



## Second Newsletter of Winter Term

Welcome to the sixth 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](mailto:jillian@pdx.edu).

### Dean's Message: Standing Strong

Amid the coronavirus pandemic, the PSU College of Education (COE) leaders are standing strong with our students, faculty, and staff.

Offering coursework remotely allows us to protect our students and all who work here while ensuring that we're offering the same great instruction as before. Our faculty has responded to the challenge.

Our field placement office is also collaborating with the state to ensure that our teacher candidates graduate on time. I am proud of our response during these challenging times.

The University remains open, and finals and faculty/staff meetings are still going on, albeit remotely.

Looking to next term, classes will be offered remotely, at least for the first few weeks. The [PSU Bookstore](#) is even offering free ground shipping so that students can easily access the materials they need.

Here is a short guide on how the COE is responding to [COVID-19](#) to help students, faculty, and staff take care of themselves and their loved ones. We will continue to offer updates as we learn more.

For now, we will move forward and focus on the outstanding work we do, every day.

True, we are experiencing a difficult time, but we are standing strong, together.

—Dean Marvin Lynn



Dean Marvin Lynn says the PSU College of Education will excel and stay strong, no matter what crisis awaits. Photo courtesy of PSU files

### COE Winners' Circle: Awards and Honors Pour in for Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni

Portland State University College of Education student and student teacher Wesley Guy recently learned he had received the \$1,000 Literacy Educator Scholarship from the Portland Reading Council. [Read more.](#)

The Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders bestowed its Regional Teacher of the Year Award upon Portland State University College of Education alumnus Brian McKenzie in February. [Read more.](#)

The Council for Exceptional Children's Division for Learning Disabilities awarded a Portland State University College of Education graduate the Marva Collins Diversity Award at a February conference in Portland. "I am deeply honored to receive the Marva Collins Award," winner Gloria Alonso said. [Read more.](#)

Portland State University College of Education Dean Marvin Lynn announced the names of the COE faculty and staff who were honored at PSU's Length of Service Award ceremony earlier this month. [Read more.](#)



COE grad student and scholarship winner Wesley Guy is a "passionate educator."



Eugene School District Superintendent Gustavo Balderas said that in his district, he strives for equity and is committed to doing what's best for every student. Photo courtesy of the Eugene School District

### National Superintendent of the Year

A Portland State University College of Education alumnus with a 30-year career in education has now distinguished himself as not only the 2020 Oregon Superintendent of the Year, but the 2020 National Superintendent of the Year. Congratulations, Gustavo Balderas! [Read more.](#)

### In Other News

#### Mobility Matters Updates

Mobility Matters, on tap this week, will be [online only](#). To learn how the event came to be, [Read more.](#) To hear more about Mobility Matters from a past participant, [Read more.](#)

#### Welcome, Cole Edwards

Cole Edwards felt so safe and secure in a Rogue Community College classroom led by teacher Erika Giesen that Edwards was comfortable enough to come out as a transmasculine man. Now, because of an educator, Edwards feels empowered to be a role model as the coordinator of Educational Leadership and Policy Department at the Portland State College of Education. [Read more.](#)

#### Hope in a Dystopian World

Portland State University Professor Rick Johnson has published a novel imagining a dark future threaded with brilliant rays of hope. [Read more.](#)

#### Doctoral Student Improves Grad Rates, Earns Promotion

Emeritus Professor Pat Burk said that Lorna Fast Buffalo Horse is an asset to the Portland State University College of Education, where she is a doctoral student. [Read more.](#)

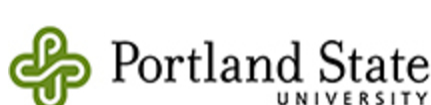
#### US Prep Chooses COE for Major Grant

Portland State University College of Education is the only college of education in the Pacific Northwest that US Prep has chosen for a \$300,000 grant. [Read more.](#)

#### Record Number of Conference Goers

Rana Yaghmaian, Ph.D., certified rehabilitation counselor—an assistant professor in Counselor Education in the College of Education—recently shared some exciting news about her students: "We have what I believe is a record number of Counselor Education students presenting at national counseling and higher education conferences this year." [Read more.](#)

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