Many of us have already started our summer break and for the rest of us, it will be here before we know it. We know summer is a valuable and fleeting time, we often ask ourselves, how should we use our summer? What should we seek to accomplish? Should we rest? Read scientific journal articles? Prep for the GRE?

This month, we set out to answer that question. Though we were tempted to simply google, "10 Tips to Have a Great Summer" and pass the list along, we decided to go beyond the cliche. 

**Instead**, we figured we'd ask what you are already planning on doing to make this summer work for you. If you are looking for some inspiration or motivation to make the most of this upcoming summer, look no further, your fellow Scholars are here to assist!

Here is what some of our Scholars had to say when asked: **By the end of summer, what is ONE thing that you plan to have accomplished (i.e. self-care, academic, professional, family, etc.)?**
There is not one right way to spend your summer. Though you can’t do everything, you can both work towards accomplishing your goals AND spend time resting after your hard work this past year. We hope you will take moment to reflect on one (or two or three) things you want to be able to say you accomplished when summer is over.

Local Scholars, wanna present your research at the New Scholar Orientation?!?

We’ll be hosting our new Scholars here at PSU from June 21-25 for Orientation. If you have a printed poster that you could share, we’d love to have you participate in orientation this year. We are hoping you can join us the afternoon of Saturday, June 24th starting at 3:30 at PSU’s Native American Center to present your work and then join us for dinner (from 5:00-6:00PM).

Our Scholars benefit greatly from your involvement so we are hopeful that you will be able to participate and be a part of making this orientation a fantastic one for our new Scholars.

Please let Mae Culbertson at maria4@pdx.edu know by May 19th if you can join us!

ONE MONTH Intensive is August 28th-September 22nd. Summer Induction for PSU
Scholars beginning their BUILD EXITO RLC placement includes 64 hours RLC research and 16 hours EXITO programming. Programming will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00.

**THREE MONTH Intensive is July 17th-September 22nd.** Summer Immersion for PSU Scholars who have completed a year in a BUILD EXITO RLC placement includes 250 hours and 50 hours EXITO programming which will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00.

Questions or comments? Contact Radhika at rreddy@pdx.edu.

For those of you at UoG, UAA, or UHM, your faculty will communicate programming details with you if they haven't already.

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**Congratulations Graduates!**

Congratulations to graduating EXITO Scholars for completing a major milestone in your academic and research career path! You continue to be an inspiration to all of us in the EXITO Community. We love seeing your posts and photos of celebration, please be sure to tag our BUILD EXITO FB/Instagram/Twitter with #iamEXITO so we can collect these important memories.

**Portland-area Scholars:** please join us for a End of the Year Celebration at the end of the term. This will take place on Friday June 2nd from 2-4! More details and RSVP to follow.

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**New PSU Capstone Course Offering at PSU from Dr. Marilyn Mackiewicz**

**Short Title: Empowering and Advancing Students in STEM**

This capstone will focus on building skills in effective communication, negotiation, leadership, networking, mentoring, and professional development (leading focus groups and interviewing). Capstone students will work in teams to design, implement, and evaluate a 1-day workshop to coach and transfer STEM career preparation skills to students in the Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering program” (ASE).

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Critically analyze the barriers to equity and the implicit bias in STEM fields
- Describe diversity solutions to increase the number of women and underrepresented professionals in the STEM workforce
- Reflect on the role and responsibility of mentors, sponsors, and advisors in empowering and advancing underrepresented groups into leadership positions
- Strengthen their organizational, communication, and presentation skills
- Expand and translate essential professional development skills to empower and advance student learning and success in STEM

**PSU EXITO Scholars can register for this capstone course this spring, it will take place Fall 2017.**
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**: The Cultural Resource Centers are hiring for the 2017-2018 school year! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. All hourly positions require FEDERAL WORK STUDY students (stipend opportunities are available too). Visit the Cultural Resource Center website for a list of current openings and full position descriptions.

- The Canadian Space Agency recently chose PSU mechanical engineering professor Evan Thomas as one of 17 astronaut finalists out of an initial field of nearly 4,000 applicants. Canada is recruiting astronauts as it prepares to participate with space agencies from around the world in future space missions. The agency will choose two astronauts from the final pool early this summer. [READ MORE HERE](#)

- **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.

- **PSU Scholars**: Family friendly commencement- the Resource Center for Students with Children invites you to the Family Friendly Commencement on June 10, from 1:30-5:00pm, in the SMSU Ballroom. This free event celebrates the amazing accomplishments of students who have triumphed in pursuing their degree at PSU while raising children. [READ MORE HERE](#)

- **PSU Scholars**: Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture "Paradigm Shift: From the New Physics to the New Philosophy" featuring Terry Bristol. 7pm Thursday, May 18 at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Ave.

- **PSU Scholars**: Aldon Morris presentation, W.E.B. Du Bois at the Center: From Science, the Civil Rights Movement, to Black Lives Matter. The event is free and open to the public on May 19 starting at 5:30pm, PSU Native American Student and Community Center.

- **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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**American Association of University Women** and PSU’s Advising & Career Services are presenting a wage Spring 2017 Thinking About Graduate School Workshops: attend an upcoming session to get help with CVs.
negotiation workshop for students to learn how to ask for the salary you deserve. **Mon, May 22, 1:30p-4p, URBN 212G.**

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 scholarship and fellowship awards with career goals in STEM and STEM education. Individuals from under-represented groups in the STEM fields are strongly encouraged to apply. App deadline is May 26, 2017.

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.

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