**Encourage your Student to Become an Orientation Leader**

Orientation Leaders (OLs) serve as highly respected resources to new students. Some of the many benefits of being an OL include developing meaningful relationships with PSU faculty, learning valuable knowledge that will enhance your student’s experience, and being part of a dynamic Orientation Team. Students can learn more about this great opportunity through reading the job description, which is available on the website listed below.

The application deadline for Orientation Leader positions is Monday, January 31 at 11:59pm. If your student would like to learn more about joining the Orientation Team, he or she should plan to attend an Information Session. These sessions are facilitated by former Orientation Leaders and will provide an overview of the OL experience, training, and general expectations.

**Information Sessions (location for all sessions is Neuberger Hall room 131):**
- Thursday, January 27, 4:00-5:00pm, NH 131
- Monday, January 31, 4:00-5:00pm, NH 131

To apply and learn more, your student can visit [www.pdx.edu/orientation/orientationleader](http://www.pdx.edu/orientation/orientationleader).

**Your January Student Health 101 and Parent Perspective**

As a service to our families at PSU, we are providing an online subscription to Student Health 101 for both your student and you. Student Health 101 is a monthly health and wellness magazine just for students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today’s students.


You are also invited to read the accompanying Student Health 101 issue for our students at [http://readsh101.com/pdx.html](http://readsh101.com/pdx.html).

The January Parent Perspective issue has some great articles, including:
- Find out what Professors really expect from students
- Master the basics of college cooking
- Counting down to a great night’s sleep
- How to deal with a personal crisis
- Take a stand against cyberbullying
- Students choosing sexual abstinence
- And much more…

If you missed them, learn what students have to say in the highlights from recent Student Health 101 issues:
**Student Housing: Live on Campus!**

Students who live on campus statistically achieve higher academic success, are more engaged with faculty, and are more likely to return for a second year.

Contracts for the 2011-2012 academic year are now available. Encourage your student to submit her or his contract early for the best assignment! To submit housing contracts, students must be admitted to the university (with a PSU ID number) and be prepared to make a $200 payment ($50 non-refundable contract fee, $150 refundable advance payment). Housing assignments for Fall 2011 will begin in May 2011. For more information, read more about the terms and conditions by visiting [www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.housing/files/media_assets/1011-terms-conditions.pdf](http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.housing/files/media_assets/1011-terms-conditions.pdf).

Looking for housing before Fall 2011? Contracts are available for Spring and Summer 2011! If your student is interested, he or she can contact us at 503-725-4375 or housing@pdx.edu.

Want to see the facilities? Tours occur on most weekdays from the Orientation and Campus Visits office. In addition, the University Housing Office also offers tours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:30pm for housing only. For more information, visit [www.pdx.edu/admissions/campus-visits](http://www.pdx.edu/admissions/campus-visits).

**The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) Empowerment Project**

The Empowerment Project is a program designed for students underrepresented in higher education. We place particular importance on serving the needs of student parents, women of color, women veterans, returning women, and first generation students.

Services Provided by the Empowerment Project:
- Drop-in Advising
- Resource Referral
- Leadership Advising
- Skill Building
- Peer Support Groups
- Returning Women's Workshop
- Community College outreach to prepare students transferring to PSU
- Mentoring program (Sister to Sister)
- Scholarship research and assistance
- Networking and social opportunities
- More information available at [www.pdx.edu/wrc/empowerment-project](http://www.pdx.edu/wrc/empowerment-project)

If you are a student parent looking for a place to connect and thrive, you are encouraged to attend The Empowerment Project Thursday Coffee and Tea Discussions group. The group meets every Thursday at 11:00am - 11:45am at the Women's Resource Center (Montgomery Hall Basement, 1802 SW 10th Avenue).

For more information, contact Tonya L. Jones (Empowerment Project Coordinator) at 503-725-9788 or rwp@pdx.edu.
The Future of the DREAM Act
Portland State University (PSU) is hosting a discussion regarding the future of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (the DREAM Act), legislation that would help certain undocumented young people earn lawful status through attending college or university, or joining the military. The DREAM Act was originally introduced into Congress in 2001. Nine years later, in December 2010, it passed through the House of Representatives for the first time. Its supporters include the President, the military, and many in academia. All over the country, undocumented young people have come out of the shadows and told their stories. They have participated in sit-ins and hunger strikes, and have walked hundreds of miles to bring attention to the issue. Despite all this, on December 18, 2010, the DREAM Act failed to get the 60 votes required for it to advance in the Senate.

