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\$24 million grant to help diverse students

The University will receive a \$24 million research and training grant, the largest in PSU history, to

help underrepresented and diverse students pursue careers in biomedical and health research fields. The National Institutes of Health grant will fund support for students of Hispanic, African American, American Indian, Alaska Native and Pacific Islander heritage; as well as students with disabilities, histories of foster care or economic disadvantage.

The University will use the grant to support its new Enhancing Cross-disciplinary Infrastructure Training at Oregon program. Students accepted by the program will receive scholarships, stipends, mentoring, summer seminars, paid job experience and dedicated academic and financial aid advising. [READ MORE](#)

Board special committee to discuss campus police proposal

The PSU Board of Trustees Special Committee on Campus Safety will discuss a proposal to create an [armed campus police force](#) when it meets Monday, Oct. 27, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Wahkeena Falls Room of University Place. The public will have an opportunity to comment. [READ MORE](#)

New task force to focus on cost of textbooks

A new campus task force is strategizing ways to reduce the cost of textbooks and course materials for students. The committee of faculty, students and staff was appointed by Provost Sona Andrews; Bob Liebman, presiding officer of the PSU Faculty Senate; and Eric Noll, president of the Associated Students of PSU. "The cost of textbooks and course materials is a complex issue, but not one we should shy away from," said Andrews. Marilyn Moody, dean of the Library, chairs the task force, which will submit its recommendations by the end of February 2015. [READ MORE](#)

PSU selling carbon credits to Chevrolet

The University will sell to car giant Chevrolet carbon credits for two and a half years of energy efficiency projects totaling some 1,500 tons of avoided carbon emissions. The sale will raise funds for further campus sustainability projects. [READ MORE](#)

Orchestra to present Music on Halloween

Under the direction of conductor Ken Selden, the PSU Orchestra will present Morning Torn: A Halloween Celebration at 7 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 31, in 75 Lincoln Hall. The orchestra will perform the music of Ravel and Gabrieli as well as new works by Selden and PSU Jazz Area Coordinator George Colligan. The concert is free with PSU ID. General admission costs \$15 or \$10 for seniors and students.

Portland State named to President's honor roll for community service

The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Portland State as a national leader in volunteer programs by naming it to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. PSU is one of 98 colleges and universities honored in the "interfaith/community service" category of the honor roll, which was launched in 2006 to recognize exemplary work placing students on a lifelong path of civic engagement. [READ MORE](#)

Enjoy basketball with free food

Get stuffed at men's and women's home basketball games again this winter. Purchase a game ticket for the Peter W. Stott Center and concession food is free. Faculty and staff receive half off tickets with ID; PSU students get free tickets and free food. The women's basketball season opens with two home exhibition games on Nov. 2 and Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. The men play on Nov. 8 at 7:35 p.m. [READ MORE](#)

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