



February 22, 2021

News



Learn more before today's Budget Town Hall

The [Budget Town Hall livestream](#) happens today from 2-4 p.m. Learn more by reviewing President Steve Percy and Vice President of Finance and Administration Kevin Reynolds' Feb. 1 presentation to the Faculty Senate. See the [presentation slides](#), watch a [recording of the presentation](#), or watch a [recording of the entire meeting](#) (Zoom login required). Also see the [slide deck](#) from the Board of Trustees Finance & Administration Committee's Jan. 21 meeting.



Campus readies for in-person instruction

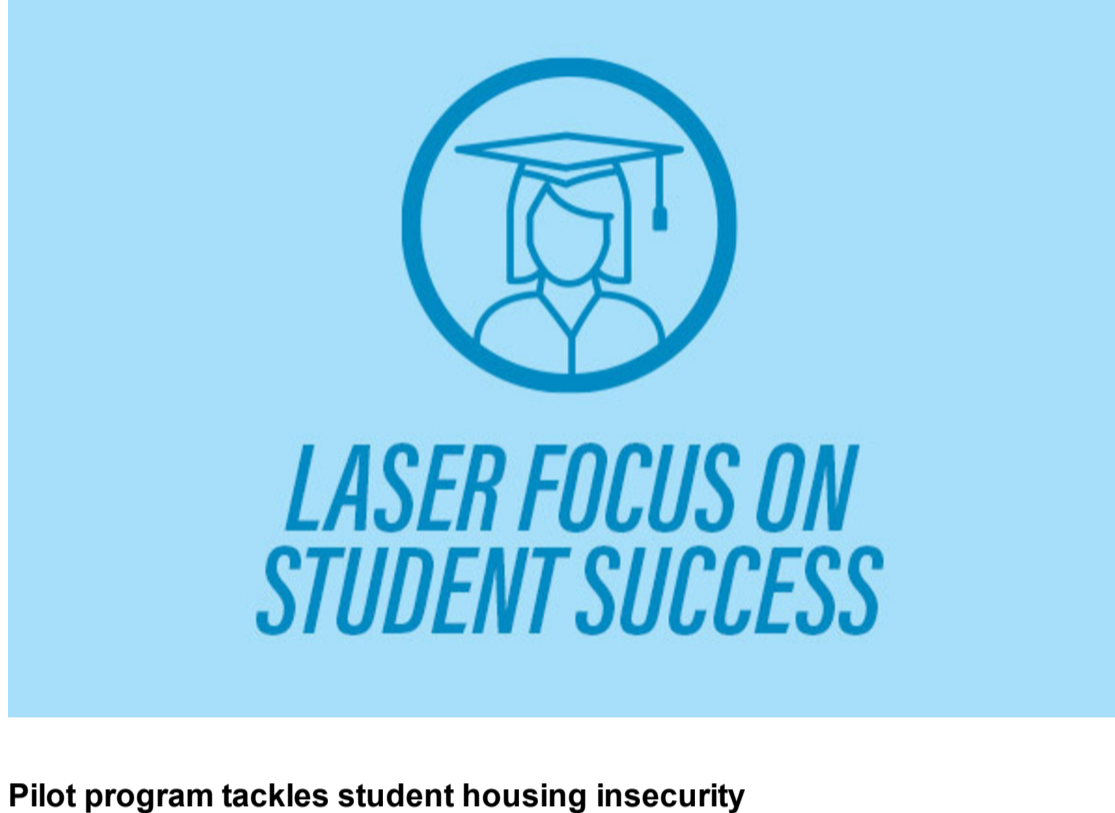
Portland State has been taking steps to promote a safe and healthy campus environment as we gear up for a return to in person instruction in the fall. Measures include improving air quality, installing plexiglass barriers, providing hand sanitizer stations, maintaining safe water through flushing and testing, and enhancing campus cleaning and disinfecting procedures. [Read more](#) about health, safety and security improvements.

Winter Symposium rescheduled

Severe weather impacted many in our campus community last week, leading to the difficult decision to cancel the Feb. 18 Winter Symposium. The symposium will be rescheduled, and updated registration information will be sent as soon as a new date is identified. Please note that everyone who registered for the symposium will need to register again. See the [2021 Winter Symposium website](#) for up-to-date information.

Withdrawal deadline extended one week

Due to power outage related closures, the deadline for students to withdraw from courses has been extended one week. The new deadline is Sunday, Feb. 28. This should allow for students to connect with faculty, [academic advisors](#), or the [Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships](#) if they need to discuss this important decision.



Pilot program tackles student housing insecurity

In support of President Stephen Percy's strategic priority, [Laser Focus on Student Success](#), Portland State is participating in a pilot program called Affordable Rents for College Students (ARCS). The program, which currently enrolls four PSU students, provides rental assistance to college students in the Portland metro area who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. College Housing Northwest and its partners are soliciting funding from private donors and philanthropic organizations in hopes of extending the pilot and expanding the number of students served. [Read more](#).

Help students gear up for finals

Do you work with students who could use more individualized support? Set them up for success as the end of term approaches by referring them to meet with an [academic coach from the Learning Center](#) to set goals, discuss study strategies and create a plan for finals. Coaching appointments are free and open to all students. Faculty and staff can also submit a request for our [ROADS to Success presentation series](#) on topics such as motivation, time management, and prepping for exams.

