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### First Newsletter of Spring Term

Welcome to the seventh College of Education (COE) newsletter! 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: A Community of Learners

Dear College of Education Community,

In a time when there is so much uncertainty, what has remained consistent is our community's strength and our students' love of learning.

Our leadership team is proud of how our students, faculty and staff have adjusted to remote learning so quickly. We are also proud of how the COE's enrollment has remained steady because of our passionate learners. In fact, we are trending to have more students enrolled this Summer Term than we had in 2019.



Dean Marvin Lynn

However, we have all had to experience a great deal of change. The commencement celebration has always been one of the highlights of my year, as I get to shake hands with every smiling graduate crossing the stage, and I will miss that.

Yet, while we cannot share this moment face to face this year, our new ceremony format allows friends and alumni of the COE to easily attend virtually to celebrate our graduates. I invite you to join us for the COE Commencement at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 14. We will send details soon.

Let us see this new commencement as another opportunity to showcase the COE community's strength and our students' love of learning.

— Dean Marvin Lynn

### Teaching from Home

Juggling work and family time was already a challenge.

Now, with the coronavirus quarantine, parents and teachers are adjusting to online learning.

To help, we published a six-part series ([summarized here](#))

offering at-home teaching advice, [starting with parenting/teaching tips for all ages](#), then discussing [children with special needs](#) before rounding off the series with tips for educating children of all ages: [pre-K and toddlers](#), [K-5 students](#), [middle school students](#) and [high school students](#).



### COE Faculty Members Shine Light on Inclusivity During National Forum

Dean Marvin Lynn and Assistant Professors Ingrid Anderson and Molly Baustien Siuty were among the presenters in a national webisode on inclusivity last week.

Airing on April 30, the presentation was the latest installment in the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Inclusive Leadership Webisode Series. COE faculty members discussed the "preparation of inclusive teachers and leaders" who are involved in dual licensure programs as well as "online preparation as educator preparation programs make shifts due to the novel coronavirus," according to CCSSO.

The webisode, called "Preparing Inclusive Teachers and Leaders for Today's Students," also featured a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and Bowling Green University faculty members.

"Our participation in this webisode brings positive attention to PSU, the COE and to our academic programs," Lynn said. "We were proud to participate in this national forum for critical contemporary topics impacting educational practices and policy in the long term."

The CCSSO is a national nonprofit of education leaders striving for equitable education for all children. Its next webisode will be on May 20. [Read more.](#)

### Ryan Carpenter: Compassionate Leader, PSU Doctoral Student

A recent article in the global, multimedia news organization "Time" highlights Estacada School District Superintendent Ryan Carpenter's compassionate response to students in need during the coronavirus quarantine.



Carpenter, also a doctoral student in the Educational and Leadership Policy program in the Portland State University College of Education, knew that half of the 1,700 students in his rural district qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. Due to statewide school closures during the COVID-19 quarantine, students no longer have access to school breakfasts and lunches.

But Carpenter wouldn't let his students go hungry. [Read more.](#)

### In Other News

#### COE Professor Featured in National Podcast

Assistant Professor Amy Parker, Ed.D., was recently interviewed with a panel on a national podcast from the American Printing House for the Blind. [Read more.](#)

#### Department Chair Lands President's Role in National Organization

Professor Will Parnell—Ed.D., chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Department in the Portland State University College of Education—has been named the president of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE). [Read more.](#)

#### PSU Professor Co-Leads International Research Symposium

Portland State University's leadership in an international research event demonstrates the University's alignment with the environmental values of area school districts and the community, said Portland State University Professor Dilafruz Williams. [Read more.](#)

#### PSU Grad a Crucial Staff Member at Awarding-Winner Nonprofit

When Eco-School Network earned an award at the Green Schools Conference and Expo this March in downtown Portland, Professor Dilafruz Williams was delighted to see Portland State University graduate Rachel Willis standing onstage among the recipients. [Read more.](#)

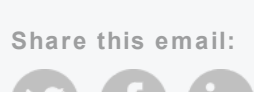
#### PSU Ranked No. 7 for Best Online College for Value

A program in the Portland State University College of Education (COE) ranked among the elite in the 2020 Best Online College for Value ranking. [Read more.](#)

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