



## Summer Edition!

Welcome to the second COE newsletter, first launched in June to engage our college community! Look for it twice a term and once in the summer. Send your COE stories to Media Relations Specialist Jillian Daley at [jillian@pdx.edu](mailto:jillian@pdx.edu).



## A Message from Dean Marvin Lynn

There is a longstanding assumption that a college campus slows down or even shuts down during the summer. But here at the PSU College of Education (COE), we know that's just not true.

This summer, we offered several courses, including Critical Race Theory and Education, Inclusive Practice for Working with Clients with Disabilities, and Medication-Assisted Treatment. We also enjoyed major achievements, such as completing the COE 2019-22 Strategic Plan and crafting our soon-to-be-released COE Foundation Philanthropic Impact Report (look for it at the [State of School Celebration on September 16](#)).

We celebrated as a Helen Gordon Center employee was honored for her partnership with an organization for people with disabilities, and we rejoiced again as three PSU COE students received three of thirty \$10,000 national fellowships to improve behavioral health outcomes for minorities. We were also overjoyed when the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) highlighted how the [COE trains teachers to be inclusive](#). That's the [second time](#) the AACTE has honored us this calendar year!

So, while the sunny season may be a quiet time in other areas, the COE was as full of activity and academic achievements as ever. Read on to find out more.



## PSU contributes \$547K to keep Portland Teachers Program going strong

Cora Price grew up as a foster kid and is now a single mom. But her hardscrabble life hasn't stopped her from achieving her dream of becoming a teacher through PSU's College of Education (COE). Price is

enrolled in COE's Portland Teachers Program (PTP), which was founded to train more teachers of color for Portland area schools. PSU pays all of its PTP students' tuition and fees, so the mother of two can study full-time to get her master's and teaching license at the same time through PSU's Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP).

"I'm a single mom who is making it because of the program," Price said. [Read more](#)



## Philanthropic Impact Report Released

The PSU COE's branch of the Foundation releases a report every year highlighting how the community support helps students and staff thrive.

The stories included a spotlight on Special Education Professors Sheldon Loman, Shaheen Munir-McHill, and Melissa Peby, who provided professional development and coaching to faculty at Jackson and Rosedale Elementary Schools in Hillsboro through a COE Mutually Beneficial Partnership Grant. View a hard copy of the report [at the State of School Celebration](#) or take a look within a few weeks at the [COE Foundation page](#).



## Three PSU Students Receive National \$10K Fellowships to Improve Behavioral Health Outcomes for Minorities

Three Portland State University master's students are among just 30 students in the nation to each receive a \$10,000 fellowship to further their service to underrepresented populations.

NBCC Foundation, the nonprofit affiliate of the international certifying organization National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), announced today that it had selected PSU's Marissa Cano, Sofia Jasani and Haley Jones as among the recipients of the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program Mental Health Counseling-Master's. The Foundation administers the program, which includes training activities. [Read more](#)



## Helen Gordon Center Employee Honored with Accolade

For the past two years, Erin Burns of the Helen Gordon Child Development Center (HGDC) at Portland State University has been partnering with Summer Work Internship for Transition (SWIFT), a group that supports teens with disabilities in gaining workplace skills. Burns

has kept that partnership going. [Read more](#)

## In Other News

### Pat Burk's Corner Continues

Prof. Pat Burk weighed in on race, socioeconomics, and education this summer in his policy-themed column on the [COE Blog](#).

### Enjoy Our New "Where They Are Now" Q&A series.

The first installment in our periodic Q&A series on COE alums focused on Tyler Shelden. Shelden earned his master's from the Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP) in the Portland State University's College of Education. Since graduating, Shelden has been working abroad in countries including Colombia, China, Egypt and the Côte d'Ivoire. Enjoy [Shelden's Q&A](#). Know a PSU alum that you want featured? Email [jillian@pdx.edu](mailto:jillian@pdx.edu).

### First Day of Classes!

The first day of classes at PSU for the 2019-20 academic year will be [Monday, September 30](#).

### Donate to the College of Education Student Emergency Fund

We just wanted to include another reminder that you can help keep PSU students in school! The College of Education (COE) Student Emergency Fund provides extra financial assistance to currently enrolled COE students who are experiencing unanticipated, temporary financial hardships resulting from emergency or crisis situations. We need your help to [support this fund!](#)

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