

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

PSU rises to top for sustainability

For more than five years, Portland State has maintained a gold rating in the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS), a national college and university benchmarking tool. This year for the first time, STARS ranked the top five performing institutions in all 17 STARS reporting areas. PSU landed in the top five for excellence in research and transportation planning. [READ MORE](#)

College choirs galore

The best college choirs in the country will perform in Portland Nov. 12-14 as Portland State hosts the National Collegiate Choral Conference. Choirs from Juilliard, Yale and the PSU, to name a few, will perform in southwest and northwest Portland churches. Tickets cost \$15 or \$25 for individual performances. A National Choir Festival pass good for all six concerts cost \$50. [READ MORE](#)

Modern take on Greek myth

Orpheus and Eurydice are young and in love, and the world they must escape more closely resembles Wonderland than Hades. The classic Greek myth is re-envisioned in *Eurydice*, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sarah Ruhl. Directed by Professor Karin Magaldi, the play opens Nov. 13 in Lincoln Performance Hall and runs through Nov. 21. Tickets for faculty and staff cost \$8. A \$6 preview performance is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12. [READ MORE](#)

Winter clothing sought for Syrian refugees

Concerned employees of Portland State are collecting winter clothing and other items for Syrian refugees. The donations will be sent overseas and distributed by Salaam Cultural Museum. New or slightly used winter clothing, blankets, socks, school supplies, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, hygiene kits and toys are needed. Leave your donations in Student Financial Services, 171 Neuberger Hall, or contact Mahmoud Alsabbagh at mahmoud3@pdx.edu or 5-4933 to collect them. Donations will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 13.

\$1 million raised for student success

Portland State raised more than \$1 million at the 16th Annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner on Oct. 29. This was the fourth year in a row that donors invested more than \$1 million in PSU. Held at the Oregon Convention Center, almost 1,500 guests were entertained by keynote speaker Arianna Huffington (pictured here), head of the Huffington Post Media Group. [READ MORE](#)

Free science lecture tickets

Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture, "[More Than Human: Embracing the Promise of Biological Enhancement](#)," featuring Ramez Naam. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Ave.

Changing world, office, East Hall

Education and employment are continually changing and becoming more globalized. As PSU and the world change, the Office of International Affairs has changed, too. The campus community is invited to find out more at an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 in East Hall, 632 SW Hall. Learn how International Affairs supports students and faculty who study, intern and teach internationally. The event includes refreshments, prize drawings and tours of historic East Hall.

Get social this Thursday

Faculty and staff are invited to the ongoing Second Thursday Social Club from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in 209 Smith Union Mezzanine, Provost's Office of Academic Innovation. There will be a cash bar and the Provost's Office will provide free food.

Applications sought for President's Diversity Mini-Grants

The campus community is invited to apply for President's Diversity Mini-Grants through Dec. 7, 2015. The Office of Global Diversity & Inclusion and the Diversity Action Council seek diversity-related curricular development projects, campus events and programs, or research that promotes a positive campus climate for diversity. Selected proposals will be awarded up to \$500 each. [READ MORE](#)

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EVENTS

November 11
Veterans Day – University closed

[Old Town Tour: Old Buildings, New Ideas for Adaptive Reuse](#)

[Women in Science Mixer at OMSI](#)

November 12
National Choir Festival

[Performance Attendance Series: Sarah Kwak, Susan Chan, Nancy Ives](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: New Faculty Orientation – Portland State's Engagement Opportunities](#)

[Biology Seminar: The Role of Phytoplankton Diversity in the Ocean Ecosystem](#)

[CLAS Faculty Brown Bag: Comic Art in the Classroom](#)

[History Faculty Q-and-A Exploring the Historical Context of Current Developments in Syria, Iraq and Beyond](#)

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

[Lost Music of Byzantium](#)

[MercyCorps Events: Stories From The Field](#)

[Faculty & Staff Second Thursday Social Club](#)

November 12-15
Play: *Eurydice*

November 13
Turning Trash into Peace Workshop

[Transportation Seminar: Choropleth Mapping of Estimates and Errors of Estimation from the American Community Survey](#)

[Rap News, Dumb Phones and Africa's Population Boom](#)

[Outdoor Program: Intro to Sport Climbing Trip](#)

[Symposium on Environmental Research](#)

[Policy, Politics, and Public Health: The Role of Cities in Mobilizing Harm Reduction Drug Policy](#)

[Selected Biochemical Investigations in the Field of Diabetes Mellitus](#)

[A Night of Woo Woo: The Legacies of Nicole Sangsuree Barrett](#)

[Screening of Student Films from Ireland](#)

[National Choir Festival PSU Performance](#)

[Crazy Jane Prevails: Colorful Stories of Strength by Local Women Composers](#)

November 14
Outdoor Program Trip: Clack Raft

[Football: PSU vs. Southern Utah](#)

[National Choir Festival PSU Performance](#)

November 16
A Cyborg Cartography: The Use of Web-Based Maps in Claiming Rights to the City

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

November 17
Office of International Affairs Open House

[PSU Jazz Concert Series: Jones and Medler Groups](#)

[Workshop with The Slants](#)

[Library Workshop: Managing Resources with Zotero and Mendeley](#)

[OIT Workshop: Excel Introduction](#)

[University Success: Peace Corps Presentation](#)

[Science on Tap: The Neuroscience of Trauma - From Trigger Warnings to PTSD](#)

[Free Rock Concert: The Slants](#)

PEOPLE

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