Portland State University to hold sendoff party for Paralympic athletes heading to London

WHAT: An Olympic-styled sendoff for Portland State and community Paralympians. Mingle, enjoy some Ben & Jerry’s ice cream and hear from the athletes and coaches on what it means to compete for the gold.

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 4 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: The lobby of the Academic and Student Recreation Center, 1800 S.W. 6th Ave., Portland

BACKGROUND Jennifer Armbruster, Portland State University’s coordinator of inclusive recreation, is a member of the world champion USA goalball team. The team won a gold medal at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, and will defend its title at the London Paralympics, Aug. 29 through Sept. 9.

The Paralympic Games for athletes with disabilities is held every four years in conjunction with the Olympics. Armbruster has played in every Paralympics since 1992.

Other Portland-area Paralympians heading off to the games are:

- **Asya Miller**, Armbruster’s life partner and fellow goalball team member.
- **Sean O’Neil**, coach of the USA Paralympic table tennis team.
- **Will Groulx** and **Seth McBride**, members of the gold medal-winning USA Paralympic wheelchair rugby team.
- **Ed Suhr**, coach of the Paralympic rugby team.

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