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October 30

[Desire2Learn Workshop](#)

1 to 3 p.m., 437 Neuberger Hall, register online, free

October 31

[OIS Halloween Party](#)

7 to 10 p.m., 355 Smith Union

[Sharkbite Improv 7: Dawn of the Dead](#)

7:30 to 9 p.m., 115 Lincoln Hall

November 1

[Clouds, Crowds, and Traffic: What 10 Emerging](#)[Megatrends Mean for the](#)[Future of Transportation](#)

Noon, 204 Distance

Learning/Urban Center

[Collaborating Across Borders: Sustainability Education and the Power of Partnership](#)

2 to 4 p.m., 660 Academic & Student Rec Center, free

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

6 p.m., Stott Center,

\$25/\$18/\$8, free

[Reflections on the Conflict in Syria](#)

6:30 p.m., 296 Smith Union

[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. Northwest Christian](#)

8:15 p.m., Stott Center,

\$25/\$18/\$8/free

November 2

[History & Heritage of Chinese Floral Arrangement](#)

9:30 a.m., place TBA

[Football: PSU vs. Weber State](#)

1:05 p.m., Jeld Wen Field,

\$29/\$18/\$9/free

November 3-5

[A Pigeon and A Boy: Act 1 – Chapter 1](#)

7 p.m., various locations, \$15

November 4

[PSU Faculty Senate](#)

Regular meeting, 3 to 5 p.m., 53 Cramer Hall, free

November 5

[Intro to DataMaster Reports Workshop](#)

10 to 11 a.m., 450 Neuberger Hall, register online, free

[Film & Discussion: The Garden](#)

3 to 5 p.m., 228 Smith Union

PRESENTED

[Talya Bauer, Sharon Carstens, Jack Corbett, Enrique E. Cortez, Berrin Erdogan, Dave Ervin, Harrell Fletcher, Junghee Lee \(Art\), Nathan McClintock, Meg Merrick, Liza Morehead, Swapna Mukhopadhyay, Jeanette Palmiter, Patricia Wetzel](#)

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New online master's degree

The School of Social Work announced the launch of an online degree program beginning fall 2014. The three-year online Masters of Social Work degree program will be the only one of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. It's targeted toward working students and those who have difficulty coming to the downtown Portland campus for classes, said Sarah Bradley, coordinator of the program. [READ MORE](#)

Green roof research at Walmart

The design of green roofs is poised to improve as a result of a two-year research partnership between Portland

State and Walmart. The PSU Green Building Research Laboratory is putting scores of sensors and a weather station on Walmart's new Hayden Meadows store in North Portland. Data will be collected from 40,000 square feet of vegetative roof as well as 52,000 square feet of white membrane rooftop—providing a unique side-by-side comparison. [READ MORE](#)

Simon Benson gala raises record amount

The University raised more than \$1.2 million—a new record—at its 14th annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner on Oct. 22. More than 1,800 people—another record—attended the event honoring philanthropy and alumni achievement. Anderson Cooper, award-winning journalist and CNN news anchor, captivated the audience with his stories of covering news around the globe. [READ MORE](#)

Anonymous \$8 million donors revealed



Rick and Erika Miller

Rick Miller, co-founder of the Rogue Venture Partners equity fund and a founder of the Avamere Group, and wife Erika were

awarded the Simon Benson Award for Philanthropy by Portland State last Tuesday. The Millers were behind an anonymous \$8 million gift to the PSU that kicked-off a \$60 million effort to renovate and expand the University's business school. Rick Miller is a 1991 MBA alumnus of PSU. [READ MORE](#)

Workshops for online teaching

The first session of the brown bag workshop series "Giving Your Online Students Vibrant Community-based Learning Experiences" kicks off at noon Wednesday, Nov. 6., in 209M Smith Union. Titled "Building a Pre-Course or Introductory Toolkit: Strategies for a Running Start," the first session will cover course descriptions and expectations as well as technology issues. The sessions continue Jan. 29 and April 16 and are sponsored by the PSU Office of Academic Innovation. [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Helping children recognize Oregon's women leaders

This fall, the PSU Center for Women, Politics and Policy will complete its goal of putting 14 history-making Oregon women in all public and private schools in the

state. The women are pictured in a poster, titled "Oregon Women Firsts" that the center developed to make school children aware of Oregon's women leaders. The center received financial help from the Oregon Commission for Women, which helped pay for production of the poster and its distribution last winter to all middle schools and high schools in the state. [READ MORE](#)

Engineering emeritus professor passes away

David A. Jannsen, emeritus associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, died from natural causes on Sept. 19, at his Clackamas, Ore., residence. He was 85. Prof. Jannsen joined the faculty in 1955 and retired in 1988. [READ MORE](#)

First university to join Oregon's Healthy Purchasing Coalition

Breaking new ground this fall, Portland State became the first university in Oregon to join the statewide Healthy Purchasing Coalition, an effort to align large organizations in the shared goal of increasing demand for products that tread lightly on the environment. The coalition, formed in 2012 as part of the Healthy Purchasing Initiative, promotes sustainable purchasing and addresses the issue of toxic chemicals found in everyday products. [READ MORE](#)

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