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COE ANNUAL REPORT



College of Education
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY



A Message from Dean Marvin Lynn

As civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

The College of Education (COE) faculty and staff must work together and support each other, especially as a community of educators and advocates for students. We, as people who work with students every day, know the power of serving as leaders and role models to our students and within our community. As [COE LEADERS STATED RECENTLY](#), this is a time of great opportunity to strive for change, especially in the area of social justice.

Our nation is experiencing a resurgent desire to fulfill an undeniable need for transformation in the area of racial equity. As we strive to improve our world, our society, we all must share our own stories of oppression and listen to others’ experiences. We all must be emboldened to work for positive change and voice our support. For, as King also said, “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

Equity, diversity and inclusion are integral to our [STRATEGIC PLAN](#), which focuses on creating a “just and equitable world.” In the plan, “[FOSTER INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE](#)” is among our three Imperatives, and includes improving retention rates for BIPOC faculty, staff and students. This Imperative also encompasses critically examining pedagogy to foster equity and inclusion and advancing research that serves historically underserved communities.

Each year, the COE communications team shares information about some of the most exciting events that took place over the past academic year. It’s been a busy year! I hope you enjoy learning about the many activities in which our faculty, staff, students and alumni have been engaged.

We have an even greater duty, as leaders and role models, to strive for equity, diversity and inclusion for our students and for our communities. We will not be silent. We will stand together.

Sincerely,

Dean Marvin Lynn



A COE Foundation Message of Thanks

The COE Foundation team would like to thank our donors for bringing joy every year and casting an even brighter light during the gray days of the pandemic. Donors truly showed their strength this academic year.

These generous spirits more than doubled their gifts and pledges, from \$1.2 million in 2018–19 to \$2.4 million in 2019–20. These funds create opportunities for students, faculty, staff and the education community through scholarships, programs and community partnerships.

The COE Endowment remained strong this year amidst market volatility related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We ended the fiscal year this past June with \$2.3 million, slightly down from \$2.4 million in the previous fiscal year.

Because of our donors' generosity, we are able to honor 115 recipients with 157 scholarships in the 2020–21 school year, with 34 students receiving two or more scholarships averaging \$2,938 apiece. These awards in past years have changed the lives of students like [ALEXIS ATWOOD](#), [NABIN DHIMAL](#), [KATIE TAPIO](#) and [KEVIN WALKER](#).

Our donors also make it possible for us to offer incredible programs, including the Portland Teachers Program, which helps us recruit and retain teachers of color, and Career and Community Services, an inclusive college experience for students with intellectual disabilities.

In addition, because of our donors, we can provide community partnership opportunities, such as the COE Mutually Beneficial Partnership Grants program. These grants allow professors to implement research-based initiatives related to professional development, curriculum design, intervention plans for students with significant behavior support needs and more!

The COE couldn't do all that we do without our donors. We are delighted with all we have accomplished this year, together. We look forward to many more years of successful scholarships, programs and partnerships!

Sincerely,

Dean Marvin Lynn

The Annual Report Story Collection



Here is our 2019–20 Annual Report, a collection of stories posted from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Top 10 Stories: Five in 2020, five in 2019

Below are the stories that received the most views, from the fewest to the most.

Top five stories of 2020 (through June 30):

- #5: [A FOND FAREWELL TO THREE LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBERS](#)
- #4: [WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT LAWS, CREATES, COMMUNITY](#)
- #3: [COLE EDWARDS TAKES ON DREAM JOB IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION](#)
- #2: [PSU DEPARTMENT CHAIR LANDS PRESIDENT'S ROLE IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION](#)
- #1: [CANCER SURVIVOR EARNS MASTER'S WITH PERFECT GPA](#)

Top five stories of 2019 (from July 1 to December 31):

- #5: [COE PROFESSOR LANDS \\$2.8M GRANT TO IMPROVE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' MATH PROFICIENCY](#)
- #4: [THREE PSU STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL \\$10K FELLOWSHIPS](#)
- #3: [FACULTY LANDS \\$1M GRANT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN CLINICAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING PROGRAM](#)
- #2: [ROUNDTREE WINS DAVID CAPUZZI AWARD](#)
- #1: [PORTLAND METRO AREA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DISCUSS WAYS OF ADDRESSING POTENTIAL TEACHER SHORTAGE](#)

