

JAN. 19, 2016

## Events honor memory of Martin Luther King Jr.



Stephen Graves

Stephen C.W. Graves, award-winning Mt. Hood Community College political science instructor, is the keynote speaker for this week's MLK Tribute. Grave's presentation and a soul food reception are planned from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Native American Center. The weeklong tribute includes discussions, workshops, and a dance organized by students. A free but sold-out talk from founders of Black Lives Matter is scheduled for Feb. 16 during Black History Month. The speech will be shown live at another campus location to be determined to accommodate overflow attendees. [READ MORE](#)

## Drop-in conversation with the provost

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a [drop-in session with Provost Sona Andrews](#) to ask questions, share ideas and information, or to make introductions. The next session is from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in 258 Smith Union. The following month's session is schedule for Feb. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the same room.

## Viking student athletes make the grade

Athletics has announced that PSU student athletes finished fall term with an average team grade point average of 3.209, one of the highest department GPAs in Viking history. Of Portland State's 264 student-athletes, 157 had GPAs of 3.0 or above. Seventy-two of those had 3.50 GPAs or higher, and 20 student-athletes had perfect 4.0 GPAs. The PSU women's golf team (pictured here) had the best department GPA at 3.76. "Our primary mission at Portland State is for students to succeed in the classroom and develop the skills necessary to prepare them for their future," said Viking Athletics Director Mark Rountree. [READ MORE](#)

## Sick leave policy adopted

After careful review by the University Policy Committee, a Sick Leave Policy has been adopted for Portland State. The policy ensures compliance with relevant laws, including SB 454 (Oregon Paid Sick Time law) and encompasses existing agreements for eligible employees. This policy can be reviewed at [PSU General Counsel Adopted Policies](#).

## Making healthy vegetables more convenient

Zenger Farm and Portland State University have teamed up to bring the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Partnerships for Health program to communities across the region, making organic, local produce easily available for people looking to improve their health. Now the program is expanding and looking for new participants, especially employers that will help the program reach an additional 350 families. [READ MORE](#)

## Athletics joins Green Sports Alliance

There is a movement among professional and collegiate athletics to support the environment through a commitment to sustainability in their operations. In November, Portland State Athletics joined the Portland-based Green Sports Alliance, which has among its member the Portland Trail Blazers and Seattle Seahawks. Many of the sustainability actions undertaken by the alliance members focus on the operations of stadium and arenas—appropriate, considering the major renovation PSU is planning for the Stott Center into the LEED certified Viking Pavilion and Academic Center. [READ MORE](#)

## Encourage students to...

Apply for resident assistant positions with [PSU Housing and Residence Life](#) by Jan. 25. The positions pay approximately \$12,000 in room and board.

Influence development of the University's Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Program by attending an all-day workshop Friday, Feb. 12, in 327 Smith Union. Students must [register by Feb. 1](#) and will receive \$50 as well as lunch and snacks for attending.

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### EVENTS

**January 19**  
[Why Black Lives Matter](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Mail Setup, Shortcuts, Tips, Chat, Tasks](#)

[MLK Celebration: Dreams for the Future](#)

**January 20**  
[Winter Symposium: What Does it Mean to be Educated in the 21st century?](#)

[Living His Dream: MLK Keynote & Reception](#)

[Film: Latino Americans: 500 Years of History](#)

**January 21**  
[International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability](#)

[Breakfast with the Cause](#)

[Community Cleanup Walk](#)

[Performance Series: Wind Symphony Chamber Music](#)

[Graphic Design Show & Tell: Sunset City](#)

[Civil Infrastructure Seminar: Lessons Learned from Failed MSE Walls](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Community-based Learning Discussion Group](#)

[I Don't Get It: PSU/PNCA Exchange Reception and Performances](#)

[Production Possibility Frontiers and Tradeoffs Among Ecosystem Services from Forest Restoration: Case Studies from the Pacific Northwest](#)

[The Art of Vengeance in Early Modern Japan: Realities and Imagination](#)

[A Night of Hip Hop](#)

**January 21-26**  
[Jerusalem Quartet and the Beethoven-Bartok Festival](#)

**January 22**  
[Drop-in Conversation with the Provost](#)

[Transportation Seminar: Student Presentations from TRB, Week 2](#)

[OIT Workshop: Excel Introduction](#)

[Popcorn + Pop Culture: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in popular media](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Sponsored Projects Research Support at PSU](#)

[Chemistry Seminar Series: Narayan Khandekar](#)

[I Am Superwoman: Empowering Women in the Movement](#)

**January 23**  
[Outdoor Program Trip: Backcountry Cooking](#)

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

### PEOPLE

[Lisa Bates, Maura Kelly, Michael McGregor, Tamara Sale](#)

### PRESENTED

[John Hall, Meiru Liu, Susan Kirtley, Donald Truxillo](#)

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[Kathi Inman Berens, Pat Boas, Anita Bright, Virginia Butler, Maurice Hamington, Kristin Hole, Kimberly Kahn, Sarah Key-DeLyria](#)

### GRANTS

[Jason Jurjevich, Phil Keisling](#)

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