

JAN. 4, 2016

Trustees endorse affordability proposal

The PSU Board of Trustees on Dec. 10 unanimously endorsed a resolution to go forward with a college affordability proposal that includes asking metro-area voters to approve a business payroll tax of one-tenth to two-tenths of 1 percent that would raise \$30 million to \$70 million a year. The money would go to scholarships and student support such as advisers and faculty. The focus would be on low-income and under-represented minority students who live in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. [READ MORE](#)

Foundation releases annual report online

Last year, donors made gifts of more than \$46 million to support Portland State students, faculty, programs, research, capital projects and other campus priorities. It marked the fifth year in a row that private giving to PSU has increased. [The Impact of Giving](#), the PSU Foundation's recently completed annual report, provides an overview of the results from 2014-15, the foundation's most successful year. The annual report includes profiles of donors, as well as stories about how their gifts have changed the lives of students and altered the face of the Portland State campus. [READ MORE](#)

Employees receive service awards

The offices of Facilities and Property Management and Capital Projects and Construction recently recognized 21 employees with [Exceptional Service awards](#) and their [Mike Irish Award](#). Award winners are Brian Almeida, Charles Carlton, Matt Coleman, Bob Folkerts, Ashley Froelish-MacMillan, Terry Hamamura, Bryce Henry, David Hurley, Jennifur Johnson, Lavell Kindell, Patrick Leonard, Jordan Loewen, Jason Luce, Rihana Mungin, Julio Munguia, Raphael Rocha, Aaron Shear, Joshua Steed, Chris Tinnin, Anita Vermilya, and Suzan Wilson.

New student meeting places planned

The University will create meeting places for African American students and Asian/Pacific Islander students on campus. The new spaces will complement the existing La Casa Latina space for Latino students, the Native American Center and the Multicultural Center (pictured here) for all students of color. The new spaces will be open to students in fall 2016. The rooms, designed to be inviting gathering places for the students to study and meet with advisers and mentors, are part of PSU's commitment to diversity and student success. [READ MORE](#)

OAI offers January Teaching and Technology workshops

The Office of Academic Innovation is hosting Teaching with Technology workshops throughout January. The first workshop is on D2L and is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in the OAI suite, 209M Smith Union. [RSVPs are requested](#). Those interested in attending any of the Teaching with Technology workshops should RSVP at the individual event listings on the [OAI calendar](#).

Come together for day of service

Faculty and staff are invited to join Portland-area students for the 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Monday, Jan. 18. Buses will leave PSU at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. The day will start with a rally at Mt. Hood Community College. Buses will then take volunteers to service sites to work outside at area schools, parks, and

community gardens, and sort food and clothing at community organizations. Children age 6 or older may participate with adult supervision. [Registration is required](#).

Campus meal deal for staff, faculty

Aramark is offering a special meal plan for faculty and staff that includes 25 meals and 100 Dining Dollars. Participants may use the meal benefit all year; it never expires. Sign up at [psu-dining.com](#), call 5-3603 or stop by Campus Dining in suite 260 Smith Union. Meals are provided at Victor's in the Ondine, and the Dining Dollars may be spent at the Viking Food Court in Smith Union, Branford's Bean in the PSU Library, the Meetro in King Albert, and the V-store in Ondine.

Free science lecture tickets

Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture, "[Techno-Morality: A Survival Guide for Advanced Species](#)," featuring Shannon Vallor. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Ave.

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EVENTS

January 4
[Faculty Support Desk Winter Term Hours Begin](#)

[Education Abroad 101](#)

[Gentle Yoga with Erica Wagner](#)

January 5
[PSU Community Chorus First Rehearsal Winter 2016](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: D2L](#)

[Education Abroad 101](#)

[Death On Display: Bones and Bodies in Cambodia and Rwanda](#)

[Flexible Degrees RFP 2015 Proposals Due](#)

January 6
[Education Abroad 101](#)

[Friends of Geography Monthly Meeting](#)

January 7
[MA Defense: Bonnie Harvey: "Stewarding Our Mountains: A Program Evaluation of Place-Based Service Learning on the Appalachian Trail"](#)

[Show & Tell: Tsilli Pines](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Jumpstart Your Academic Writing Goals for 2016](#)

[CLAS Faculty Research Brown Bag: Environmental and Social Aspects of Sustainable Flood Risk Management in Urban Watersheds](#)

[Community Cleanup Walk](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: The Museaux Trio](#)

[Education Abroad 101](#)

[Eyeshine: Wendy Given and Ryan Pierce Opening Reception](#)

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

January 8
[OAI Faculty Workshop: D2L Grades](#)

[Education Abroad 101](#)

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[Department of Chemistry Seminar Series: Reuben Simoyi](#)

[Faculty Fellows for Academic Portfolio Development RFP Due](#)

January 9
[WRC Community Retreat: Building Skills to Lead for Health Equity and Gender Justice](#)

[Investigating the Buried Mirror Mystery: How Should We Look at Early Chinese Artifacts?](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Montana State](#)

January 11
[Healthy U Wellness Challenge](#)

[Project Happiness](#)

[JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[Harvest Share: Free Fresh Fruits & Vegetables](#)

[Education Abroad 101](#)

[Gentle Yoga with Erica Wagner](#)

[NCAA College Football Championship Watch Party](#)

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

January 12
[Fund for the Public Interest](#)

[Office Hours with Vice President for Global Diversity & Inclusion Dr. Carmen Suarez](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Media Space](#)

[Education Abroad 101](#)

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

PEOPLE

[Clive Knights, Gerry Sussman](#)

PRESENTED

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