

MAY 16, 2016

Drop-in Conversation with the Provost

Academic Affairs will host a [drop-in conversation session with Provost Sona Andrews](#) from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in 258 Smith Union. Faculty and staff are invited to stop by to ask questions, share ideas and information, or to make introductions.

Business leaders join PSU to raise \$25 million annually

Portland State is joining forces with the PSU Foundation and local business leaders to raise a minimum \$25 million per year to support University scholarships and student success. The new College Affordability and Success Coalition will be co-chaired by PSU President Wim Wiewel and Greg Ness (pictured here), chairman, president and CEO of The Standard and board chair of the Oregon Business Council. "This is an important breakthrough for students who either can't afford to attend a university or drop out because of financial reasons," said Wiewel. "We need a long-term solution, and today is a step toward that goal." [READ MORE](#)

Meet Career Services AVP candidates

The campus community is invited to meet with candidates for Associate Vice Provost of Advising and Career Services this week and next. The four candidates will discuss the role that Academic and Career Services plays in improving student success, and the successful candidate is expected to contribute to the University's [Advising Redesign](#) efforts. Public presentations will be held from 2 to 2:45 p.m. on May 19 in 296 Smith Union, May 20 in 215 Academic Student Recreation Center, May 23 in 236 Smith Union, and May 25 in 238 Smith Union. The candidates' names and CVs will be released 24 hours before each visit on the [Advising and Career Services website](#).

Alumni and conductor return for Chamber Choir anniversary concert

More than 100 alumni will join PSU's renowned Chamber Choir for its [40th Anniversary Concert](#) at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22. The current choir will perform the U.S. premiere of "The First Tears" by composer Eriks Esenvalds in the concert's first half, and alumni will join to perform works including Tormis, Whitacre and more in the second half. Longtime Chamber Choir conductor Professor Emeritus Bruce Browne (pictured here from 1982) will co-conduct with Choral Director Ethan Sperry. The concert will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 1716 NW Davis St. Tickets cost \$25 and are available through the [PSU Box Office](#).

Study on cyclists' inhalation of toxins

Portland cyclists can inhale up to twice the concentration of air pollution on high-traffic streets than on low-traffic streets, according to a Portland State study recently published in *Environmental Science & Technology*. Concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in cyclist breath after riding streets with high vehicle traffic was 40 to 100 percent higher than on low-traffic routes. The study found that cyclists could reduce their pollution uptake by making even minor, one- to two-block detours from major arterials. [READ MORE](#)

Professional education programs get new director

The School of Business Administration's Center for Executive and Professional Education—home to popular PSU certificate programs including the Business of Craft Brewing, Athletic and Outdoor Product Management, and Digital Marketing Strategies—has appointed Michelle Giovannozzi to direct the fast-growing program. CEPE's enrollment has grown from 1,800 to 3,000 in the past three years, and Giovannozzi plans to create new flexible and online programs through the center to help more professionals and industry leaders improve their skills and advance in the job market. Giovannozzi formerly directed economic development and partnerships at Clark College. [READ MORE](#)

Education earns new national accreditation

The Graduate School of Education has become one of just 10 programs to achieve national accreditation through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, and is the first on the West Coast. Two national accrediting agencies united to create CAEP in 2014, introducing new, more demanding standards for educator preparation programs. CAEP standards include more reliable and valid assessments of candidates and of programs, effectiveness of graduates, and mutually beneficial partnerships with local school districts. [READ MORE](#)

International Night showcases diversity

Portland State is home to more than 1,900 international students from 84 countries. On May 21, they will share their culture with the PSU community at the annual [International Night](#). Hosted by the Organization of International Students, "Music: The Universal language" will feature performances of music from across the globe, as well as food and displays about student's home countries. The event will run from 4:30 to 9 p.m. in Smith Memorial Student Union, and usually draws about 800 people each year and sells out. Tickets are free for PSU students, seniors age 65 and up and children under 12. For all others, tickets cost \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door, and are available from the [PSU Box Office](#).

Volunteers needed for Commencement

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in Commencement ceremonies to help celebrate the more than 6,400 PSU students set to graduate this term. Commencement is scheduled for Sunday, June 12, at the Moda Center, with [different ceremony times for CLAS and professional schools and colleges](#). About 3,700 students are expected to participate in graduate events across the University, and volunteers are needed for Grad Fairs May 18-19, on-campus prep in the week leading up to the ceremony, Moda Center setup on June 11, and event help on June 12. More information and volunteer registration is available on the [Commencement volunteer website](#).

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EVENTS

May 16

[Business Briefing](#)
[Breakfast: Wearables in the Athletic & Outdoor Industry](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Aligning Intention and Action in Community Engagement: Challenges to Enacting a Critical Service Learning Pedagogy](#)

[Inter-Action: A Project Supporting Equity in the Arts Community](#)

May 17

[OAI Faculty Workshop and Keynote with Tania Mitchell](#)

[A Society Where Women \(and Men\) Can Shine: Japan's Impossible Dream](#)

May 17-28

[A Night of Strindberg](#)

May 18

[OIT Workshop: Google Sites Intro](#)

[HR Healthy, Wealthy & Wise: Real Estate Investing](#)

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

May 19

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Media Space Users - Check out the Kaltura Virtual Summit](#)

[OIT Workshop: Computer Basics](#)

[Community Cleanup Walk](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: Strings](#)

[Graphic Design Show & Tell: Margot Harrington](#)

[Hyunju Kim – Two Ends: MFA Exhibition](#)

[Amanda Wilson – Bodies of Mind: MFA Exhibition](#)

[Sarah Calvetti – US v. Calvetti: MFA Exhibition](#)

[Asian & Pacific Islander Survivor Stories](#)

[Restricting Driving for Better Traffic and Clearer Skies: Did It Work in Beijing?](#)

[Son of Saul Film Screening at 5th Avenue Cinema](#)

May 20

[Architectural Wine Tour](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intermediate Excel](#)

[Outdoor Program Trip: Smith Rock Climbing](#)

[Chemistry Seminar Series: Ryan Hill](#)

[OAI Jumpstart Writing Program Finale Celebration](#)

[Stories of the Buddha from Kizil caves and Khotan in Taklamakan Desert](#)

May 21

[Outdoor Program Trip: Cape Horn Day Hike](#)

May 22

[Sneak Preview of Film: Conversations With Gay Elders](#)

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