Dear EXITO Scholars,

Spring has officially sprung and so has the change of pace as we enter the last phase of this 2016-2017 academic year. We have a lot of program updates and resources for you in this month’s newsletter. Keep an eye out for BUILD EXITO social media posts to be in the loop on the latest happenings and resources.

BUILD EXITO Staff and Faculty

Dr. Crespo on Tour!

Dr. Crespo took his spring break a little early to visit BUILD EXITO partners in the Pacific Rim. During his travels he was able to learn about the incredible progress each EXITO site was making and to answer questions, address concerns, and discuss next steps.

If you spot Dr. Crespo during his travels, post your pic to our FB page with #drcrespopacificrimadventure

Getting ready to be placed in an RLC?

For those entering their second year in EXITO at PSU, the 2017 RLC Fair is just 2 weeks, Friday, April 7th from 1-3pm at CLSB 2N11. All Portland-area Scholars are required to attend.

Important info on RLC matching can be found here.

We recently added more RLCs to our website, though some might still be added before fair. Check them out here!

Advising Updates

Sarah Whisenhunt, BUILD EXITO's Interim Academic
Sarah Whisenhunt, BUILD EXITO’s interim Academic Advisor, has been working hard to address Scholar advising concerns. Scholars with any programmatic questions should email exito@pdx.edu for the quickest response. Book an advising appointment with Sarah at buildexitoadvising.youcanbook.me

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Graduating from PSU this year?

Don't forget to apply for your degree. You have until June 4th to login to Banweb and register to graduate. You can get detailed information here!

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Travel Scholarships to the 2017 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference

Applications are open! Two exclusive opportunities are now open to students and postdocs for 2017 SACNAS: Travel Scholarships and Research Presentations. Both are currently accepting applications! Apply today to take your education, career, and science to the next level.

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PSU 2017 Student Research Symposium

Wednesdays, May 10, 2017

Mark your calendars and consider submitting your research as a poster or oral presentation for this year's Student Research Symposium. ALL Local Scholars are welcome to present their research from 9am-4:15pm at SMSU. Submission deadline is April 24, 2017.

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Change in Scholar Status?

EXITO Scholars, if you need to make a change in your program status (like you are requesting a temporary leave from the EXITO program), we have an online form we would like you to complete.

You can fill out the change in status form on our website.

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At Portland State University

-All local Scholars are invited to attend the weekly Scholar Enrichment events at PSU! These take place on Friday afternoons at PSU’s University Technology Services (UTS) Building in Room 307. Sessions for first year Scholars are from 1p-2:50p. For 2nd year Scholars, sessions are from 2p-3:50p.
- PSU Scholars: Special Spring 2017 offering of Senior Capstone course Creating Age-friendly Communities (Wednesdays 12:45-3:45 p.m.) taught by Dr. Alan DeLaTorre (aland@pdx.edu). This researched-based course seeks to improve understanding of physical, social, and service environments and it aims to share research findings with local partners in an effort to make the Portland region a better place for those of all ages and abilities. UNST 421, CRN: 65139

- Paid science writing opportunity at PSU: PSU’s Vanguard is looking for student contributors who can write about science and research topics in a way that is accurate yet approachable. This is a great opportunity to build your resume while also learning more about research on campus! Student contributors are only required to write 2 articles per 30 days, each article averaging only 600 words, earning $25-30.00 per article, and $35.00 once they have written enough to be a "Preferred Contributor". To be eligible to apply you must be a PSU student and maintain a GPA above 2.5 as a part-time undergrad or 3.0 as a part time graduate student. [Click here to apply].

- PSU Scholars: sign up to register for Multicultural Graduation. Multicultural Graduation is an annual Cultural Resource Centers ceremony that honors diversity and celebrates cultural traditions by creating a student-centered inclusive space to celebrate the graduation multicultural students. The ceremony includes student speakers, a keynote speaker, and a post-ceremony dessert mixer. This is DIFFERENT than PSU’s Commencement.

- Portland area Scholars: Make plans to attend the "Sexism in STEM: Trials, Triumphs, & Hope" forum hosted by the PCC STEM Center. This event will explore the difficult challenges that women and gender nonconforming individuals face as researchers, engineers, and educators of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Free admission, food & drinks provided. April 7th, 5:00p-8:00p.

- PSU Scholars: PSU’s Commission on the Status of Women and the Diversity Action Council is offering an essay award to support undergrad and graduate students who respond to the following prompt with a 3-5 page essay: If you were to organize a women's march, what would you like to accomplish? Two awards of $1,000 are on the table. Winners will be notified in early May 2017, and recognized at the PSU President’s Diversity Awards event on May 23rd at PSU. Entries must be received by 12:00 pm on April 25, 2015.

- PSU Scholars: Need academic help? Students looking for extra academic help can access several tutoring and learning resource services on campus.

- PSU Scholars: PSU’s Diversity Action Council is offering a Culturally Responsive Workshop Series. The free workshops are geared for PSU faculty, staff and students and explore various diversity issues including race, sexuality, gender, disability and socioeconomic class. Workshops address different aspects of the work to be done to promote an inclusive environment at PSU. The series strive to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, celebrate differences and intersect commonalities in people, cultures and community. Those interested are encouraged to RSVP.

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**Funding Opportunities and Paid Internships**

- The 2017-18 Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium (OSGC) Scholarship and Fellowship Program is pleased to provide students the opportunity to apply for undergraduate and graduate scholarships, fellowships and internships.

- Volunteer with On Track OHSU! works with Oregon middle & high schools to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority background in the health sciences and in Oregon’s biomedical workforce.
Are you an undergraduate student with questions about graduate school?

Join On Track OHSU! on Saturday April 8 to get your questions answered! Meet current OHSU students, hear from an OHSU panel, and attend breakout sessions with topics about research programs, medical programs, financial aid and more!

**Sat, April 8th. 11:00a-2:30p @ OHSU Old Library Auditorium (#11 on the map)**. Lunch provided!

Still searching for **summer research opportunities**? Worried it is getting to late? See the applications still open on the Pathways to Science database, brought to you by the Institute for Broadening Participation.

**Portland Metro Events and Resources**

- **Public Health Portland Style** events are the 3rd Thursday of every month at Lucky Lab on NW Quimby, 5:30p-7p.

- Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming **Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture "In Ancient Egypt: The Woman Who Would Be King"** featuring Kara Cooney. The lecture is at **7pm, Thursday, April 6**, at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Ave