



Final Newsletter of 2019!

Welcome to the fourth College of Education (COE) newsletter, first launched in June 2019 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.



Happy Holidays! Support students and their families during the Winter Wonder gift drive, sponsored by the [PSU Resource Center for Students with Children \(RCSC\)](#). The COE Fun Committee (FC), which brings joy to the College, asks donors to deliver nonperishable food, gift cards, and unwrapped clothing and toys to Student Services, Marketing, and Communications in Suite 220 of the COE by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5. (The FC plans to provide the donations to the RCSC on Dec. 6.) Drop gift cards off with Patrick Kelley in 220G. Email questions to [Tracy Williams-Murphy](#) or [Elizabeth Snyder](#).

A Message from COE Dean Marvin Lynn

During the holiday season, the Leadership Team would like to express our thanks to all of the staff and faculty for their daily hard work and commitment to the COE. Your diligence for making our school a safe, equitable, and inclusive place of learning for our students has not gone unnoticed.

Today, we take a moment to express our appreciation and to wish you peace, prosperity, and health in the coming year. With joy and gratitude, from our families to yours, happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Dean Marvin Lynn



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Scholarship recipients and donors pose together during the Portland State University College of Education Foundation Dean's Scholarship Celebration in November. Photo courtesy of Andrea Lonas Photography

Congratulations, Foundation Scholarship Winners!

Dozens of academic achievers were recognized for their accomplishments during the Portland State University College of Education Foundation Dean's Scholarship Celebration in November. The event—held on November 1 at the University Place Hotel—attracted about 100 people, including the honorees of prestigious scholarships. [Read more](#)

COE Professor Lands \$2.8M Grant to Improve Elementary Math Education

Portland State University Professor Nicole Rigelman recently received a four-year \$2.8 million grant from the National Science Foundation to increase elementary students' math proficiency through training teachers in Portland Public Schools (PPS).

The grant has made possible the Developing Leaders, Transforming Practice (DLTP) project, a K-5 intervention involving the professional development of 60 teachers, who, in turn, support about 126 colleagues.

DLTP unites three major organizations, the PSU College of Education (COE), the largest school of education in the state; COE, the largest school of education in the Pacific Northwest (with 49,000 students in 81 schools); and RMC Research Corporation, a national leader in areas including program research and evaluation. [Read more](#)

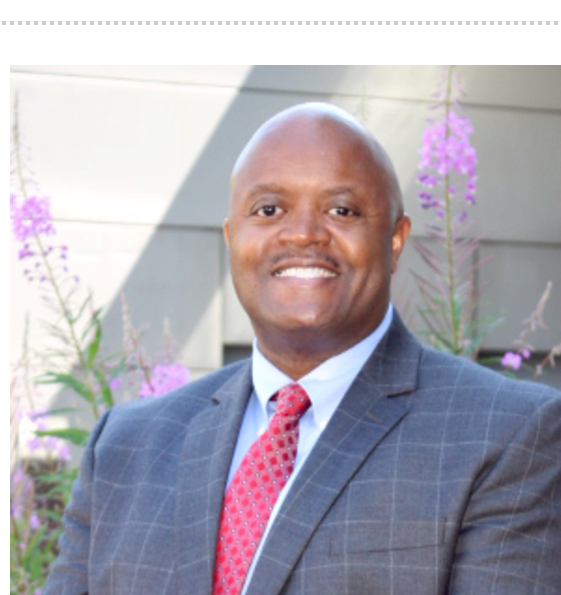


Professor Nicole Rigelman aims to increase elementary math proficiency at local schools with a \$2.8 million grant from the National Science Foundation. Photo courtesy of PSU files

Meyer Memorial Trust Awards COE a Grant to Form a Consortium

The Meyer Memorial Trust recently awarded a \$35,000 planning grant to the Portland State University (PSU) Foundation to support College of Education (COE) Dean Marvin Lynn's vision to create a consortium that will help foster the growth of teacher pathway programs that recruit and retain diverse or multilingual teachers through the COE.

Lynn worked to secure the planning grant for the COE to establish a Diverse Teacher Pathways Consortium that strengthens the College's infrastructure in support of its pathways programs, including the Portland Teachers Program, Bilingual Teacher Pathway, and American Indian Teacher Program. [Read more](#)



Dean Marvin Lynn fulfills vision of creating a consortium to foster diverse teacher pathways. Photo courtesy of PSU files



Professor Holly Lawson holds up her phone with the Unified English Braille Prep app displayed on it. Photo by Jillian Daley

Portland State Professors Holly Lawson and Sam Sennott Release Braille App for Smartphones

Portland State Professors Holly Lawson and Sam Sennott just released their Unified English Braille (UEB) Prep app for smartphones, and it's already in hot demand.

Distributing the free app to as many people as possible is just what they wanted.

"Our goal is to get braille out to anyone who wants to learn it and to make it motivating and fun," Lawson said.

Lawson and Sennott, faculty in the College of Education, landed a \$550,000 federal grant to create the instructional smartphone app in 2014. [Read more](#)

In Other News

Professor Awarded Grant to Teach Overseas

Hollie Hix-Small, an associate professor in the Portland State University College of Education (COE), recently was awarded a Regional Travel Grant through the American Indonesian Exchange Foundation to share her knowledge on topics including inclusive preschool and early childhood intervention. [Read more](#)

Future Teachers Enjoy Applied Learning in Innovative School District

Kevin Lopez, a fifth-grade leader at North Marion Intermediate School, knows what it means to be a leader. [Read more](#)

Counselor Education Department Hires New Administrator

Jillian McMahon joined the Portland State University College of Education as the new department administrator in the Department of Counselor Education on Thursday, November 7. [Read more](#)

Donate to the College of Education Student Emergency Fund

We just wanted to include another reminder that you can help extra PSU students in school! The College of Education (COE) Student Emergency Fund provides keep 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!](#)

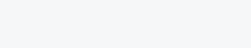
Looking for a Gift for a PSU History Lover?

Faculty and students can enjoy two free local history books, courtesy of the Retirement Association of Portland State (RAPS). [Read more](#)

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