**PSU Students Making an Impact**
Many students at PSU begin contributing to their career fields through research, internships, or community work. Visit [www.pdx.edu/insidepsu](http://www.pdx.edu/insidepsu) to learn more about some of the amazing contributions of PSU students, faculty, and staff.

**Vikings Basketball**
Now that the school year is underway, we are excited to move into basketball season. Both men’s and women’s games are played at the Peter W. Stott Center, which is located in the heart of campus. Students can attend both men’s and women’s games at no cost with their PSU students IDs.

Join us on Saturday, December 11, as the women’s team takes on Loyola Marymount at 1pm. Families will receive our group discount for reserved tickets at $7 each and general admission for $5 each. Be sure to mention you are attending with a PSU student. To order your tickets, call the box office at 503-725-3307.

For more information on Viking Basketball, visit [www.goviks.com](http://www.goviks.com).

**Winter Break Information and Closure**
Fall 2010 classes end on Sunday, December 5, and final exams occur December 6-11. After December 11, your student has a break until Winter term. Classes resume on January 3, 2011.

In addition, Portland State University will be closed from Saturday, December 18 through and including Sunday, December 26, 2010. This closure period includes 4 working days and the Christmas holiday, and represents a time of low productivity in academic and staff operations and a general lack of work across campus. During campus closure periods, accommodations will be made for critical functions and academic research personnel to access the University as designated by the Deans and Directors of the colleges and units.

**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 become available on December 1, 2010. 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 Winter, 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. For more information, visit [www.pdx.edu/admissions/campus-visits](http://www.pdx.edu/admissions/campus-visits).
PSU Catering
PSU Catering is proud to service the Portland State University campus and surrounding community. Whether your event is held on or off campus, PSU Catering is pleased to serve you with a full range of culinary and service expertise. We offer an extensive variety of services and menus including coffee, office luncheons, off campus meetings, conferences, weddings, and black tie events. It is our goal to provide you and your guests with a truly memorable experience.

We understand you have specific needs and budgets and we have designed our menus to fit the needs of any budget and service expectation. We will work with you to customize your menu, and if there is something you do not see that you would like at your event, just ask! We will also work with you to coordinate all details of your event including table settings, linens, and floral designs. From assisting you in selecting the menu for your event to customizing our services for a special event, we are committed to you.

Let us help you with all the details of making your event a success, down to the last bite. Contact one of our catering representatives today at 503-725-4427 or catering@pdx.edu.

Campus Rec
Your student can register for the 3v3 pre-season basketball tournament planned for December 2 at www.pdx.edu/recreation/intramurals. If your student is not into basketball, but loves free pizza, they can participate in the Dive-In movie featuring The Nightmare Before Christmas on December 2 at 8pm in the Rec Center pool.

Campus Rec offers several ways to promote a healthy campus and student culture. In addition to utilizing a state-of-the-art Recreation Center, students can participate in Group X fitness classes, aquatics classes, Rec Clubs, Intramurals, and trips hosted by the Outdoor Program. Visit www.campusrec.pdx.edu for schedules, class descriptions, and more program information.

Rec Center Winter Break 2010 Hours
December 11: 10am-6pm
December 12: 12pm-8pm
December 13-17: 6am-8pm
December 18: 10am-6pm
December 19: 12pm-8pm
December 20-26: Closed
December 27-30: 6am-8pm
December 31-January 1: Closed
January 2: 12pm-8pm
January 3: 6am-11pm
Transportation and Parking Updates

Student FlexPasses
The Winter 2011 Student FlexPass will be available for purchase beginning December 13 at a cost of $180 (Over 30% less than the equivalent standard rate fare). The FlexPass is a term-long, all-zone transit pass, which is valid on all TriMet buses, MAX light rail, and Portland Streetcar. The Winter term FlexPass is valid from the date of purchase until March 31, 2011. FlexPasses can only be purchased in person at the Transportation and Parking Services office (1812 SW 6th Ave, first floor of the ASRC) and may be charged to student accounts or paid for with cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard. Your student must be registered for a minimum of 3 credits and have her or his PSU photo ID at the time of purchase.

Bicycle Garages
PSU operates two bike garages on campus. Students and employees can purchase a permit to park their bike inside one of these covered, secure locations. The cost is just $15 per term or $60 per year (fee is pro-rated based on date of purchase). Both bike garages include 24/7 access by proximity card, security cameras, and articulated two-tier bicycle parking.

Winter term bike garage permits are available beginning December 13 for $15, and are valid until March 31, 2011. A limited number of annual permits are also available at a pro-rated cost of $30 and expire June 30, 2011. Students and employees will have the option of charging a bike garage permit to their student account at the time of purchase. Permits must be purchased in person at the Transportation & Parking Services office. Note: A PSU proximity access card (white ID card with an access chip inside) is required to use the bike garage. Students can purchase these cards at ID Services in Neuberger Hall for $15.

