



From one season to another – and for Oregon’s AAWCC, from one conference to another

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As summer melts into fall, the Oregon chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges smoothly switches gears in terms of its annual conferences.

The association hit the mark with its annual summer conference which took place at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Ore., on July 22, and attracted nearly 90 attendees – its highest number of registrants ever.

The day-long event, ***“Demystifying your Digital World: Using Technology to Grow Productivity,”*** addressed the wide array of Google applications available and how they can expedite productivity; the use of social media for job searches and career development; and the “how to’s” of digital photography.

“Based on feedback we received from this year’s attendees, the content was especially useful, valuable and fun,” said Karin Magnuson, president of the Oregon’s AAWCC and Training Specialist and chair of the Business and Employer Services Department at Linn-Benton Community College. “There was a good mix of technology and creativity – especially with the inclusion of the photography session – and participants said they gained applicable knowledge they can use in their jobs and personal lives,” she said.

To see photos from the event, visit <http://www.aawccoregon.org/summer-conference/>

And without missing a beat, the association is fine-tuning details surrounding its fall conference – ***“Obstacles and Opportunities: Thriving in Changing Times.”*** Set for Nov. 18 and 19, the conference will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tigard, Ore., a new location for the annual event. Visit <http://www.aawccoregon.org/fall-conference/index.html> to register **(to get the discounted registration price, register by Nov. 1)**, submit workshop proposals and confirm hotel reservations. And watch for more details as presentations and speakers are confirmed!

In other news:

- The 19th annual ***Oregon Institute for Leadership Development*** (OILD) took place June 21-24 at Silver Falls Conference Center. Each year a group of about 25 women from community colleges around the state are chosen to participate in the conference, which is focused on developing and enhancing attendees’ leadership skills through a variety of group and individual activities. The 2010 class came together to gain insight on work styles and to reflect on community college issues, professional ethics, personal value systems, gender dynamics and leadership.
- Thanks to those AAWCC members who are set to participate in the ***2010 Komen Race for the Cure***, to take place in downtown Portland on Sept. 19! Each year a team from Oregon’s AAWCC

participates in the annual race to represent the association. Our team will meet at the World Trade Center for a group photo before the race – followed by a fantastic breakfast afterward! Photos from the event will be posted on the AAWCC Web site for those who can't make it.

- And finally, *did you know that the national American Association for Women in Community Colleges offers educational scholarships?* That's right – two scholarship categories are available to women interested in advancing their education:
 - Candidates interested in pursuing a doctoral degree can apply for two \$3,000 AAWCC **doctoral program scholarships** for use in the 2011-2012 academic year. The application deadline is January 2011.
 - The AAWCC supports leadership growth by providing \$500 **student scholarships** to a student in each of the association's 10 regions for the 2011-2012 academic year. The application deadline is March 2011.

For more information on both opportunities, visit www.aawccnatl.org.

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