Students

Our remarkable students in the COE are creating a more just and equitable world in many ways. This collection of stories highlights just some of our learners and their impact on our University and greater community:

[FIRST COHORT OF CAREER AND COMMUNITY STUDIES GRADUATES!](#)

[EILEEN LEYNTENG: A BRIGHT LIGHT](#)

[CANCER SURVIVOR EARNS MASTER'S WITH PERFECT GPA](#)

[FELICITATIONS, SOPHIA LIN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, DYLAN PALMER, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, ESTEFANIA LEON-ALVARADO, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)



[FELICITATIONS, SILVIA PAZ, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, NABIN DHIMAL, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, CASSY DONOVAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, AMY PATERSON SANDIE, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, CASEY WAGNER, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

[FELICITATIONS, KATIE TAPIO, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CLASS OF 2020!](#)

['AMAZING' DOCTORAL STUDENT AND CHANGE-MAKER EARNS ACCOLADE](#)

[RYAN CARPENTER: COMPASSIONATE LEADER, PSU DOCTORAL STUDENT](#)

[PSU STUDENT AND PORTLAND TEACHERS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT EARNS SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[COE DOCTORAL STUDENT IMPROVES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE, EARNS PROMOTION](#)

[THREE PSU STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL \\$10K FELLOWSHIPS](#)

[ROUNDTREE WINS DAVID CAPUZZI AWARD](#)

[PROFESSOR AND STUDENT IN THE COE ELECTED AS FULBRIGHT BOARD MEMBERS](#)

[SPOTLIGHT: QUADRUPLE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ALEXIS ATWOOD](#)

[PSU'S CCS PROGRAM AT THE VANGUARD OF NATIONAL TREND](#)

[JULIE WRIGHT HAS 'A DEEP PASSION FOR EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS'](#)

[CONGRATULATIONS, COE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!](#)

Students: Where They Are Now Series

We are pleased to highlight our recent alumni and their career paths. Check out a few examples of this semiregular Q&A series highlighting our recent COE graduates' successes:

[WHERE THEY ARE NOW: SPOTLIGHT ON DANIELLE SWARTZ-KOUFMAN](#)

[WHERE THEY ARE NOW: Q&A WITH JON FRESH](#)

[WHERE THEY ARE NOW, A Q&A SERIES: ALUM FROM THE COE'S GRADUATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM SHARES HIS STORY](#)

Alumni

The COE is proud to honor our alumni and share in their accomplishments. Peruse this collection of stories on how our alumni are engaging in visionary thinking and transformative practices within our schools and communities:

[PSU ALUM WINS NATIONAL HONOR FOR PE TEACHERS](#)

[PSU ALUMNUS SHARES ROLE IN SUPREME COURT LGBT DECISION](#)

[PSU GRAD, EQUITY ADVOCATE EARNS PROMOTION IN HILLSBORO](#)



[PSU GRAD A CRUCIAL STAFF MEMBER AT AWARD-WINNING NONPROFIT](#)

[COE GRADUATE LANDS REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD](#)

[TRAILBLAZING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRAD ADVOCATES FOR PORTLAND WOMXN'S MARCH](#)

[COE BISPED PROGRAM GRADUATE RECEIVES DIVERSITY AWARD](#)

[PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATE EARNS NATIONAL ACCOLADE](#)

[COE ALUMNA OPENING NEW NONPROFIT PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL](#)

[DOCTORAL STUDENT SPEAKS UP ABOUT ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION](#)

[GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND PSU ALUM WINS 'OSCAR OF TEACHING'](#)

[PSU ALUM RECEIVES NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD](#)

[PORTLAND STATE ALUMNA NAMED OREGON TEACHER OF THE YEAR](#)

[PROFESSOR AND STUDENT IN THE COE ELECTED AS FULBRIGHT BOARD MEMBERS](#)

[PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALUMNUS NAMED OREGON SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR](#)

[PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALUMNA NAMED 2020 OREGON REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR](#)

Faculty and Staff

The faculty and staff's achievements are legion, and these stories highlight some of the fruits of their hard work:

[PSU DEPARTMENT CHAIR LANDS PRESIDENT'S ROLE IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION](#)

[COE PRAISES THE DEVOTED AND THE PROMOTED](#)

[A FOND FAREWELL TO THREE LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBERS](#)

[COE PROFESSOR FEATURED IN NATIONAL PODCAST](#)

[COLE EDWARDS TAKES ON DREAM JOB IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION](#)

[COE DEAN JOINS BOARD OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION](#)

[COUNSELOR EDUCATION DEPT. HIRES NEW ADMINISTRATOR](#)

[COE PROFESSOR SERVING AS LIAISON TO LITERACY GROUP](#)

[PROF. EMERITUS APPOINTED TO SECOND TERM ON STATE COMMISSION](#)

[THE POWER OF INCLUSION](#)

[NEW CHAIR STARTS THIS WEEK](#)

[HELEN GORDON CENTER EMPLOYEE HONORED WITH ACCOLADE](#)

[PSU PROFESSOR PENS DYSTOPIAN NOVEL WITH A MESSAGE OF HOPE](#)

[PROFESSOR PUBLISHES BOOK GUIDING EDUCATORS ON TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS](#)

Event Coverage and Promotion

Our commitment to life-long learning leads us to create events for our faculty, staff and community to learn and grow. Dive into these examples to learn more about the many events and activities at the COE.

[TRAVEL TO MOBILITY MATTERS VIA VIRTUAL PASS](#)

[INTRODUCING TMAP TO THE PSU COMMUNITY](#)

[MOBILITY MATTERS ORGANIZERS PIVOT DURING COVID-19 CRISIS](#)

[MOBILITY MATTERS FOUNDER AMY PARKER SHARES HOW FAMILY NOURISHED HER PASSION FOR INCLUSION](#)

[MOBILITY MATTERS 2019 SPEAKER IS STUDENT, ARTIST, INNOVATOR](#)

[PRESENTATION ON CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AVAILABLE FREE TO PSU STUDENTS](#)

[PART II: AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION—FUTURE TEACHERS SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON JUSTICE](#)

[PART I: AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION—RACE AND PEDAGOGY AT PSU](#)

[MOBILITY MATTERS 2020 FEATURES YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOCUS](#)

[FUTURE TEACHERS ENJOY APPLIED LEARNING IN INNOVATIVE AND RURAL MAJORITY-MINORITY SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[REAP THE BENEFITS OF THE HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE LEARNING GARDENS LABORATORY](#)

[WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY AT PSU RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT LAWS, CREATES COMMUNITY](#)

[WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY CELEBRATION ON TAP TUESDAY AT PORTLAND STATE](#)

[COE FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS DURING STATE OF THE SCHOOL](#)

Informative, Original Series: Teaching from Home

When a major event strikes, the COE strives to support the community, such as offering this educational series on supporting families and educators with remote learning tips during the pandemic:

[TEACHING FROM HOME, PART 6: EMPHASIZING ACADEMICS AND SOCIAL LIFE FOR 9-12 STUDENTS](#)

[TEACHING FROM HOME, PART 5: EXPLORING HANDS-ON LEARNING AND GROUP WORK FOR 6-8 STUDENTS](#)

[TEACHING FROM HOME, PART 4: SUPPORTING K-5 STUDENTS](#)

[TEACHING FROM HOME, PART 3: SHEPHERDING TODDLERS AND PRE-K STUDENTS](#)

[TEACHING FROM HOME, PART 2: EDUCATING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS](#)

[TEACHING FROM HOME, PART 1: PARENTS LEARNING HOW TO TEACH THEIR OWN KIDS](#)

Grants and Research

Securing grant funding to initiate research and encouraging scholarship are ways faculty members help fulfill the COE's mission to "empower educators and human services professionals to engage in visionary thinking and transformative practices with schools and communities":

