Hello EXITO Scholars,

The end of the academic year is in sight. It can mean at least a few different things to people and it's likely that there have been many ups and downs along the way. We recognize that around this time of year there is a greater risk for us to feel depleted or unmotivated to keep up with all of our commitments—it's no joke.

As part of your support network, we also feel responsible to help remind you that you got this and to try not to forget all of the progress that you've made to get to this point. Here are some tips that can be helpful to stay motivated though the end of the school year. Consider trying some of these out.

No matter what you do you help stay motivated, keeping up consistent and clear communication about your needs or challenges is important to helping others know how they can support you. The relationships you've made with various faculty and mentors through EXITO are valuable. Remember that they're here to support you, but you just need to let them know how. Stay in touch and hang in there, we believe in you!

Scholars in RLCs: Please Complete EXITO Surveys (CREDIT and URSSA)
If you are a Scholar placed in an RLC, you have received an email invitation to complete two surveys; the CREDIT (Contributor Roles Taxonomy) is designed to measure your role in your lab, and the URSSA (Undergraduate Research Student Self-Assessment) is designed to look at gains in skills related to your lab experience. Your responses to these surveys are important to EXITO and to BUILD. If you would like a reminder email (with individualized link) or if you have any questions please contact Rachel Crist, EXITO Research Assistant, at crist@ohsu.edu.

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### Scholar Tutoring Services

Many Scholars already use the in-house tutoring resources provided by BUILD EXITO and LSAMP programs. If you are interested in receiving ongoing tutoring during the Spring 2018 term, please complete this link by Friday, April 13th. If you find that you would like to request tutoring services after the April 13th request date has passed, please email Cassandra at exito@pdx.edu.

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### Getting ready to be placed in an RLC?

For those entering their second year in EXITO at PSU, the 2018 RLC Fair is in just a few weeks, Friday April 6th from 1p-3p at CLSB 2N111 (Collaborative Life Sciences Building, room 2N111). 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 the fair. Check them out here!

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### The Evaluation Team is All About Confidentiality

The Evaluation Team wants to you to know that keeping your data secure and confidential is an important part of our job. We are grateful for your willingness to tell us about your experience and respond to BUILD-EXITO surveys. As such we want to make sure you feel comfortable doing so. A few of the things we do to maintain confidentiality are:

- We obtain informed consent when you start EXITO.
- We operate under approved IRBs that are regularly updated.
- We follow FERPA guidelines & only access pertinent information.
- We de-identify your data & report on it in aggregate in order to anonymize it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Rachel Crist, EXITO Research Assistant, at crist@ohsu.edu.

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### Scholar Success Committee & You

Heads up PSU Scholars: Drake Mitchell and Carlos Quatela are the co-chairs of the Scholar Success Committee (SSC).
Cassandra has been gracious enough to field scholar questions regarding SSC, but they should come to Carlos at exitossc@pdx.edu

Register for Multicultural Graduation, space is limited!
Multicultural Graduation registration opens Friday, April 6th at 8:00am. Registration is limited. Interested in applying to be a student speaker? Learn more here.

Featured Jobs & Internships
PSU Scholars, check out the featured jobs and internships from PSU’s career page (called Handshake). See more at pdx.edu/careers/handshake.

Women of Color in Business:
Code Switching in the Workplace

Where: 615 SW Harrison St, Portland, OR 97201
When: Fri, Apr 6, 2018 at 12:00 PM

PSU Campus Rec Center & PSU Women’s Resource Center will be hosting an eventful luncheon of food, panel discussion, and networking with Portland’s women of color business elites. Come gather together and explore code switching as it relates to maintaining authenticity of self as women of color within a predominantly white business environment. We look to hearing panelist voices and experiences from She Shreds Magazine, Nike, Pacific Hawaiian Island Co, Rare Books, and more. RSVP for this event is required for entry. For questions or inquiry, please contact Sheena Ino at sheino@pdx.edu.

Lester Newman Undergraduate Research Scholars Program
$5,000 support for summer research.
Deadline to apply: April 6th, Decisions will be announced by April 30th.

Eligibility:
Scholar must be a declared undergraduate PSU Biology major with at least a 3.0 GPA in Biology courses. Research can be done with an off-campus partner, e.g. OHSU, but preference will be given to students working directly with PSU Biology professors. Preference will also be given to juniors. It is expected that this support will allow the student to devote full time to their research for at least 8 weeks in the summer. More info on application requirements can be found here.
April 20-22 Conference!
Re/Clamation: Breaking Space to Make Space

Make plans to attend this year’s Queer Students of Color Conference, organized by QTPoC students across Oregon as a means to create intentional communities around the intersections of gender, sexuality, race, culture, and nationality. This year's theme is Reclamation.

Reclamation is the act of taking back that which has been stolen. We pushback against the mainstream, normative Queer culture because we cannot find ourselves in it, we have been purposely left out of it, we have been told not to exist in it. In response, we seek to reclaim spaces, identities, terms, as a way to create physical, personal, and temporal spaces for ourselves. But you cannot reclaim something that never existed. Instead, we must break spaces to make spaces for ourselves, for our communities. It is within these acts of creation through destruction where the break occurs and Black and Brown Queerness emerges as Re/Clamation. Register here to attend the Re/Clamation Conference, April 20-22 at PSU.

PSU Scholars: Spring Term Course for pre-health track students looking for a Capstone relevant to your major

UNST 421 Capstone Health Professionals As Agents of Change

This hybrid course will explore how personal, social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental factors play a critical role in shaping patterns of health and disease within and across populations. Each student will take the initiative before the Capstone begins to arrange a project with a service site.

Questions? Contact Alissa Leavitt, agg@pdx.edu

Visit our newly updated Scholar Resources Page!