Family Newsletter Evaluation Results
As the PSU Family Newsletter approaches the end of its first cycle, your feedback from the March 2010 evaluation was greatly appreciated. All respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the Newsletters have kept them informed, made them feel connected, and helped them in supporting their students. Several suggestions for articles include safety on campus, transportation to and from PSU, and more information and the Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC), which have been included in this issue. Look for more great articles in issues of the PSU Family Newsletter during the 2010-2011 academic year!

Getting to and from PSU
Students can pick up Transit FlexPasses during the two weeks before and after the start of each term. This All-Zones, TriMet pass is valid for the entire term and will allow students to travel anywhere that the TriMet system goes. For more information about the FlexPass, visit http://www.transportation.pdx.edu/students/transit.

Online sales for Summer Parking Permits will run from May 17 - June 13. Permits are also available for purchase at the Transportation and Parking Services office from June 7 - July 2.

Every year, a survey is conducted by Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) with the aid of the Office of Institutional Research and Planning (OIRP) to understand how students, faculty, and staff commute to campus. PSU also conducts a bicycle survey each spring to understand perceptions, experiences, motivations, and challenges related to bicycling to PSU. These surveys are some of the many efforts made by TAPS to accommodate a growing student population while maintaining our commitment to a healthier and more sustainable university. To check out survey results, visit http://www.transportation.pdx.edu/planning-sustainability.

PSU's First Bike Garage Opens
The Montgomery St. Bike Garage, located between Blumel Hall and Stephen Epler Hall, is a newly renovated facility for secure bicycle parking. It features 24/7 access by proximity card, security cameras, articulated two-tier bicycle parking racks with space for up to 77 bikes, and a new green roof to top it off.

PSU students, faculty, and staff are eligible to purchase a low-cost permit to park their bike in the new garage. Students and employees will have the option of charging this permit to their university account. Permits can be purchased at the Transportation and Parking Services office at 1812 SW 6th Ave, in the new Academic and Student Recreation Center.

A PSU proximity access card is required to use the bike garage. If your student does not have one, encourage her or him to visit ID Services in Neuberger Hall to purchase one for $12.

For more information, visit www.transportation.pdx.edu/bicycles or call 503-725-3442.

Portland State Bookstore
Encourage your student to visit Powersource, located inside the Portland State Bookstore, for all computer and electronics needs. The Bookstore offers a wide variety of software and accessories for PC and Mac, most with substantial education discounts. As an Apple Authorized Campus Store, there are expert staff members to help students choose their new Mac, iPad, or iPod; many with PSU exclusive values!
E-bills
PSU is introducing electronic-bills (e-bills) this month to improve customer service, promote sustainability, and save cost. E-bills will replace old paper bills that were printed, folded, and stuffed into envelopes for mailing through the U.S. Postal Service.

Students will be sent a message to their PSU e-mail address when statements are ready to view. Then, students can then view their e-bill statement online by logging into their myPSU account. Within MyPSU, students will be able to view their e-bill statement, print their e-bill, and go directly to the current web-based payment system to make a payment.

Commencement and Alumni Association Membership
Congratulations to the Class of 2010! If you know PSU graduates, encourage them to attend Commencement so that they can be honored for their hard work. Spring Commencement will be on June 13 at the Rose Garden Arena, and Summer Commencement will be on August 14 at the PSU Park Blocks. For more information, visit www.pdx.edu/commencement.

Are you searching for the perfect graduation gift? Consider offering your graduate membership in the PSU Alumni Association! To learn more, visit www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.family/files/media_assets/Alumni.pdf.

Care Package Vendors
Parent and Family Resources at PSU recently worked with a parent who thought that she might have been an unfortunate victim of a con operation. She purchased a care package for her student with a scheduled delivery date of early March. After learning that her student had yet to receive the package, she attempted to contact the care package company without much luck. She was ultimately successful in reaching the company and learned that their had been a delay with their deliveries to PSU.

While this situation had a positive outcome in the end, it serves as a great reminder for everyone to consider the accuracy of companies that solicit you regarding items that might help your college student. Always feel free to contact Parent and Family Resources at family@pdx.edu if you have questions about companies or vendors.

World Languages and Literatures Kurdish Program
Effective Fall 2010, PSU’s Department of World Languages and Literatures (formerly known as the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures) will offer a pilot program in Kurdish (Sorani). With this grant funded program, PSU becomes the third institution in the country to offer instruction in Kurdish, and the first and only to offer instruction in Sorani, which is the dialect spoken in Iran.

