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American Association of Women in Community Colleges – Oregon Chapter

Spring 2005 Newsletter



## Community colleges tap nine for excellence awards

Nine women, honored by their coworkers, received AAWCC Oregon Chapter Community College Excellence Awards at the 2004 fall conference in Portland.

They were recognized for accomplishments that made a difference for women at their own community colleges. Recipients need not be members of AAWCC.

The 2004 winners include Deborah Evind, Portland Community College; Kristen Jones, Linn-Benton Community College; Cynthia Kimball, Portland Community College; Maureen McGlynn, Chemeketa Community College; and Kathy Metzger, Southwest Oregon Community College.

Others are Becky St. Clair, Mt. Hood Community College; Tracy Simms, Lane Community College; Denise Swafford, Rogue Community College; and Kathy Thomason, Umpqua Community College.

Nominations for the 2005 AAWCC Excellence Award may be made by sending the name of an honoree to Jan Woodcock at [jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu](mailto:jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu)



*Kathy Thomason (left), of Umpqua Community College, accepts an excellence award from co-worker Doris Johnson at the AAWCC fall conference.*

## Session set in Florence

### Explore emotional intelligence at summer retreat

Learn to assess yourself and others in a new way at the 2005 Oregon-AAWCC Summer Retreat.

Southern Oregon University professor Jennifer Joss Bradley, Ph.D., will present "Exploring Emotional Intelligence and Developing the Woman of Excellence Within."

Bradley will introduce participants to the study of emotional intelligence and a process for assessing self and others. Objectives for the session are to catalyze new thinking and develop new competencies, raise awareness about dimensions beyond intellect, and to gain the technical expertise for achieving personal best.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 30 at the Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center on the Oregon Coast in Florence. The cost is \$65 per person, plus \$7 for a useful workbook, "The Essential Enneagram," for determining character type.

The registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and

Oregon AAWCC dues for 2005. Registration and final payment deadline is June 17. Registration forms are available on the AAWCC Website: [aawccoregon.org](http://aawccoregon.org)

Mail forms and a check payable to Oregon-AAWCC, attention Denise Swafford, vice-president summer retreat, c/o Rogue Community College, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

Full and partial scholarships are available. To apply, contact Swafford at 541-956-7000 or [dswafford@roguecc.edu](mailto:dswafford@roguecc.edu). Or download the scholarship application form at [aawccoregon.org](http://aawccoregon.org)

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Florence area accommodations include the following:

- Driftwood Shores: 800-422-5091 (\$95 (std queen); \$145 (dbl queen/night)
- Best Western Pier Point Inn: 541-997-7191 (\$99-\$129/night)
- Holiday Inn Express: 800-Holiday (\$129/night)

## President's Message

By Julie Huckestein  
Oregon AAWCC President



Julie Huckestein

What a beautiful start to spring! This year's weather has certainly jump-started gardens and flowerbeds. I hope each of you has taken the time to stop and enjoy the beauty of the nature that surrounds us in Oregon.

Over the last few months I've been thinking more about the importance of balancing work and personal time as well as focusing on my career and personal aspirations. Like many of you, I always have competing priorities and never enough time to actually think and reflect on my life. I haven't yet mastered the art of balance or the art of reflection, but I am working on it. I hope you are too.

AAWCC offers many opportunities for you to focus on your professional and personal growth. The annual summer retreat will be held June 30 at Driftwood Shores in Florence. This year's topic, "Exploring Emotional Intelligence and Developing the Woman of Excellence Within," promises to be especially interesting. Read more about the summer retreat in this newsletter.

In July AAWCC will hold the 14th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development. This week-long institute is presented by AAWCC, and individual colleges nominate participants to attend.

On September 18, I encourage you to join me and other AAWCC sisters and colleagues at the Race for the Cure in Portland. Participating in the race allows us to show our dedication and commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

This year's annual conference will once again be held at the Airport Sheraton on November 17-18. The theme, "Every Contribution Makes a Difference," highlights the importance that each of us makes at our colleges and agencies – regardless of our leadership role. Proposals for the conference are currently being accepted. Please consider submitting a proposal and sharing your expertise with us.

Have a great spring and summer! I hope to see you at one of the AAWCC events in the coming months.

## Renew your Oregon AAWCC membership

It's easy – and inexpensive – to renew your membership in AAWCC.

Participating in any state chapter-sponsored event, such as the fall or summer conference, automatically renews your membership.

Membership is good for at least 12 months and terminates at the end of the calendar year in which the member has had 12 full months of membership.

If you attended the fall conference, your membership already has been renewed through December 2005.

If you have not attended a state-sponsored event, it's still easy to renew. Just send a check for \$15 to Simone Hughes, vice president of membership, at Chemeketa Community College, PO Box 14007, Salem, OR 97309-7070.

Membership gives you access to publications and events geared specifically to the needs of women who are community college staff or board members.

