September 2014

To Parents of South Wasco High School students interested in calculus,

Welcome to PSU Challenge-- Oregon’s longest-running and only nationally accredited concurrent-enrollment program. Challenge offers PSU’s calculus I and II (MTH 251/MTH 252), taught by Mr. Jamie Sowell, who meets PSU requirements for adjunct faculty. Close partnerships with PSU faculty and Departments ensure that the course is the same as its campus counterpart and that learning outcomes are met.

To be eligible to take a Challenge course, students must have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA and have met any course prerequisites. A strong academic track record helps ensure readiness for the rigor of our courses. Upon successful completion of their courses, Challenge students earn PSU credit. This credit is recorded on a PSU transcript and has a high transferability rate nationally.

Our program is distinct as an accelerated learning option in the following ways:

• We build a community of faculty and instructors that is the foundation of Challenge’s success. It provides a venue for support and shared information that reinforces the connection between the campus and the classroom.

• We encourage and support class visits to campus to help familiarize students with Oregon’s largest university and to use student resources such as our library online databases and computer accounts as well as attend special events.

• Our instructors have the academic freedom to determine how to meet PSU standards and are not restricted by having to focus on teaching to a high-stakes final exam; nor are our students sidelined by weeks of test taking preparation.

• We strive for both an academic and cultural college experience and hold our students to college-level expectations, smoothing the transition to college.

• It’s a great deal. Our program fee is $230 for a 4-credit class—a 70% reduction of campus tuition ($768).

For specific information about calculus at South Wasco, Fall registration, payment, and deadline information, please see the back of this letter.

There is more information about Challenge on our website at www.pdx.edu/challenge-program, including a Student/Parent Handbook I encourage you to download. And of course, I am available to answer questions or help in whatever way I can.

Many thanks for your interest in Challenge,

Sally Hudson
Director
South Wasco High School
Below is course information for PSU Calculus and when registration and payment occur (2x per year) as noted. For each timeframe, the student will need to register and pay for the course; please note that we can only accept payment for courses in the current registration period. The instructor provides all the registration material. Completed registration materials are turned back in to the instructor by the stated deadline.

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FALL APPLICATION: Completed registration applications are due to the instructor **SEPT. 19, 2014 (blue registration form, payment, any other required documentation noted below)**.

FALL PAYMENT: We require payment with registration. A discounted cost of $50 per class is available to students eligible for, or participating in, the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program; **must attach a copy of the eligibility letter with the registration form**.

GPA WAIVER: Students with GPAs from 2.8-2.99 are eligible to request a waiver by attaching their high school transcripts to their registration. More information is available from their instructors or on our website.

**Important Drop & Withdrawal deadlines for Fall:**
Any student wanting to drop or withdraw from a class needs to alert both the instructor AND the Challenge Office by emailing us at cplink@pdx.edu. There are no refunds.

| Drop course (no record at PSU) | Oct. 31 |
| Withdraw from course (W on record) | Dec. 5 |