Hi Scholars,

Welcome to the first BUILD EXITO Scholar newsletter for 2020-2021! We will use these newsletters to give program updates, share news articles featuring EXITO members, and provide resources/events relevant to you. You can always share resources and events that you think would be useful to share with your peers by emailing Arjun Viray (iarjun@pdx.edu), and they'll include it in the next newsletter.

For the first few months of the school year, we will be publishing Scholars newsletters bi-weekly to make sure you are up to date as the year gets rolling. After that, we will transition to a monthly Scholar newsletter. We know that your inboxes may be inundated with tons of information these days due to virtual learning, so we hope that our newsletter provides you with some good information!

As we head into the month of October, we want to remind you to vote! No matter how you vote, there are some steps you may need to take for mailing in your ballots and registering to vote. We've included some resources around this below.

Best,
The BUILD EXITO Team

**EXITO Program Updates**

This summer was full of new things for EXITO! We onboarded Cohort 6 earlier in June and had a Virtual RLC Fair for Cohort 5 Scholars. We wrapped up the summer with our Annual Research Symposium where our Cohort 4 Scholars presented their research. You can still view their research posters through the Virtual Poster Hall. Videos of their presentations will also be on the website soon!

**EXITO in the News**

**Bio-chem major spends summer training with Stanford Cardiovascular Institute**

Aspiring medical scientist and EXITO Scholar Darlene Ferrer is taking advantage of opportunities to gain valuable research experience.
Political analyst weighs impacts of a president sick with coronavirus

BUILD EXITO director, Dr. Crespo was mentioned in a KATU news article!

"This is a wake up call for everyone who thought that the virus was behind us and that we could lower our guard," shared Dr. Carlos Crespo, PSU and OHSU Public Health Professor.

New ASPSU Pres. Sipelii Talks Goals, Zoom And Why Students Need To Vote

BUILD EXITO Alum and Peer Mentor, Motu Sipelii is the Association Students of Portland State University's first Samoan presidents. Read his interview here about how he aims to serve the student body.

Resources

Find everything you need to know about voting

Vote.org guides you through the process of checking if you're registered to vote, informing you about the election deadlines, dates, and rules for different states, and information about voting by mail.

Take the time to review this site today!

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For Scholars at PSU, check out the various resources on campus below:

PSU Food Pantry
Women Resource Center
Services for Students with Children
Cultural Resource Center
Queer Resource Center
Campus Rec

For scholars at non-PSU campuses, check with your college/university resource centers and mentors to learn what support is available.

Portland Community College
Clackamas Community College
Clark College
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Guam
Upcoming Events

Resource Center for Students with Children event: Jim Sells Childcare Subsidy Specialist
Wednesday October 7, 2020 from 1-2pm Pacific Time

Join a Jim Sells Childcare Subsidy Specialist for a working tutorial on filling out your application. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and make sure you are submitting your application correctly.

Join through Zoom

Biology Investigation & Outreach (BIO)- First Virtual Event
Tuesday October 6 at 12pm Pacific Time

Meet the BIO group leaders, your fellow classmates, and join us in building community with all folks interested in biology!

Join by Zoom

Early Career Investigator Lecture, featuring Michael D. L. Johnson
Wednesday, October 14 at 1pm Pacific Time

In his talk “Microbes, Metals, Music, and Lessons in Disproving Your Hypothesis,” Michael D. L. Johnson, Ph.D., will discuss the mechanisms of metal toxicity in bacteria followed by a Q&A session on his research and career path. The goal of this series is to expose students to energetic investigators working on the cutting edge of science.

Picture a Scientist - Free Virtual Screening!
Watch at your convenience starting: October 16th @5PM PST to October 19th @5PM PST

Watch the film critics call a “fascinating and frightening examination of bias.” Picture a Scientist chronicles the groundswell of researchers who are writing a new chapter for women scientists.

Open to all!

More Events
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