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## Students seek funds to build mini-park

Students from the Portland State School of

Architecture are working on changing the world—starting with their own neighborhood. The city of Portland has approved installation of a student-designed mini-park—or “parklet”—in front of the Southwest Fourth Avenue food carts. To gather donations to finance the project, the School of Architecture, Institute for Sustainable Solutions, and the SoMa EcoDistrict have launched a crowdfunding campaign. Read more [about the project](#), or go directly to the [crowdfunding site](#) to see a video about the project and join the crowd.

## Give input on University's future

The campus community is invited to a town hall meeting to discuss [Portland State 20/20](#), a campuswide effort to set the University's priorities for the next five to 10 years. PSU leaders and members of the Strategic Planning Development Team are seeking input on PSU's values, position and reputation. The town hall is from 11:30 am. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, in 355 Smith Union.

## Supervisors sought for veteran retention study

A new study supporting improved work environments for veterans has launched at PSU. [SERVe](#)—the Study for Employment Retention of Veterans— is funded by a U.S. Department of Defense grant awarded to Psychology Professor Leslie Hammer. The study seeks to increase retention of veterans in the workplace by training supervisors to better support employed veterans and service members. Participating supervisors do not need to oversee veteran employees. The free online training includes SERVe support tracking over a two-week period. PSU supervisors interested in participating can email the SERVe team at [serve@pdx.edu](mailto:serve@pdx.edu) or call 5-8197 to enroll.

## PSU ranked in top 50 online MBAs

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Portland State among the top 50 best online MBA programs in the country. The School of Business Administration's online programs include the M.S. in Global Supply Chain Management and the Healthcare MBA. “Our online programs have had record growth in enrollment,” said Cliff Allen, interim associate dean. “They provide more flexibility, virtual tools that give an in-classroom experience, and a connection to local businesses with the opportunity to work on real-world issues.” [READ MORE](#)

## Public policy master's program to launch in fall 2015

Portland State has announced the addition of a new master's degree to help professionals in the public and private sectors navigate contemporary public policy. The two-year Master of Public Policy (MPP) program will launch next fall in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. Few universities in the western United States offer an MPP, and the only other program in the state is at Oregon State University. Prospective students may apply to the new PSU program before April 30. [READ MORE](#)

## Fearless Green Builder

[Caty Head-Skogland '12](#) figured prominently in the development of SAGE modular classrooms, a School of Architecture project that has won international awards for design and is changing the way schools provide classroom space. Faculty, staff and students are invited to share their own stories by [uploading a selfie or photo](#) of a fearless achievement by March 12.

## Encourage students to:

Sign up for the [PSU Alumni Association Student Etiquette Dinner](#), 5:30 - 8 p.m., Jan. 29, The Sentinel Hotel, \$10.

Apply for three [Middle East Studies Center scholarships](#) by Feb. 20 by calling the center at 5-4074 or emailing [middleeaststudiescenter@pdx.edu](mailto:middleeaststudiescenter@pdx.edu).

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