[US PREP SELECTS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR PRESTIGIOUS COALITION, \\$300K GRANT](#)

[COE PROFS. RELEASE NEW INSTRUCTIONAL BRAILLE APP](#)

[MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST AWARDS COE GRANT TO FORM CONSORTIUM](#)

[COE PROFESSOR LANDS \\$2.8M GRANT TO IMPROVE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' MATH PROFICIENCY](#)

[PROFESSOR AWARDED GRANT TO TEACH OVERSEAS ON EARLY INTERVENTION, INCLUSIVE PRESCHOOL](#)

[FACULTY LANDS \\$1M GRANT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN CLINICAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING PROGRAM](#)

[PSU PROFESSOR PIONEERS POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING TRANS RESEARCH](#)

[PSU PROFESSOR CO-LEADS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM](#)

[RECORD NUMBER OF COE COUNSELOR EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE PRESENTERS](#)

[COE PROFESSORS PRESENTING THURSDAY AT RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM](#)

[PROFESSOR CHRIS BORGMEIER PRESENTS ON INTERNATIONAL STAGE](#)

COE Program News

Delve into a short history of hallmark happenings in the COE from current changes in our own College to the COE's response to major changes, including speaking up in a time of unrest:

[COLLEGE OF EDUCATION RELEASES FURLOUGH SCHEDULE BY UNIT](#)

[CREATING A JUST AND EQUITABLE WORLD IN A TIME OF UNREST](#)

[PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION APPRECIATES TEACHERS!](#)

[PSU INVESTING IN PORTLAND TEACHERS PROGRAM](#)

[PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEAN RESPONDS TO NCTQ REPORT](#)

[LOOKING BACK: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT PORTLAND STATE](#)

[LOOKING THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS](#)

[WELCOME OUR NEW COLLEAGUES TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION!](#)

[PORTLAND METRO AREA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND PSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DISCUSS WAYS OF ADDRESSING POTENTIAL TEACHER SHORTAGE](#)

[CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND EDUCATION: A COURSE THAT FITS WITH THE COE STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

[FINDING HOPE: A PROJECT TO HELP BILINGUAL TEACHERS THRIVE IN THE CLASSROOM](#)

[NEW HIRES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION](#)



[FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER AT PSU: CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND EDUCATION](#)

[EDUCATION ADVOCACY GROUP HIGHLIGHTS PORTLAND STATE FOR TEACHING EXPERIENCES THAT SPOTLIGHT INCLUSIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM](#)

[PSU CONTRIBUTES \\$547K TO KEEP PORTLAND TEACHERS PROGRAM GOING STRONG](#)

[INCLUSIVE STORYTIME PROGRAM SHARES TOOLS FOR TEACHING LITERACY WITH LIBRARIANS, ALL EDUCATORS](#)

Awards and Honors for the COE

Faculty and staff win awards on their own, but, below, see a sampling of the accolades that the COE has earned as a college, including some top-tier rankings on national lists:

[COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LAUDED DURING DIVERSITY AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

[COLLEGE OF EDUCATION EARNS NO. 7 IN 2020 BEST ONLINE COLLEGE FOR VALUE RANKING](#)

[SIX FROM THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION HONORED AT LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY](#)

[COE'S U.S. NEWS RANKING INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY](#)

Pat Burk's Corner

COE Associate Professor Emeritus Pat Burk draws from experience in the field and a breadth of knowledge within academia to hold forth on some of the foremost trends in the education field:

[PAT BURK'S CORNER: ADDRESSING DISPARITIES: PRIVILEGE, RACE, AND EDUCATION](#)

Your Mentor Teacher

Brett Bigham's Your Mentor Teacher column debuted this January, and he also made headlines as one of the influences on a recent Supreme Court decision:

[YOUR MENTOR TEACHER: I WAS FIRED FOR BEING GAY AND NOW IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO ANYONE ELSE](#)

[TEACHING IN THE TIME OF CORONA](#)

[MEET 'YOUR MENTOR TEACHER'](#)