PSU Bike Hub – Winter Overhaul Special!
The PSU Bike Hub is your student’s on-campus resource for do-it-yourself bicycle maintenance, professional repair, affordable accessories, and gear. Located in the ASRC (1818 SW 6th Ave, corner of SW 6th & Harrison), the PSU Bike Hub is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Students can drop in anytime for repair assistance, bike route options, or help with their commute. The Bike Hub also hosts evening workshops and classes. For more information, visit www.pdx.edu/bikehub.

In addition, since winter months mean less daylight and more trips in the dark, encourage your student to use front and back lights. Now is also a great time for a tune-up if your student is a year-round cyclist. They can tune-up on their own with our help, or take advantage of our winter overhaul special: $100 full tune-up plus new cables, new bar-tape or grips, and full bearing overhaul!

Parking Permits
Does your student need to drive? There are many permits available to meet the needs of various class schedules. To view permit options, visit www.pdx.edu/transportation. Winter term permits should be purchased soon because some permit types will sell out before classes begin. Parking permits can be purchased online and in person November 24-December 26. Beginning December 27, they may only be purchased in person at our office.
The Language Flagship at PSU
The Language Flagship program (www.thelanguageflagship.org) wants to change the way Americans learn languages, and it wants graduates of its programs to become global professionals who can apply their language skills in many different kinds of work. There are 23 Flagship centers and programs in the United States, including the Russian Flagship Partner Program (RFPP) at Portland State University. Every Flagship program is different, but all of them plan to immerse their students in the language that they study in preparation for a capstone year overseas. PSU students of Russian will spend their year abroad at the prestigious St. Petersburg State University. RFPP admits students at all levels of study. For more information on the application process, visit www.pdx.edu/russian-flagship/.

To learn more about students’ experiences with Language Flagship, watch a video online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGyuWW7L9Zo&feature=player_embedded.

Message to PSU Parents from Health and Counseling
As a service to our families here 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 parents. 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.

Each month, the website below is updated with the latest issue of the parents-only Parent Perspective. Please take a few minutes to read the issues each month, as we believe that they can be a valuable resource for you and your family.

You can read the November issue of the Parent Perspective by visiting http://readsh101.com/pdx-pp.html.

This November issue has some great articles, including:
- Tattoos and Piercings: Things to consider before getting inked or pierced
- How to build a positive body image
- A guide to STI protection and birth control options
- The countless benefits of shutting down at night
- Is tobacco use on the decline on campus?

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

If you missed it, be sure to read the October issue available online at http://readsh101.com/pdx.html?id=e9ed9d2a.
New Legal Service on Campus: Immigration Clinic

Student Legal Services at Portland State University has added a new service for students, an Immigration Clinic. This immigration clinic provides free and confidential consultation to eligible fee-paying students. The PSU Student Legal Services Immigration Clinic serves PSU students who are immigrants, or who have a spouse or parent who is an immigrant.

As anyone who has dealt with the complex and confusing immigration system in the United States knows, the process of obtaining and maintaining lawful immigration status can be challenging, even when things go relatively smoothly. Furthermore, it is easy to make mistakes with life-altering consequences. Anyone who is concerned about their own immigration status or the immigration status of their family member can benefit from a better understanding of the complex immigration laws. Private consultations with an attorney may cost anywhere from $35 to more than $200. Student Legal Services hopes by providing this service we can further our goal of helping students complete their academic endeavors by alleviating some of the legal obstacles they face.

If you or one of your family members is a documented or undocumented immigrant, the importance of understanding how the immigration laws of the United States effect you cannot be over-emphasized. Although immigrants placed in removal proceedings have a right to counsel, they do not have a right to have counsel appointed if they are unable to pay, as persons in the criminal justice system do. Even though the consequences of failing to consider the immigration consequences of one's conduct may include detention and permanent exile from the United States, an immigrant will not have counsel unless he or she is able to find and pay for private counsel, or find pro bono counsel. As a result, it is important to anticipate and prevent problems before they occur.

Consultations are with Sherilyn Holcombe Waxler, an attorney in Portland, Oregon, who practices exclusively in the area of immigration law. She has experience in a wide variety of immigration law matters including citizenship, family-based petitions, employment-based petitions, and removal proceedings. She is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

The Immigration Clinic is currently offered weekly with 4-8 appointments available. The days and times vary each week, but students can visit our website at www.pdx.edu/sls or call our office at 503-725-4556 to find out more information and to schedule an appointment. We also encourage students to come by our office to learn more about the Immigration Clinic and other free services we can provide. We are located in the Smith Memorial Student Union, M343 (3rd Floor mezzanine).