

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Grant to provide college access to those with intellectual disabilities

For the first time in Oregon, individuals with intellectual disabilities will have access to an inclusive university experience. A \$2.5 million, five-year grant from the U.S.

Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education will create a college program that enrolls students with intellectual disabilities in regular PSU classes and culminates in the certification of skills for eventual employability and adult life. Ann Fullerton and Susan Bert (pictured here), Education faculty, are co-directors of the project. Ruth Falco, who wrote the grant proposal, will serve as the project evaluator. The Think College Inclusion Oregon project is the first of its kind at a four-year university in Oregon. [READ MORE](#)

Provost to discuss budget

The campus community is invited to hear Provost Sona Andrews share new information about the FY 2016 educational and general budget status and FY 2017 planning process from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, in 333 Smith Union. A question-and-answer session is included. Budget and planning process information is available through [Andrew's blog posts](#).

Learn about teaching abroad opportunities

Off-campus teaching gives the students of Richard White, Urban Studies faculty, amazing real-world experience. Since 2008, White has taught PSU students about sustainable community development 4,000 miles away in Managua, Nicaragua. Through the International Faculty-Led Program, he and other faculty taught short-term courses in 23 countries last year. Learn about international course design and teaching opportunities from White and others, including the Education Abroad staff, Thursday, Nov. 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 236 Smith Union. Light refreshments will be provided.

Governor signs historic Vietnam agreement fostered by PSU

Closer ties between Oregon and Vietnam, developed under the leadership of the PSU Center for Public Service, led to a signing ceremony in Hanoi last month. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Director General of Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nguyen Ba Hung signed a letter of intent to further strengthen relations between Vietnam and Oregon. The letter calls for "government-to-government, business-to-business, and academic-to-academic" cooperation and dialogue on topics including business, agriculture, urban planning, tourism, and the environment. [READ MORE](#)

Named 'platinum level' bike university

The League of American Bicyclists has named Portland State a "Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly University." PSU is the only university in Oregon and one of only five in the United States with this designation. The other four platinum winners are Stanford University; University of California, Davis; Colorado State University; and University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. The league noted that PSU's support for bicycling has helped reduce congestion, improve air quality and lower the demand for parking on campus. [READ MORE](#)

Working with pregnant or postpartum students

Have you ever worked with a pregnant or postpartum student and been confused about what assistance or accommodation you should provide them? PSU has developed a new procedure to help students and faculty to work together to meet each student's individual needs and follow the law. Check it out at [Student Pregnancy and Postpartum Assistance and Accommodation Procedure](#). Find out more about the legal requirements for pregnant and postpartum students under Title IX in the fact sheet: [Title IX Pregnancy Fact Sheet](#). Questions? Contact Lisa Wittorff at Services for Students with Children at 5-5623.

Annual ballet comes to Lincoln Hall

The PSU Symphony Orchestra will again accompany The Portland Ballet's annual Thanksgiving performances at 1 and 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Nov. 27-29 in Lincoln Performance Hall. This year 90 dancers, ages 8 to 19, will reprise John Clifford's Russian fairytale *Firebird* as the symphony performs music by Stravinsky under the direction of Ken Selden. A world premiere of Dance Artistic Director Anne Mueller's Day by Day, set to Mozart and highlighting the drama and humor of everyday life, will also be performed. [Tickets cost \\$15 for youth, \\$35 for adults, and \\$90 for a family of four.](#)

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[Name Change Workshop](#)

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[Library Workshop: How to Make Your Research Data Sing](#)

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PEOPLE

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