First-Year Kurdish will be taught Fall term as FL 101 (CRN 15558). Students who enroll in the Fall cohort will be guaranteed two years of instruction, which meets the B.A. requirement for foreign language.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to study a truly lesser taught language of considerable national importance.
PSU Dining

Fresh PSU DINING

VIKING COURT in Smith Union

Zoë
Stir Crazy
Sbarro

We Proudly Brew STARBUCKS COFFEE

Golden Gourmet Salad Bar
Golden Goodies

C3 Convenience Store in Ondine

Mon-Thur: 7am-7pm
Fri: 7am-3pm
Sat-Sun: Closed  Hours vary by location

Victor’s at Ondine
All-you-care-to-eat dining in Ondine

Mon-Fri:
Breakfast 7am-9:30pm
Lunch 11am-1:30pm
Dinner 5pm-8pm
Sat-Sun:
Brunch 11am-1pm
Dinner 5pm-7pm

The Meetro café at King Albert

Mon-Thu: 7am-3pm
Fri: 7am-2pm
Sat-Sun: Closed

Visit us online at www.pdx.edu/dining for more information and learn what’s new in PSU Dining!

Front Door Software
Does your student have a laptop computer? Encourage them to install Front Door Software on their computer. This software is designed to help recover laptops in the event of theft, and it is free for four years through a license that PSU has negotiated. To learn more, visit http://oit.pdx.edu/laptop-security.

Library Newsletter
The Portland State Library publishes a quarterly, electronic newsletter about services and updates at the Library! In the Spring 2010 issue, Helen Spalding, University Librarian, writes about the Portland State Library’s commitment to student success. You will also find information about events and exhibits, news about due dates, new databases, and the extensive map collection at the Library. Check it out at http://library.pdx.edu/newsletters.html.
Parent Perspective and Student Health 101
As a service to families of students, PSU is 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 parents. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions while in college, and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today’s students.


This issue includes:
- What’s Next? How to Make the Most of Any Job or Internship
- Gaining Self-Esteem
- Working Out When Away from Campus
- Women’s Health Checklist
- And much more…

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

If you missed it, be sure to read the April issue to learn more about the three components of a great exercise plan, the secrets of writing a perfect paper, and more. This issue is available online at http://readsh101.com/pdx.html?id=253633.

Check in with Your Student
Spring term often finds students with a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm. The outdoor areas of campus come alive with impromptu lunches and socialization while the longer daylight hours seem to extend a whole world of possibility. Unfortunately for some students, spring can also be a time of mood dis-regulation and a sense of being left behind in the bustle. The seemingly quickened pace can contribute to organizational problems and difficulty focusing. Check in with your student about their time management skills and how they are feeling about the academic year’s fast approaching close. It might also be a good time to encourage your student to be firming up plans for the summer.

PSU Reuses!
When your student moves out at the end of the school year, please encourage her or him not to chuck-out what they don’t want when they can Chuck-It-For-Charity instead! At the end of Spring Term, collection bins will be located in many residence halls where students may donate gently used clothing/bedding, household goods, and non-perishable food. During move-out weekend (June 11-12), staffed collection sites can also be found to assist students in the lobbies of Ondine and Broadway residence halls, and between Blumel and King Albert halls.

The bulk of the collected items will be donated to a charitable non-profit. Last year, 1,800 pounds were donated to Friends of Seasonal & Service Workers! The remainder will be returned to incoming students next fall at the 2nd Annual PSU Rummage Sale, with proceeds benefitting charity. For more information, visit www.pdx.edu/sustainability/chuck-it-charity.
New Name for two Campus Programs
The Skills Enhancement and Tutoring Center is now known as the Peer Tutoring and Learning Center. While the name has changed, the great services remain in place, such as free tutoring and group study rooms. To learn more, visit www.pdx.edu/tutoring.

Another program and long-standing tradition at PSU has a new name: New Student Week is now known as Viking Days. Viking Days occurs before Fall term each year and welcomes new students to campus with educational and social events. To learn more, visit www.pdx.edu/orientation/vikingdays.

PSU Selected as Test Site for Toyota’s Plug-in Prius
Portland State University announced in April that it was selected by Toyota as one of six groups nationally to demonstrate and evaluate the next-generation Prius Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHV).

Toyota will place 10 of its new Prius PHVs, equipped with lithium-ion batteries, in Oregon later this spring as part of the company’s global demonstration program. PSU will administer the program, which will assign the vehicles out to drivers for 60-day tests. To learn more, visit http://sustainablebusinessoregon.com/articles/2010/04/psu_selected_as_site_for_testing_toyota_prius_hybrid.html

School of Fine and Performing Arts
There are many exciting events remaining as part of the Spring 2010 season of the School of Fine and Performing Arts. From plays to art to music and more, there is something for everyone. Encourage your student to attend, or consider attending with her or him. View the schedule at www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.fpa/files/media_assets/Spring2010events.pdf.