



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS

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NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED – The fall 2011 conference hosted by the Oregon Chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges ushered in several new board officials. All were announced at the annual conference, which took place Nov. 17 and 18 at the Tigard Embassy Suites Hotel:

- **Melissa Aaberg**, Web Development technician, Portland Community College – Named Web developer
- **Michele Cruse**, Student Account manager, Portland Community College – Named Member at Large-Conference Registration
- **Julie Kopet**, interim Dean of Instruction and Student Services, Portland Community College, Southeast Center – Named President-Elect
- **Ali Mageehon**, Adult Basic Skills Development director, Umpqua Community College – Named Vice President-Records
- **Janet McIntyre**, Dean of Integrated Media, Performing and Visual Arts, Mt. Hood Community College – Named Member at Large-Special Projects
- **Carol McKiel**, TRiO STEM program director, Lane Community College – Named Vice President-Membership
- **Jenni Newby**, Instructional Dean, Central Oregon Community College – Named Vice President-Communication

The new and returning officers join current board members Cherie Maas-Anderson and Jan Woodcock, co-presidents; Karin Magnuson, past-president; Cherie Maas-Anderson, vice president-Finance; Lynn Melow, vice president-Summer Conference; and Barb Horn, vice president-Fall Conference.

Affiliated with the national AAWCC (www.aawccnatl.org), the Oregon chapter of AAWCC was developed by local women in community colleges whose mission was to inspire, champion and celebrate the talents of its members. The organization encourages professional development for women in community colleges, supports women in leadership roles, develops communication among women in community colleges, promotes and offers local and state workshops, and disseminates information on courses, programs and services.

For more information about Oregon AAWCC, visit www.aawccoregon.org.

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AAWCC TAPS AWARD WINNERS – Camille Preus, commissioner of the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, was honored with the **2011 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award** at this year’s fall conference. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges.

In her role as commissioner, Preus provides leadership and advocacy with the Governor, the legislature, and other statewide stakeholders for Oregon’s 17 community colleges, seven workforce investment areas, and many community based organizations.

Prior to her appointment as commissioner, Preus has held leadership roles in workforce development at local and state levels. She frequently speaks at national forums about education and workforce development topics, focusing on her philosophy of state and local partnership for improved service delivery and results for people.

Prior to her government service, Preus held positions as a chemist and quality control manager with United States Steel. She graduated from Cumberland Junior College, Middle Tennessee State University, earned a master of science in Business Administration from Indiana University, and received her doctorate in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University.

Additionally, the AAWCC board of directors celebrated individuals, chosen by local AAWCC membership, whose accomplishments made a difference for women at their respective community colleges. Following are the **2011 AAWCC Excellence Award** winners:

- **Debbie Hill**, Umpqua Community College
- **Barb Horn**, Linn-Benton Community College
- **Susie Johnston**, Lane Community College
- **Darlene Marick**, Columbia Gorge Community College
- **Billie Miracle**, Rogue Community College
- **Linda Reisser**, Portland Community College, Cascade Campus
- **Kirsty Wineland**, Chemeketa Community College
- **Cathy Yasuda**, Treasure Valley Community College

FUNDRAISING LEADS TO AAWCC CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS – In 2011 \$3,500 was earmarked for 10 scholarships enabling community college staff and faculty to attend the summer and fall 2011 AAWCC conferences. Conference registration fees and proceeds from the fall conference silent auction support the scholarship fund. This year’s silent auction raised nearly \$650.

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