Mobility Matters explores accessible field trips

This year's [Mobility Matters summit](#), from the College of Education, features Steve Lowry and Jeff Bowler, teachers from Washington State School for the Blind. They will partner with PSU and National Park Service staff to take participants on a virtual tour of Fort Vancouver. Educators, curators, urban planners, orientation and mobility specialists, civil engineers and all those interested in accessible recreation and learning are welcome. Join in on Feb. 26 from 9-11:45 a.m. [Register here](#).

PSU in the news

KOIN got in on PSU's 75th Anniversary celebration with a segment featuring President Stephen Percy and Ed Washington, Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion, [about PSU's influence on the city of Portland](#); Tong Zhang, Oregon MESA, shared how the PSU based, after school program is continuing to thrive virtually [in Lincoln City's The News Guard](#); and Bryce Vascik MS '20 and Adam Booth, geology faculty, [spoke to KCAW radio](#) about how landslides affect the carbon cycle.

Accolades

People

David Ervin, Gina Greco, Ted Khoury, Ryan Petteway

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Marc Rodriguez

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Melissa Appleyard, Kathi Inman Berens, Jeanne Enders, Cynthia Carmina Gómez, Andres Guzman, Sally Strand Mudiarnu, Sheila Mullooly, Laura Nissen, Rachel Noorda, Ryan Petteway

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[University Place Hotel Blood Drive](#)
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[Panel Discussion: Ghosts of Highway 20](#)

February 23

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[Fourth Annual Early Childhood Equity Summit](#)
[HR Training: Manager Basics Training](#)

February 24

[Studio MFA Remote Artist Talk: Jeffrey Mitchell](#)
[PSU Jazz Virtual Series: Samora Pinderhughes](#)
[Geology Seminar Series: Master's Thesis Proposal Presentations](#)
[PAC to Professionals Panel](#)

February 25

[KSMoCA Artist Lecture Series: MFA Art + Social Practice Program](#)
[Women's Basketball vs. Northern Colorado](#)
[The Mitochondrion as a Nexus for Evolution](#)
[Tools for Effective Communications for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#)
[Sun and Celluloid: The Films of Mishima Yukio](#)
[Arlene Schnitzer Visual Arts Prize Exhibition Virtual Opening](#)
[Women's Basketball vs. Northern Colorado](#)

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[Mobility Matters 2021](#)
[Friday Transportation Seminar](#)
[Faculty Book Group](#)
[Understanding the Iceberg Analogy of Stuttering](#)
[Crafting with Little Vikings](#)
[The Anger of Black Women as Resistance Against Police Violence](#)
[Fridays @4: Clive Knights](#)

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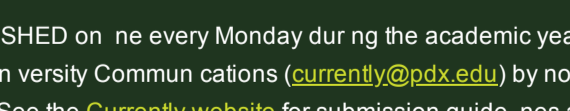
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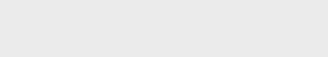
[5th Avenue Cinema Virtual Program: Mustang](#)

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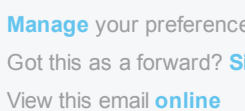
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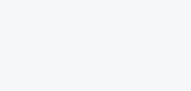
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1. **David Ervin**, environmental management and economics faculty emeritus and Institute for Sustainable Solutions senior fellow, received the 2021 Public Service Award from the Weed Science Society of America for outstanding scientific outreach activities in advancing public understanding of the scientific principles of weeds.
2. **Gina Greco**, world languages and literatures faculty, has been elected co-president of the executive committee of the Modern Language Association of America's Association of Departments of Foreign Languages.
3. **Ted Khoury**, business faculty, has been invited to join the editorial board of [Group & Organization Management](#) (GOM), a peer-reviewed and bi-monthly journal published by Sage. GOM publishes the work of scholars and professionals who extend management and organization theory and address the implications for practitioners.
4. **Ryan Petteway**, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health faculty, was a guest on "[Public Health Poetry](#)" on BYU Radio/Sirius XM 143's Top of Mind with Julie Rose to discuss COVID-19, public health and poetry.
5. **Ryan Petteway**, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health faculty, was interviewed for "[Can Urban Universities Be Better Neighbors?](#)" by ASBMB Today.

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1. **Marc Rodriguez**, history faculty, participated in a panel titled “Current Topics in Academic Publishing,” hosted by the University of Southern California.

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1. **Laura Nissen**, social work faculty; **Melissa Appleyard**, business faculty; **Jeanne Enders**, business faculty; **Cynthia Carmina Gómez**, Cultural Resource Center; **Andres Guzman**, education; **Sally Strand Mudiamu**, PSU International Partnerships; and **Sheila Mullooly**, IELP Learning Center, co-authored "[A Public University Futures Collaboratory: A Case Study in Building Foresightfulness and Community](#)," published in World Futures Review.
2. **Rachel Noorda** and **Kathi Inman Berens**, English, co-authored "[Immersive Media & Books 2020](#)," published by Panorama Project.
3. **Ryan Petteway**, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health faculty, published "[Dreams of a Beloved Public Health: Confronting White Supremacy in Our Field](#)" in Health Affairs.
4. **Ryan Petteway**, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health faculty, published "[Let's Re-Place the Health Opportunity Maps](#)" in Shelterforce.

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