

APRIL 27, 2015

Grant awarded to Oregon MESA

The Lemelson Foundation has awarded a grant totaling \$706,000 to Oregon MESA's (Math Engineering Science Achievement) statewide invention education activities that build on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills. Based in the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science, Oregon MESA was started by PSU in 1985. It helps underserved youth pursue math-based higher education and STEM-related careers by providing a mix of pre-college academic, hands-on experience, and mentoring opportunities for K-12 students. [READ MORE](#)

New Green Revolving Fund projects

After the successful implementation of seven projects meant to improve Portland State's campus infrastructure while cutting down on utility costs, a second round of projects has been selected for funding through the University's Green Revolving Fund. Projects include enhancing motion sensors and lighting control timers, switching to LED lights, and enhancing morning warm-up and cooling controls in buildings. Established in 2013 with a \$500,000 initial investment, the fund pays for energy and water efficiency upgrades on campus. The resulting savings in utility costs are reinvested back into the fund to finance new efficiency projects. [READ MORE](#)

Showcase your sustainability projects, research

Portland State faculty, staff and students can promote their sustainability work from the past year, gain support for their projects and help inspire others at the Sustainability Project Showcase on Thursday, May 28. Submissions for the showcase—including research, student initiatives, class projects and staff innovations—are due [online](#) by Tuesday, April 30. The showcase will precede PSU's eighth annual [Sustainability Celebration](#), scheduled for 4-6 p.m. that same day in the Smith Union Ballroom.

Senior Capstones: myriad possibilities

Learn about the dozens of Senior Capstone classes—from rap sessions with teenage girls to life history projects with older adults—that will be offered in fall 2015. University Studies is hosting its annual Senior Capstone Fair to showcase course offerings for the next academic year. Capstone courses are designed by University faculty to build cooperative learning communities by taking students out of the classroom and into the Portland metropolitan area and abroad. The fair is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in 327, 328 and 329 Smith Union. [READ MORE](#)

Event to benefit Speech and Hearing

Enjoy dinner, bid on auction items, and support students at the Seventh Annual Better Hearing and Speech Month Celebration and Auction. The event is from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Tiffany Center, 1410 SW Morrison St. Funds raised will support the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences' Speech and Hearing Clinic and student scholarships, including a scholarship named for professor Mary Gordon-Brannan. Tickets cost \$45 in advance. [READ MORE](#)

Fearless Designers

For five sunny, early autumn days in October 2014, Portland State design students abandoned their classrooms and spread out around the city to soak in the latest work by local studios and artists. The draw was Design Week

Portland, an extravaganza of activities ranging from lectures on ethics to a temporary remake of an entire downtown avenue for pedestrian and bicycle use. [READ MORE](#)

Smoke- and tobacco-free campus

Beginning Sept. 15, Portland State will become smoke and tobacco free, joining more than 950 campuses under a nationwide initiative. The Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus Policy was vetted and passed through the University Policy Committee and signed by President Wim Wiewel late last year. It prohibits the use of tobacco products on campus, in University housing, in PSU vehicles and in the Park Blocks (pursuant of Portland Park rules) between southwest Market and Jackson streets. It also prohibits the sale and advertisement of tobacco products on campus and in PSU publications. [READ MORE](#)

PSU again earns Top Green College ranking

Portland State was ranked among the top environmentally responsible colleges and universities, coming in at No. 11 among 353 institutions in the Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges released April 16. The University, which has landed among the top schools for the past six years, was lauded for its civic engagement and commitment to sustainability as well as its wealth of classes and passionate instructors. [READ MORE](#)

Encourage students to...

Attend the [All Major Career + Internship Fair](#) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Smith Union Ballroom.

Solve an environmental problem and earn grant money by competing in the [PSU Cleantech Challenge](#). Team applications are due by May 8.

Memorial service for Professor Don Gibbons

Professor Emeritus Don C. Gibbons passed away April 14. He was 88. Dr. Gibbons was a renowned criminologist and held dual PSU appointments in Sociology and Urban Studies and Planning before retiring in 1991. A service will be held in his memory at noon Saturday, May 2, Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, 11695 SW Park Way, Portland. A reception will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the Cornelius Pass Roadhouse, 4045 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro.

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EVENTS

April 29

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Quizzes](#)

[Public-Private Profit Sharing in Large-scale Redevelopment Projects, in Mashhad, Iran and Portland](#)

[HR Healthy, Wealthy and Wise: Buying and Selling Real Estate](#)

[Strategic Plan Ice Cream Social](#)

[Agriculture and Climate Change](#)

April 30

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Accessible Design](#)

[Recital: PSU Classical Strings Area](#)

[Art & Sports Lecture: Katie Holden and Chris Freeman](#)

[Nepali Literature and New Nepali Identities](#)

May 1

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Faculty Writing Retreat](#)

[Fearless Fridays: Salary Negotiation for Women](#)

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[Travel Decisions & Their Implications for Urban Transportation](#)

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[Dialogues Across Asia: What's New in the New South Asia?](#)

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[The Truth about Japan's HIV-Blood Scandal](#)

[An Evening with Judith Sloan](#)

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[Negotiating Cultures: Chinese Christian Converts in the Ming-Qing Era](#)

[Amazing Race: Family Edition](#)

[Softball: PSU vs. Sacramento State](#)

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[2015 Confucius Institute Contests](#)

May 4

[OAI Faculty Workshop: JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[How to Fight Fair](#)

[PSU Faculty Senate Regular Meeting](#)

May 5

[Cultural Competency Symposium](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Screencasting I](#)

[Re-Evaluating Education in Japan and Korea: Demystifying Stereotypes](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Drive - Forms/Surveys](#)

PEOPLE

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