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American Association for Women in Community Colleges—Oregon Chapter

Fall 2013 Newsletter

Get rejuvenated at the 2013 Fall Conference

Three dynamic women highlight the 2013 AAWCC Oregon Fall Conference to be held November 7 & 8, 2013, at Embassy Suites in Tigard. This year's conference theme is "Reboot, Refresh, and Restore: Igniting your Potential."

Gwendolyn Trice, native of La Grande, Oregon, moved back to the country after a career with Boeing in Seattle. Now located in Enterprise, Gwen has dedicated the past several years to uncovering and documenting her family's migration to the West-African American loggers in search of promise in the early 1900's. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Wallowa County & her efforts have rekindled an interest in eastern Oregon's rural history.

In 2013, Ms. Trice was appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to the Commission on Black Affairs to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Oregon's African American and Black populations. Hear how the transformative links to family, place and community play a role in shaping how she interprets her past, present and future.

Dr. Allatia Harris is the Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives at San Jacinto College. In March 2013, she was selected to serve on the AACC Advisory Committee on Leadership Initiatives. She currently is President Elect and Legislative Liaison for the National AAWCC and serves on the AACC Council for Diversity, Inclusivity and Equity.







Allatia Harris



Nancy Golden

Dr. Harris holds a doctorate in educational administration with a specialization in community college leadership from the University of Texas. She has pursued doctoral studies at the University of Southern California in communication, and earned master's and bachelor's degrees in speech communication, both from the University of North Texas.

In August 2013, **Dr. Nancy Golden** accepted the position as Oregon's Chief Education Officer. With 30+ years of experience as an educational leader, Nancy formerly served as the superintendent for Springfield Public Schools in Springfield, Oregon from 2003-2013. She served as Educational Advisor to the Governor during the 2011 legislative session and continues to act as the alternate chair of the Oregon Investment Board. In 2011, Nancy was selected as Oregon's Superintendent of the Year.

Nancy is highly regarded for her interest in promoting equity in our schools. She was one of two winners of the 2012 Tom Ruhl Leadership for Equity Award by the Oregon Leadership Network; in 2009 she received the Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect's Human Rights Leadership Award; and she has been asked to present many times on the subject of equity. Her publications include "The Complete Toolkit for Building High Performance Work Teams," "A Seven-Step Process to Align Curriculum with Oregon State Content Standards," and "Effectiveness of Guided Practice During Remedial Reading Instruction: An Application of Computer-Managed Instruction."

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President's Message



Cherie Maas-Anderson, AAWCC Oregon President

Welcome to our 2013-2014 academic year! It is always exciting to be involved in the work at a community college at the beginning of a new academic year.

During the past year, our Oregon AAWCC board has focused on providing you with a fantastic Fall conference. I hope that as many of you as possible are planning to attend the conference. The conference is going to be held on November 6 and 7 at the Washington Square Embassy Suites in Tigard, Oregon.

This year's conference theme is "Reboot, Refresh, and Restore: Igniting Your Potential." The conference program will offer attendees a wealth of options for professional development and renewal. I will be program chair this year, so if you would like to do a workshop, please contact me before October 15, 2013. The quality packed program reflects the hard work of several of our members with others throughout Oregon.

If our paths do not cross in person over the next few weeks, I wish you a very happy Fall term and an exciting new academic year.

Conference Will Provide a Variety of Topics and Events

Workshops, Zumba, Concert, Networking, and More! In addition to the three great keynote speakers, several information workshops are planned for the AAWCC-Oregon Fall 2013 Conference. Included among those scheduled are wellness, technology, and leadership sessions. Re-Choired Element Chamber Choir, the award winning concert choir from Linn-Benton Community College, will perform. A reception for all guests will take place on Thursday afternoon, and a choice of activities will be offered Thursday night.

For early birds who want a good workout, a Zumba class will be offered on Friday morning before the conference resumes. Be sure to bring comfortable workout clothes if you'd like to participate.