Despite the failure of the DREAM Act to become law in 2010, the DREAMers (as the young people expected to be eligible for relief under the DREAM Act are known) and their allies have not given up, and have no intention of giving up. The presentation will address the future of the DREAM Act. It will begin with a showing of Papers the Movie, a documentary produced and directed by Graham Street Productions in Portland, Oregon, which profiles five DREAMers. After the film, immigration lawyers will explain the history and likely future of the DREAM Act. They will describe alternative forms of immigration relief that may be available to DREAMers including U visas (visas for victims of violent crime), marriage-based petitions for residency, cancellation of removal, and asylum. They will explain actions all DREAMers may take to ensure that they are in the best possible position to benefit from any change in the law. Though it can be more challenging than for those who are US citizens and residents, DREAMers can obtain college educations while they wait for Congress to Act, and as part of this presentation we will describe how. Please join us!

What: Learn about the DREAM Act and DREAMers!
Where: Portland State University, Multicultural Center (SMSU 228)
When: Monday, February 7, 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Sponsored by the following PSU Departments & Organizations: Student Legal Services, Las Mujeres, International Student and Scholar Services, and Chicano/Latino Studies.

If you have questions, please contact Student Legal Services at slms@pdx.edu.

New Online Course Tool
Portland State University has purchased a new online course tool for students, which will fully replace Blackboard by the beginning of Spring term 2011. The new online tool – Desire2Learn (D2L) – will offer similar virtual course resources that students have become familiar with by using Blackboard. If your student would like to learn more about D2L, she or he should visit www.pdx.edu/psuonline/student-d2l-help.
PSU Department of Theater Arts Presents Maria Irene Fornes’ FEFU AND HER FRIENDS
Written by the pioneering avant-garde dramatist Maria Irene Fornes, this Obie award-winning play explores the lives of eight complicated, privileged women who gather together in Fefu’s country New England home on a spring day in the 1930’s. Hallucinogenic, mysterious, thought-provoking, and one of our most beloved off-Broadway plays, "Fefu and Her Friends" is a provocative, feminist exploration of the expectations, inconsistencies, and double standards that even the most aristocratic women endured - and continue to endure. This production will mark the West Coast premiere of Fornes’ one-set version. Direction by Devon Allen, with designs by Glenn Gauer and Margaret Chapman.

"Fornes is America’s truest poet of the theater." - Erika Munk, "Village Voice"

"One of the most powerful plays written about the mysteries and shared hallucinations of the female experience." - "The Los Angeles Weekly"

Performs in Lincoln Performance Hall (1620 SW Park Avenue):
- February 24, Thursday at 7:30pm, Preview Performance
- February 25 - 26, Friday - Saturday at 7:30pm
- February 27, Sunday at 2:00pm
- March 2 - 5, Wednesday - Saturday at 7:30pm

Ticket Prices:
- PSU Students: $10
- Students/Seniors/Staff: $10
- Adults: $12
- Groups of 20 or more: $7
- Low-Cost Preview: $6

PSU Dining
PSU Dining Services offers a full menu of choices. Whether your student is eating on campus every day or just a few times a week, he or she could be saving money with a meal plan. Excellent service, variety, and convenient locations make our dining very enjoyable. Check out meal plans, hours, locations and more at www.pdx.edu/dining.

Voluntary Plans
Available to everyone and based on First Year Experience plans, this tier of meal plans offers your student the best PSU Dining has to offer. We offer three variations of the Voluntary Plans with different amounts of meals at Ondine and Dining Dollars per term.

Viking Plans
Our most flexible options, Viking Plans are available to students outside the First Year Experience program and provide meals at Ondine, Dining Dollars, and Guest Passes! Great for PSU residents, staff, and employees.

Dining Dollars Plans: Great for Commuters
These convenient quarterly plans are the easiest way to enjoy PSU Dining locations on students’ own terms and schedules. Each plan offers a set amount on a declining balance account and card that gives students 10 - 18% extra dollars over what is paid. Spend it just like cash at any of our locations.