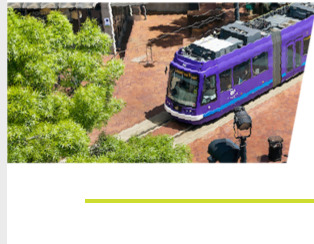
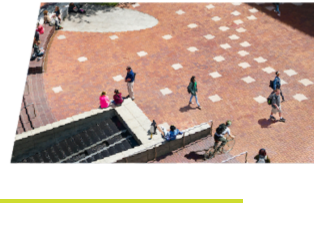


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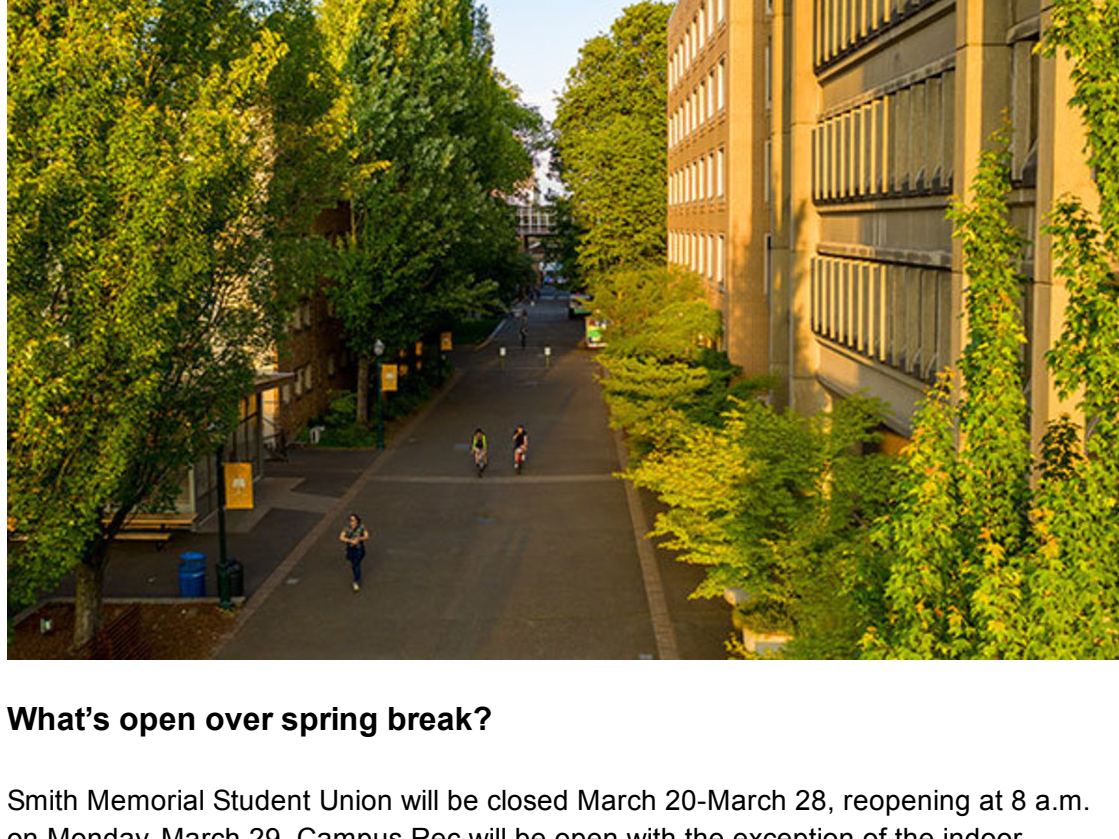
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What's open over spring break?

Smith Memorial Student Union will be closed March 20-March 28, reopening at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 29. Campus Rec will be open with the exception of the indoor Climbing Center, which is closed March 22-26. (For details about facility reservations, see [the Campus Rec site.](#)) The Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) will be open and [COVID-19 testing](#) will continue as usual. For more information about coming to campus during COVID-19 restrictions, see the [Building Access page.](#)



Rent gear for the break at Campus Rec

Have an outdoor adventure! Rent gear for 11 days for the price of four during spring break. Items must be picked up at the Outdoor Program office by Friday, March 19 at 6 p.m. and returned Monday, March 29 by 6 p.m. Explore outdoor gear on the [Gear Rentals webpage](#) and call ahead at 503 725 5668 to check on availability and reserve gear in advance. The Outdoor Program office will be closed March 22-26.



OHA offers spring travel guidelines

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recommends that Oregonians avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries this spring, staying at home or in their region. OHA defines essential trips as work or educational travel that can't be avoided, travel for organized sports activities and family emergencies. Those who do travel outside the state or country are asked to limit their interactions outside their household for 14 days upon return. [Read the OHA guidelines.](#)



Encourage student proposals for the Student Research Symposium

The 2021 Student Research Symposium is going virtual this year. The Symposium provides resources for graduate and undergraduate students to share their research with peers, faculty evaluators, and the campus community. Please encourage students to [submit proposals](#) for video or poster presentations by March 27.



Make time for writing

Joining a virtual Faculty Writing Retreat can help you reach your writing goals in the term ahead. Facilitated by leading academic writing expert and author, Danelle Stevens, the retreats are designed to provide peer support while you work on projects at home. Throughout the afternoon, you'll learn practical writing strategies, make meaningful progress on your project during focused writing sessions, and benefit from the fellowship and support of a community of like-minded scholars. Register for the [April 1](#), [May 6](#), or [June 3](#) retreat.



Toasting PSU's 75th

Toast Portland State University's 75th Anniversary with a commemorative bottle of Viking Cuvée Pinot Noir! The PSU Alumni Association is proud to partner with alumni owned Sokol Blosser Winery and co owner siblings Alex Sokol Blosser '97 MBA '03 and Alison Sokol Blosser '00 to bring you this limited edition wine. Enjoy it yourself or as a gift for that special wine lover in your life. Proceeds support programs for students. [Learn more and order.](#)



Learn about linking

The newest post to the Office of Information Technology (OIT) blog series focuses on [Links and Digital Accessibility.](#) Well-written and well-placed links increase the usability of web content for everyone, and are essential for those who use assistive technology such as screen readers. Want more technology tips like these? [Subscribe to the monthly OIT newsletter.](#)

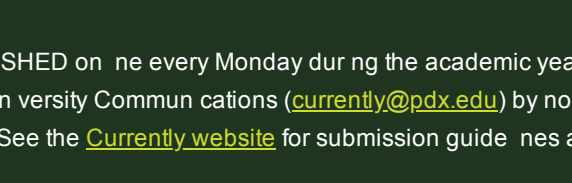


Emergency rides home now offered through Lyft

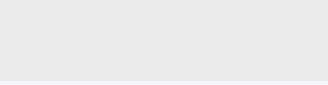
Portland State University has partnered with Lyft to provide employees with a new emergency ride home program. If you missed your carpool or bus, have a family emergency, need transportation to urgent care (if emergency care is not required) or are otherwise unable to take your planned trip home from campus, you can use Lyft to get yourself there, accessible via the PSU [Luum](#) page, the [App Store](#), or the [GooglePlay Store](#). Additional information can be found on the [ToPSU](#) portal. Email commute@pdx.edu with question.

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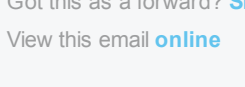
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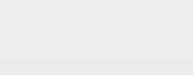
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