A silent auction will be held to raise funds for AAWCC functions and scholarships. Donating to the silent auction is a wonderful way to promote your college and community while helping women attend our events. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, please bring the item to the conference registration desk, and we will do the rest.

Registration for the fall conference is \$195. Register online at http://www.aawccoregon.org/fall-conference/. Reserve your room at Embassy Suites by October 15 and mention the AAWCC Fall Conference for the group rate. Visit the Embassy Suites website or call (503) 644-4000. The hotel is located at 9000 SW Washington Square Road, Tigard, Oregon.

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Planting the Seeds for Success was the focus of the AAWCC Oregon Summer Conference





Approximately 135 community college colleagues attended this year's summer conference at the beautiful Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton on July 18. Speakers included Serena St. Claire from Rogue Community College on balancing home, work, and college; Donna Lewelling from Community Colleges and Workforce Development on statewide community college issues; and Cara Lee from Portland Community College on initiative fatigue.

Participants gained understanding of statewide issues, tips for fertilizing their personal and professional "gardens," and ways to stay fresh while tackling the latest innovative projects. Attendees were given the opportunity to explore the beautiful Oregon Gardens as well as meet and reconnect with colleagues from around the state.



OILD Participants Learn Leadership Skills at Silver Falls

Women from community colleges throughout Oregon attended the 20th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development on June 24 - 27, 2013. For four days, they participated in activities that allowed them to learn more about themselves and their leadership values while experiencing the natural beauty of Silver Falls State Park and Conference Center. The institute provides positive leadership development and connects women with community college executives and administrators from all over the state. Participants offered overwhelming praise for their time at Silver Falls:

Mary Schroeder from Chemeketa says "I feel so fortunate that I was able to attend this year's OILD Conference at Silver Falls! We had a great group of women with a good mix of personalities ranging from outgoing to those more reserved, and from a variety of positions at the community college they represented. I enjoyed the participation and teaching of women college presidents and vice-presidents. Our interactions were fun, thought-provoking, challenging, and very informative. I'm looking forward to Fall Conference in November!"

M'Liss Runyon from Linn-Benton comments "The conference at Silver Falls was really amazing and It was hard to leave because I fell in love with everyone! I made friends at other community colleges that I hope will last a life time, priceless. AAWCC is helping my leadership skills and my understanding of community colleges in Oregon, that rocks!"

If you have not attended OILD in the past, be sure to be looking for the application process at your college next year. Applications are due to AAWCC-Oregon around April 15.

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Campus Connections

Umpqua Community College By Nancy Nowak

The Umpqua Community College AAWCC chapter has created a website on UCC's home page. Included on the website is a video honoring Women's History Month and featuring women from across the campus talking about who has inspired each of them to "fly with her own wings." Chapter members have also had opportunities to enjoy one another's company and conversation during a social hour that has taken place at a variety of off-campus venues in Roseburg. At the most recent gathering, after a stirring rendition of several songs from the musical Oklahoma!, we hatched a plan to organize a book group. Among the titles we are considering are Understanding and Engaging Under-Resourced College Students (Karen Becker) and Daring Greatly: How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead (Brene Brown). Our most exciting recent project involves bringing the film Girl Rising to UCC as a campuswide event. In the spring, we organized and promoted the showing of this powerful documentary that presents nine girls from across the world telling their stories about the power of education to change their lives and the world.

Planning has just begun to continue our chapter's monthly off-campus social hours, with co-president April Hamlin in pursuit of prospective places in Roseburg for us to gather. We also intend to follow up the successful screenings on campus of the film *Girl Rising* with a service project promoting education for young women.

A collaborative project has been undertaken by Karen Sorensen of PCC and Nancy Nowak of UCC. As a birthday gift, Karen expertly created a website for Nancy's poetry, and after some trial and error, she was able to post her work, links, and other information to the site, www.nancynowakpoetry.com.

Portland Community College By Cherie Maas-Anderson

In May, we held a breakfast scheduled for the Southeast Center with Dr. Jessica Howard as our guest speaker. This summer, several PCC members attended the AAWCC Summer Conference held at the beautiful Oregon Gardens.



