes being made on their campuses,” based on a survey of college administrators. [READ MORE](#)

## Office hours with the president

President Wim Wiewel is hosting open office hours in the Simon Benson House Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 3 p.m. This is a casual meeting for faculty and staff who would like to talk with the president. There will be a sign-up sheet, and the time allotted to each person will depend on how many people are signed up. For more information contact the President’s Office at 5-4411.

## Interim leader named for PSU Foundation

President Wim Wiewel and PSU Foundation Board Chair Mark Rosenbaum announced that Constance French will serve as interim CEO and president for the PSU Foundation. She started last week. Most recently, French was senior vice president for advancement and campaign director for the Oregon Health & Science University Foundation.

She replaces Lindsay Stewart, who served as temporary interim after the departure of Francoise Aylmer. A national search for a new PSU Foundation CEO and president is being conducted. [READ MORE](#)

## Read about Portland State research

Research ranging from the diagnosis and treatment of aphasia to the hidden costs of “green” practices is featured in the latest issue of the *Portland State Research and Strategic Partnerships Quarterly Review* available as a [free PDF download](#). The publication includes a quarterly report of award, proposals, expenditures, publications and doctoral degrees conferred.

## PSU goes smoke and tobacco free

This fall PSU joined nearly 1,600 colleges and universities across the country and more than 20 in Oregon in banning all smoking and tobacco products on campus, including smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pipes and hookahs. The new policy fulfills PSU President Wim Wiewel’s pledge at the 2013 Fresh Air Challenge to have a smoke-free campus by 2016. [READ MORE](#)

## Meet with accreditation committee

The campus community is invited to meet with representatives of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities during an accreditation site visit Oct. 7-9. Chuck Staben, president of the University of Idaho, chairs the evaluation team. An open faculty session is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m., Oct. 7, 140 Millar Library. A staff session is 10-10:30 a.m. Oct. 8, 651 Market Center Building. A student session is 1-2 p.m. Oct. 8, 160 Millar Library. An open meeting to hear preliminary results of the visit—no questions or inquiries allowed—will take place 9:30-10 a.m. Oct. 9, 651 Market Center Building, and is open to the public. [Portland State accreditation materials](#) are available on the web.

## GSE moves to Fourth Avenue Building

The Graduate School of Education has moved to its new interim home on the second floor of the Fourth Avenue Building. The space houses the dean’s office and departments of counselor education, curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and policy, and special education, as well as the Community Counseling Clinic, a technology center, and two classrooms. The best way to access the GSE is from the Harrison Street (north) entrance, then take the elevator to the second floor. The GSE address is now 1900 SW 4th Avenue, suite 200; and the campus mail code is 200 FAB.

## Love to sing?

Staff and faculty are invited to join the PSU Community Chorus, which meets from noon to 12:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 453 Cramer Hall. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, Oct 6. The chorus, directed by graduate student Tim Havis, is open to singers of all skill levels. Membership is also open to alumni and retired faculty and staff. Cost is \$50 a term, which pays for music and stipends for the director and accompanist. Send an email to [Karin Waller](#) to attend the first rehearsal; there is no obligation to join.

## Ondine requires ID cards for access

Ondine Residence Hall, which includes several classrooms, now requires an official [Portland State ID card](#) for access at all times. The change is meant to standardize physical accessibility and increase security. ID cards are available for all faculty, staff and students, and can be obtained between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at ID Card Services in the Neuberger Hall lobby. A government-issued photo ID must be presented to receive a PSU ID card, and the first ID card is free. Those who encounter a problem accessing campus buildings with an ID card should call the Campus Public Safety Office non-emergency number at 503-725-4407.

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### EVENTS

**September 28**  
**Fall Term Begins**

[Faculty Support Desk Fall Hours Begin](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: JumpStart Writing](#)

**September 29**  
[PSU Jazz Concert Series: Jazz Faculty](#)

**September 30**  
[PSU Employees Benefits Fair](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: D2L](#)

[Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration](#)

**October 1**  
[Walktober](#)

[Center for Women's Leadership 9th Annual Power Lunch](#)

[Open hours in the Smith Permaculture Garden](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: JumpStart Writing](#)

[An Evening with Ellen Bravo](#)

**October 2**  
[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[Department of Chemistry Seminar Series: Erik Johansson](#)

**October 3**  
[Aging Well Conference](#)

[Football: PSU vs. North Dakota](#)

**October 4**  
["Impressions of China" – A Traditional Chinese Performing Arts Showcase](#)

**October 5**  
[Multicultural Welcome Week: Smudge Ceremony](#)

[Multicultural Welcome Week: Cultural Resource Centers Open House](#)

[Office Hours with the President for Faculty and Staff](#)

[China Town Hall 2015](#)

[Multicultural Welcome Week: Screening of 14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark, and Vanessa Lopez](#)

**October 5-6**  
[Friends of Chamber Music: The Montrose Trio](#)

**October 6**  
[PSU Jazz Concert Series: Park Avenue Group](#)

[Multicultural Welcome Week: Multiracial/Multiethnic Identity Lunch event](#)

[Lecture: Lincoln and the West](#)

[Ann Niles Active Transportation Lecture: Equity and Access in Los Angeles](#)

### PEOPLE

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