Hello EXITO Scholars,

Happy winter break! This will be the last newsletter of 2015, see below for important dates and some scholarship opportunity that might be of interest. See you in 2016!

A peer mentor shares her experience at a national conference

Peer mentor Kimberly Gottschalk is attending the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting right now in San Francisco, CA. She has been tweeting and blogging about her experience and sharing it with us. You can watch her video blogs by clicking on the buttons given. You can follow Kimberly's experience and us on Twitter at @BUILDEXITO. She will continue tweeting links to videos, blogs, and more all week.

Scholarship season is here!

Winter break is a great time to put some work into scholarship applications. Check out PSU's flowchart to help you determine which scholarship might be for you. See these links for more info about what is available.

- Merit Based Scholarships
- PSU Scholarship Opportunities
- Office of Student Access and Completion

*Opportunities to work on scholarship essays and have them reviewed by EXITO staff will be coming in January so stay tuned!

Recruitment for our next cohort of EXITO scholars begins Jan 11th!

We would love your help getting the word out as we recruit for our next cohort of EXITO
Mentoring

In Nov, PSU matched all scholars with a PSU peer mentor and career mentor. Your peer mentors should have reached out to you. Also, you should have received the contact information for your career mentor and have reached out to set up a meeting with them. E-mail Kay Logan at kay.logan@pdx.edu with questions.

EXITO Related Events and Resources

Upcoming Free STEM Talk: Emerging Nanomaterials for Energy and Biomedical Applications
Friday, Jan 15 from 4-5pm at McLoughlin Auditorium FREE
Guest speaker, David Estrada from Boise State University, will cover the wonder material, graphene, and the properties which make it an attractive candidate to help alleviate some of these problems. Fundamental studies reveal the role of graphene’s crystal defects on power dissipation, thermal transport, and chemical sensing. Applied studies take advantage of nanoscale dimensions for DNA analysis and tissue engineering. Lastly, additional focus will be given to Boise State University’s new capabilities in synthesizing graphene and other 2-D materials for applications in printed and flexible hybrid electronics. Learn more here.

Announcing the 2016 HMC Scholarship Application!
The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (HMC) is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the 2016 HMC Scholarship Program.

In May 2015, the Hispanic Chamber awarded $171,350 to 65 Hispanic students living in Oregon and SW Washington. The Hispanic Chamber has awarded a total of $1.8 million to 738 Latino students to date. Individual scholarships range from $2,000 to $5,500.

If you want more info or are interested in applying, you can go here.

Apply to OHSU's 2016 Equity Program
The eight-week Oregon Health & Science University Summer Equity Internship Program is scheduled for Monday, June 13 – Friday, August 5, 2016. Undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds and interested in the Biomedical Sciences, M.D. program, Physician Assistant, Nursing, Public Health & Dentistry are encouraged to apply.

- Equity interns learn new research skills and gain hands-on lab experience.
- Attend weekly seminars with fellow interns, faculty and mentors
- Produce a scientific poster of their summer research project and compete in a poster presentation
The application cycle for the 2016 summer internship program is now open. Deadline to submit your completed application materials is Monday, January 25, 2016 and selections will be made early February and all students will be notified. Visit the Equity program webpage for more information and to submit your application.

**Cultural Resource Center's Upcoming Events**

Click [here](#) for a list of events that are produced by the Cultural Resource Centers Leadership Team. All events are free and open to all unless otherwise specified.