Southwestern Oregon Community College By Deb Nicholls

Due to staff turnover in recent years, the SWOCC Chapter became relatively inactive. However, one activity has remained strong! Last December, the Chapter once again delivered stockings filled with various items to the girls living at the Wineva Johnson Center for Girls and collaborated with the College's Softball Team to provide stockings for the boys and girls at the Belloni Ranch.

Southwestern is working hard to rebuild and is grateful to AAWCC Oregon for developmental support. Interest is being rekindled through a membership drive, quarterly newsletters, and a spring activity. Although budget constraints require careful decisions, efforts continue to potentially send several individuals to OILD and the Summer and Fall Conferences.

Five SWOCC students applied for the AAWCC National Scholarship recently and Carrie Ann Griffith was one of only seven students in the nation to be awarded a \$500 scholarship from AAWCC National!

The SWOCC Chapter sponsored a kick-off luncheon on May 22 to familiarize potential members with the organization and plan for upcoming activities. The event resulted in the addition of several new members, including three students. To help raise awareness of Pancreatic Cancer, a 5K event (walk, jog, run – just Commit 2 Complete it!) took place on Saturday, June 8.

In addition to reinstituting a student scholarship, Colleen Keen was selected to represent SWOCC at OILD 2013 and applications are being accepted from membership for the Fall Conference. Fall 2013 Newsletter AAWCC-Oregon Page 5

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Chemeketa Community College By Lynn Irvin

Chemeketa was very pleased to send two women to OILD last June. Heather McDaniel from Human Resources and Mary Schroeder from Information Technology were chosen from a pool of applicants to attend this wonderful professional development experience.

We have a newly formed chapter. Our kickoff program was a showing of the film, Miss Representation, on March 1. *Miss Representation* is a 2011 American documentary film written, directed, and produced by Jennifer Siebel Newsom. It explores how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in influential positions by circulating limited and often disparaging portrayals of women. About 50 people attended including several AAWCC Oregon state board officers. We definitely appreciate the support from the state board!

The Chemeketa chapter organizational meeting was held on April 25. It was a brown bag lunch where we discussed a chapter mission, ideas for chapter activities, electing officers and yearly dues.

Lane Community College By Donna Zmolek

In May, Lane's AAWCC Chapter heard from two dynamic women who shared the same administrative position. Career Technical Executive Dean Andrea Newton retired at the end of June, and Dawn DeWolf was hired as incoming Executive Dean, with the two of them overlapping in the position for a short time. AAWCC took advantage of this wealth of leadership knowledge and held a lunch and presentation for its members. The two leaders possess a vast amount of experience with each coming from quite different backgrounds which allowed them to offer unique perspectives and advice on leadership. The event was well attended, informative, and fun. It's events such as these that are the heart of Lane's chapter – coming together as women and colleagues to take part in professional development and strengthen relationships.

This year, Lane welcomes Kerry Levett, new Executive Dean of Student Affairs. She holds a PhD in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Arizona State University, and most recently held the position of Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at Finger Lakes Community College. Welcome, Kerry!

Mt. Hood Community College By Christy Weigel

One very exciting thing that has happened this year is that MHCC hired its 10th – and first female – president, Dr. Debra Derr. Dr. Derr comes back to MHCC after 11 years gathering experiences in the Midwest. She was a former MHCC employee and member of our AAWCC chapter. Along with the arrival of Dr. Derr is a renewed energy in the local chapter. We have an interim board working to reactivate and invigorate AAWCC's presence at Mt. Hood Community College.

Rogue Community College By Daniella Bivens

Rogue welcomes new AAWCC members Kathleen Johnson, Carmen Sumner, Amy Durst, and Bonnie Ryan. Congratulations goes out to Bonnie for her new position, Grant Project Coordinator, Pathways to Allied Health Professions (PATH) Allied Health Services.

Rogue's chapter would like to recognize members who are celebrating their recent graduations. Donna Osborne, RWC Counseling Secretary, graduated from Southern Oregon University in March 2013 earning a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology; Daniella Bivens, RCC-Educational Partnerships, also graduated from Southern Oregon University in June 2013 earning a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology. Both of these degrees were accomplished all while working full-time at RCC!

