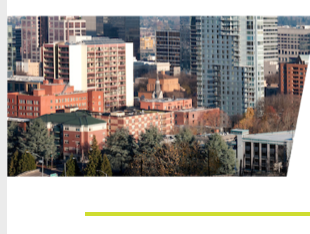


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News



Nominate faculty and staff for excellence awards

Portland State's faculty and staff navigated unanticipated and monumental challenges during the past year. Now it's time to recognize those who have achieved great work and who inspire us all to continue to strive. Academic Affairs' annual excellence awards acknowledge outstanding scholarship and dedication to students in [seven categories](#). (See last year's award winners [here](#).) For more information, visit the [PSU Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards webpage](#). Nomination cover pages are due Jan. 22.



PSU Center for Entrepreneurship wins \$1 million grant

The Lemelson Foundation [awarded a \\$1 million grant](#) to the Invent Oregon Collegiate Challenge, also known as the InventOR program, within the PSU Center for Entrepreneurship. The grant will make it possible to increase the number of community college, university and college campuses that participate in the statewide competition, which supports students in prototyping novel inventions and pitching their ideas to judges. This year's competition will culminate in a statewide competition planned for June 25.

New vice provost for academic budget and planning announced

Amy Mulkerin, former senior director of international finance at Mercy Corps, has been hired as PSU's new vice provost for academic budget and planning. This important position provides leadership for overseeing the strategic budget management of units reporting to Academic Affairs — roughly 65% of the university's overall budget. With more than 19 years of financial management experience, Mulkerin brings a history of robust financial management in a mission-driven context. She starts at PSU in February. [Read the announcement](#).



Working on campus? Updated COVID-19 training available

As we enter the new year, COVID 19 is still very much with us. PSU's Environmental Health & Safety department has updated training for employees who work on campus in accordance with Oregon Occupational Safety and Health. All employees who work on campus should [review this training](#), which includes the latest information about preventing the spread of COVID 19. Related reminder: Face covering masks must be worn in all shared indoor spaces on campus. [Review all COVID-related policies here](#).



OIT updates PSU Class Time

Last term the Office of Information Technology (OIT) launched PSU Class Time, a PSU Google Calendar feature that displays the courses students are enrolled in and that instructors are assigned to teach. Based on instructor feedback, OIT has made a number of improvements for winter term. Class events will no longer appear on instructor's personal calendars, appearing instead in the separate PSU Classes calendar. To learn more read the OIT blog post [Updates to PSU Class Time in Google Calendar](#).



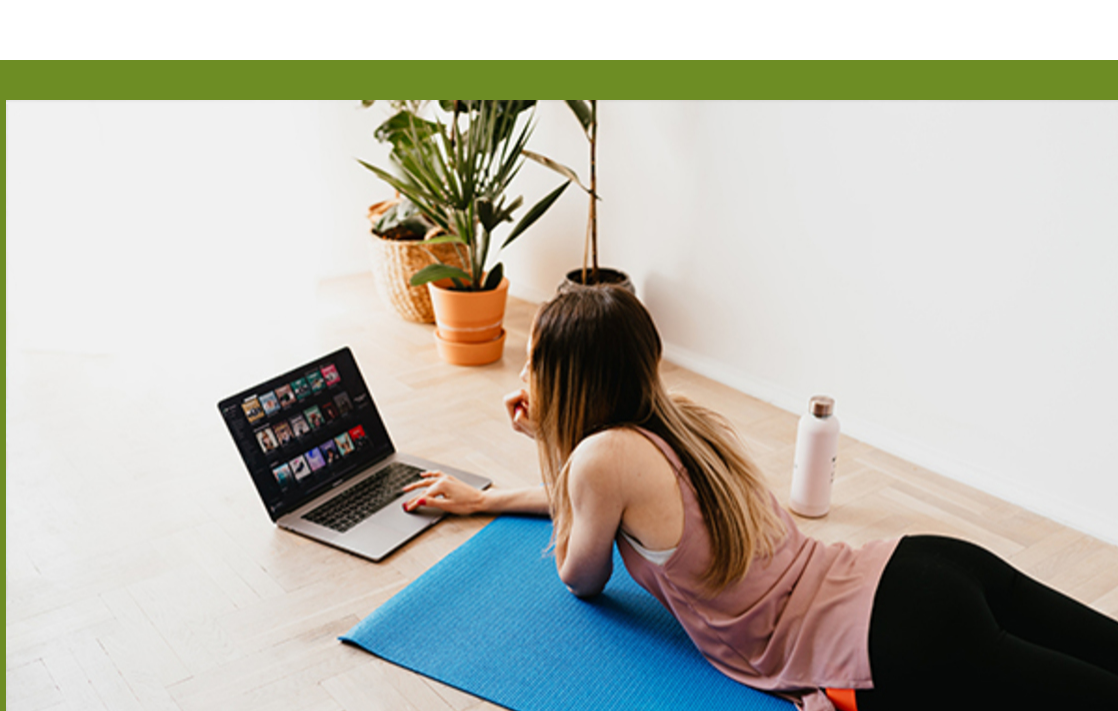
More doors open at Smith

You can now use your PSU ID card to enter Smith Memorial Student Union at any ground floor entrance, including the Park Block doors, as well as from the third floor skybridges. The building is open winter term from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The University Market is open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Info Hub is open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, as well as this Friday, Jan. 8, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Safe, clean study space is available.



Rec Center closure update

The Rec Center is closed through at least Friday, Jan. 15 in compliance with the Governor's [health and safety framework](#) to protect Oregonians from COVID-19. [Multnomah County's status](#) is reviewed every two weeks and currently remains at the extreme risk level for COVID-19 cases, which prohibits indoor rec centers and gyms from reopening. An official re-opening date will be announced once the state lifts the closure mandate for rec centers in Multnomah County.



Stay active during winter term

Stay motivated to achieve your fitness and well being goals. Virtual Group X fitness classes run Jan. 4 - March 19. These live virtual classes on Zoom are free and open to anyone with a PSU email address. Visit the [Group X webpage](#) to see the schedule. Campus Rec personal trainers are also offering two weeks of [free virtual group training programs](#) from Jan. 18 - March 7; no Campus Rec membership required. Rent [outdoor gear](#) and [fitness equipment](#), including spin bikes and dumbbells, from the Outdoor Program.

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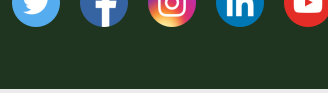
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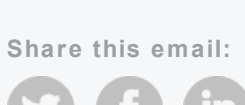
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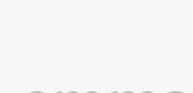
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