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Departments named climate champs

Collecting dried-out pens for recycling, participating in the PSU Bike Challenge and switching to electronic filing to save paper are all ways PSU departments supported the University's sustainability and climate action goals this year. Their conservation efforts have earned them silver level [Climate Champions](#) recognition from the Campus Sustainability Office this month. Of the 27 departments that applied, nine met at least 36 of 50 criteria to attain the silver level status: Office of the President, Transportation & Parking Services, Bike Hub, Environmental Health & Safety, School of Social Work, Learning Center, Student Sustainability Center, University Honors College, and Institute for Sustainable Solutions. [READ MORE](#)

PSU partners with city, county on toxic air study

The PSU [Institute for Sustainable Solutions](#) will conduct an in-depth look at

heavy metals in Portland metro neighborhoods over the next two years—taking more than 600 samples for metals in air, soil and other surfaces. The study, led by Environmental Science and Management Professor and ISS Fellow Linda George, is a partnership with the City of Portland and Multnomah County. The city and county are providing \$62,500 in matching funds for the project. Results will help inform policy makers, public health agencies and concerned neighbors about toxic metals air pollution. [READ MORE](#)

Leno to deliver Simon Benson keynote

Comedian Jay Leno is the keynote speaker for the 17th annual [Simon Benson Awards Dinner](#), scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Oregon Convention Center. The dinner is an annual fundraising event and celebration hosted by the PSU Foundation. Alumni to be honored at the event include Philanthropic Honorees Keren Brown Wilson PhD '83 and Michael DeShane PhD '77, MA '71, BA '69; and Alumni Achievement Honoree Tom Fink '71. The event co-chairs are Paul Schlesinger, Peter W. Stott and John Whearty '91. Sponsorship and ticket information for the dinner is available on the [PSU Foundation website](#).

Business Breakfast Briefings open to all

For the past 12 years, the School of Business Administration has brought together executives, entrepreneurs and innovators from throughout the region and the country to discuss the trends and challenges facing business leaders today. The last two briefings for the year are scheduled for May 16 and June 6. They are, respectively, "Athletic & Outdoor Industry: Wearable Technology" and "Global Supply Chain Management: Corporate Social Responsibility." The briefings are open to the public and are scheduled from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. Tickets cost \$20 or \$10 for students. [Registration is requested.](#)

Study finds cocktail of contaminants in oysters from Coos, Netarts bays

In a new study led by PSU researchers, Olympia oysters in Coos and Netarts bays were found to contain a cocktail of pharmaceuticals and other potentially harmful chemicals—including pain relievers, antibiotics, antihistamines, PCBs, mercury and pesticides. The chemicals enter the bays via groundwater runoff and wastewater that's discharged to inland rivers. The research team—which includes Environmental Science and Management Associate Professor and ISS Fellow Elise Granek and researchers from partner organizations—found that individual concentrations of chemicals are within the safe levels designated by the Oregon Health Authority; however, the health risks of consuming seafood that contains a combination of these chemicals are unknown, as are the ecological effects. [READ MORE](#)

Green Roots Cafe to close

Leading up to its closing at the end of spring term, the Green Roots Cafe in Smith Memorial Student Union is serving customers in coffee shop style rather than its previous restaurant model. The cafe is offering a breakfast menu until noon and grab-and-go lunch options all day, and is continuing to host catered events. Green Roots Cafe Budget Manager Hayden Leach says the cafe will close due to financial strain from increased losses this year and limitations on support from the Student Fee Committee. The cafe hopes to provide continued opportunities for students to learn about sustainable food services on campus, but future plans are not in place.

Capstone students earn grant for African outdoor camp for the deaf

PSU students in the [Grantwriting: Sustainability Capstone](#) received a \$1,000 grant for Portland's African sister city Mutare, Zimbabwe, and Nzewe School's camp for the deaf.

Students in English Professor Tracy Dillon's course partnered with the [Portland-Mutare Sister City Association](#) to raise the funds for the school, which provides education and vo-tech training to deaf people ages 3 to 21 and their families. The grant, provided by The Columbia River Peace Corps Association, was matched by PMSCA for the purpose of holding camps where deaf students from Eastern Zimbabwe can experience the outdoors while building their self-esteem, independence and sign language skills.

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EVENTS

May 9
[Harvest Share: Free Fresh Fruits & Vegetables](#)

[52nd Annual Nina Mae Kellogg Awards](#)

May 10
[HR Healthy, Wealthy, Wise: Home Ownership & Financing](#)

[National Groundwater Association Darcy Lecture: Rethinking the Relationship Between Data, Models, and Decision Making](#)

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

[Edith Head, Carol Lombard, and the Most Famous Dress in Hollywood](#)

['O Au No Keia: This is who I am – An Evening with Kumu Hina](#)

[Misogyny, Masculinity, and Strindberg: A Panel Discussion](#)

May 11
[OTT Workshop: Google Calendar, Google+, Hangouts](#)

[Nourish Wellness Fair](#)

May 12
[Assembly – 2016 Social Practice Conference](#)

[Asian & Pacific Islander Women/Women Identifying Panel](#)

[Backwoods and Bathrooms: Masculinity, Race, and Sexuality in Transgender Men's Experiences of Space and Institutions](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: Jazz](#)

[Pride Event](#)

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

[Tyranny of the Weak: How North Korea Shakes the World](#)

[The Fourth Annual Walk of the Heroines Lecture](#)

[Harold Goodhue Vatter Memorial Lecture: Big Data and Big Cities](#)

[The Great Awakening: Reclaiming Two Spirit Indigenous Culture](#)

[Paul Hawken: Solutions to Climate Change](#)

May 12-28
[A Night of Strindberg](#)

May 13
[Sustainability in Business Breakfast](#)

[Faculty Training Workshop: Inspiring Equity and Justice in Sustainability Education](#)

[Transportation Seminar: Are the Region's and City's Transportation Policies and Actions Moving us in Their Desired Directions?](#)

[CPID Talks: Mark Lakeman on Creating Sustainable Public Places](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Hunks, Chunks, and Bites: How to Get Your Writing Projects Planned So You Can Get Them Completed](#)

[Socially Mediated Visibility Under Authoritarianism](#)

[Maseeh Colloquium: Opportunity to Learn From Lectures in Advanced Mathematics](#)

[Chemistry Seminar: John W. Peters](#)

May 13-14
[Film screening and Director Q-and-A: The Way We Talk](#)

May 14
[Outdoor Program: Triple Falls Day Hike](#)

[Meteorite Day](#)

[Pacific Islander Club Lu'au](#)

May 15
[Outdoor Program Trip: Clackamas Rafting](#)

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