Cindy Harboldt, President's Office, is the proud grandmum of her third grandchild born on April 6, Lennox Lorena John Sanborn– it's a big name for a little girl born at 5lbs 14ozs.

AAWCC – RCC recently held their bi-annual \$1.00 clothing sale and raised almost \$1,000 in their efforts to support student scholarships and programs at the College!!! The annual graduation flower and water sale was held on June 15. The AAWCC-RCC Board Retreat was held August 9.

Our chapter organized their first Relay For Life team for the Josephine County Relay For Life Event on July 20-21, 2013, and had 20 people participating in the event. Together we are fighting for a cure!

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AAWCC Board of Directors Provide Leadership



JAN WOODCOCK, CO-PRESIDENT

Jan Woodcock has been a full time faculty member at Umpqua Community College since 1994. She teaches psychology and human services. Jan directs the Pacific Northwest Great Teaching Seminar for community college faculty. She is a co-director of OILD (Oregon Institute for Leadership Development). Jan has a Master's degree in Theological Studies from Harvard University and a BA in English and Secondary Education from Westminster College. Her past jobs include junior high English teacher, elementary school counselor, hospital chaplain, and YMCA Camp Program Director. She has also worked on a tall ship in the Mediterranean, a horse ranch in Molalla, and a youth camp in Kentucky.



CHERIE MAAS-ANDERSON, CO-PRESIDENT

Cherie Maas-Anderson has worked for Portland Community College for the past 26 years. At PCC, she has been a Service District Liaison, a Employee Relations Specialist, a Budget Operations assistant and currently employed in the English/World Languages Division. In the past, she has served as the Union VP of Membership, Grievance officer and served on numerous bargaining teams. Cherie is currently the President for the PCC chapter of AAWCC and a recent receipt of the Carol DesJardins award. "I believe that AAWCC is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and build lasting relationships that inspire a network of professional colleagues."



JULIE KOPET, PRESIDENT-ELECT

Julie has worked for Portland Community College for twenty-one years. She is experienced in administration, management and program development in the college. Her background includes part time teaching, a full-time faculty position, Education Manager and Director of Corrections Education. She became the Division Dean of Adult Basic skills and Career Technical Programs. Currently she is serving as the Interim Dean of Instruction and Student Services at the Southeast campus. Julie says, "Since I attended the OILD I have been attending the AAWCC conferences. I know of no better professional organization for women in our field. The organization is a positive productive force in bringing women together for the purpose of professional and personal growth, as well as the development and nurturing of relationships.



KARIN MAGNUSON, PAST PRESIDENT

Karin has worked at Linn Benton Community College for 17 years as a Workforce Training Specialist in the Business and Employer Services Department. She is a dedicated and creative teacher, facilitator and instructional designer. Karin has been active in LBCC's local chapter of AAWCC, serving as Co-President twice and holding a variety of other offices as well. She is currently serving as LBCC-AAWCC Vice President for Program & Publicity. She has been a regular presenter at the AAWCC Annual Fall Conference and always looks forward to the opportunity to grow and learn with other women committed to the AAWCC mission. In her time away from work, Karin plays the bassoon in community music groups, loves arts and crafts and spends more time in her garden than she does doing housework which, as she sees it, is as it should be!



CAROL MCKIEL, VP MEMBERSHIP

Carol McKiel works at Linn Benton Community College as the director of the High School Partnerships program. Carol's background is in elementary education. She worked as a 2nd and a 6th grade teacher, and had the opportunity to teach for two years in an international elementary school in China. In 2000, however, while teaching a reading strategies class at a community college, she found that she thoroughly enjoyed working with adult learners. "It felt rewarding to teach children, but working with adult students was energizing. I found that adults brought a different kind of enthusiasm for learning into the classroom that could be inspiring." This new career focus led her to earn an MS in Student Personnel Services and then attend OSU to earn a PhD in Educational Leadership in 2011.

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JOANN ZAHN, VP FINANCE

JoAnn Zahn joined Clatsop Community College in August 2011 as VP of Finance and Operations. Her community college experience began at Mt. Hood Community College in 1990, where she served in various finance and budget positions including director of budget and auxiliary services and as vice president of administrative services in a one-year interim assignment prior to joining CCC. JoAnn holds a B.S. in Business Administration/Accounting from Eastern Oregon University, and holds a M.B.A. from North Park University. She is currently pursuing the CPA designation.



DONNA LEWELLING, VP SUMMER CONFERENCE

Donna Lewelling is an Education and Workforce Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD). As a member of the Research and Communication Team, Donna coordinates the Oregon Community College Student Success Initiative, FTE Audit and Credit for Prior Learning efforts. Before joining CCWD in 2006, Donna worked for the Department of Human Services and spent several years as a consultant for Head Start programs statewide.



LYNN IRVIN, VP FALL CONFERENCE

Lynn Irvin, Vice President for Summer Conference has worked at Chemeketa Community College since August 1998. Her current position is with the College Support Services Division as executive assistant to the Vice President/CFO, Julie Huckestein. An outgoing person, Lynn takes pride in the many college endeavors and activities she has been involved in at Chemeketa. She serves on many committees including the President's Advisory Council, the Insurance Task Force, the Holiday Social Committee and the Employee Recognition Event. Lynn was Chemeketa's representative to AAWCC's OILD in 2002. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, she takes online and PE classes every term and loves the lifelong learning environment that is a part of the college. She was selected as the AAUW Outstanding Graduating Woman in June 2009.



DEB NICHOLLS, VP RECORDS

Currently working her 27th year at Southwestern Oregon Community College, Deb has worked in various positions at the College. She began her SWOCC career as the Switchboard Operator and worked in the Office of Instruction as the Office Manager before taking her current position as the Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Education in 1999. The instructional background provided a breadth of knowledge that has proven beneficial throughout her career. Earning her associate's degree at Southwestern and a bachelor's at Southern Oregon University, Deb exemplifies the meaning of "lifelong learner" as she continues to take classes and explore new areas of interest.



DONNA ZMOLEK, VP COMMUNICATIONS

Donna has worked at Lane Community College since 1990 and currently holds the position of Assistant to the President/Board of Education. She has been involved in AAWCC since 2000, serving on the board of Lane's local chapter, attending activities hosted by the Oregon chapter, and participating as a national member. Donna has held the position of Secretary on the Oregon AAWCC Board since January 2007. AAWCC has had a positive impact on her life and career, and she finds it very gratifying to support the personal and professional development of women in community colleges.



MELISSA AABERG, WEB DESIGN

Melissa started her position as a web content specialist at PCC in 2011. She joined AAWCC shortly after, and is delighted to be surrounded by strong women doing such amazing work. She has a BA in English from PSU, and prior to joining PCC worked as an art teacher, PSU UNST Mentor, and web developer for a local kid's clothing/shoe company. Melissa is currently the webmaster for the PCC chapter of AAWCC and chair of the PCC Sustainability Council's Community Outreach subcommittee. She is a past participant in OILD, Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, and PCC's Classified Lead Training. In her spare time, she likes to bake, practice yoga, play with her pets and make art.



Nominations Sought for Leadership Award

The mission of the Oregon Chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges is to inspire, champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us.

To recognize and celebrate this mission the AAWCC-Oregon Board of Directors is accepting nominations for the prestigious 2013 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award.

This award will be given to someone who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges. The recipient does not have to be an AAWCC member. Criteria for receiving the award will include demonstrated ability to inspire, champion, or celebrate women as leaders.

Nominations are now being accepted. Please visit the website at http://www.aawccoregon.org/awards/ to nominate an outstanding woman. Nominations should be sent to Karin Magnuson by November 1, 2013. Previous winners include Linda Reisser, Dawn DeWolf, Cam Preus, and Jan Woodcock, to name just a few.



2012 DesJardins Award Winner Linda Reisser

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