And best of all, membership supports the Oregon AAWCC mission, which is to inspire, champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us.

Questions? Call Simone at 503-399-5074 or send her an e-mail at [shughes1@chemeketa.edu](mailto:shughes1@chemeketa.edu)

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## Proposals sought for AAWCC-Oregon 2005 Conference

November 17-18

"Every Contribution  
Makes a Difference"

Submission deadline: June 20  
(but the earlier the better)

If you'd like to present a workshop at the upcoming conference, go to the following link and complete the online submission form:

[aawccoregon.org/2005/proposals.htm](http://aawccoregon.org/2005/proposals.htm)

Direct questions or comments to Ann Baumgardt, program chair, [abaumgar@pcc.edu](mailto:abaumgar@pcc.edu)  
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# 2005 fall conference: 'Every Contribution Makes a Difference'

By Angela McMahon

## Vice President Annual Conference

Now more than ever, the contribution each of us makes is priceless in educating and ultimately transforming the lives of Oregon community college students.

The 2005 fall conference will recognize the kaleidoscope of talent and experience women bring to their work in roles at every level with the theme "Every Contribution Makes a Difference."

The conference will be held Nov. 17-18, once again at the Airport Sheraton in Portland. Online registration begins in September.

For those interested in presenting or co-presenting at the conference, see the ad on page 2 with details and deadlines for submitting your proposal.

## 2004 fall conference evaluations

The few minutes you spend completing the conference evaluations give us so much great guidance for planning the next

conference. The annual conference is for and about the women of Oregon's community colleges.

The entire board thanks you for attending and providing feedback year after year.

Our last conference received a high approval rating, with especially strong marks for Friday's speakers and choral performance. You let us know where we should improve and what we should continue and strengthen.

Here are a few new things you can look forward to in November:

- Options during each breakout session time for movement and/or fitness activities.
- A different breakfast menu each day and lighter meals
- Skill building, learning, and information for leading from the middle
- Breakout sessions with a creative element

These well-loved traditions will always

be a part of our conference:

- Music and celebration
- A balance of practical and personal topics
- Time for informal networking
- Stories and sharing from our amazing Oregon community college women

## Ideas sought for topics, speakers

Have you read a great book lately?

Have you attended an inspiring speech or heard a musical group you want to share with the rest of AAWCC?

Did you read an interesting article, and want to learn more about the author or topic? Do you have an idea for a breakout session or keynote address?

No speaker is too big or idea too small for me to pursue in order to create a conference that will "inspire, champion, and celebrate" AAWCC members.

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# Campus Connections

## Linn-Benton Community College

By Joanne Secrest

LBCC commemorated International Women's Day with a celebration May 8 in the Multicultural Center.

The LBCC Chamber Choir, directed by Hal Eastburn, performed a variety of relevant musical scores that recognized the artistic talent of women and music.

Jane White, former full-time faculty member, read a Julia Ward Howe poem on the significance of women's sacrifices in unsettling times. Best known for writing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Howe was active in the women's rights movement in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Karin Magnuson, from the LBCC Training and Business Development Center, read a poem by Mary Oliver, architect of Mindful poetry, and from country singer Lee Ann Womack's "I Hope You Dance."

Lynne Cox, with the LBCC Office of Disability Services, read from Mary Engelbreit, a favorite creator of insightful messages – both on her products and in her writings.

Campus guests were treated to delicacies such as tea sandwiches, desserts and a variety of tea during this one-hour interlude, which helped us connect with women who struggled for empowerment, social justice and peace. More information is available at this Website: <http://csws.uoregon.edu>

## Mt. Hood Community College

By Sally Wright

Our focus this year at MHCC has been on fund-raising for the Shelie Macias Memorial Scholarship Fund. Shelie was hit and killed by a truck on campus Dec. 17, 1998, and the Mt. Hood Chapter of AAWCC undertook the goal of creating an endowed scholarship in her name shortly after her death.

We entered 2004-05 with a \$10,000 goal and have had a tremendous boost through an anonymous donor offering to match every dollar we raise through June 30, up to \$5,000.

With that encouragement, we have had numerous fund raisers, including our three-times yearly used book sale, stamping workshops (creating cards, etc.), truffle making for Valentine's Day, and dining out at two local restaurants (proceeds from 15 to 50 percent of food purchased). We were particularly blessed by the MHCC Cosmetology program. The students went as a group to our first restaurant fund raiser and spent over \$100.

We have less than \$2,000 to go to make our goal. Spring fund raisers include a demonstration of Japanese cooking, the Cinco de Mayo used book sale, and a fund raiser at a local Mexican restaurant, which we also hope will be a celebration for reaching the \$10,000 mark.

The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding adult education student working towards the goal of a MHCC degree.

Our chapter also has continued its sponsorship of "Weight Watchers" at work. We have lost track of how much weight has been lost, but we do know that we have a whole lot of healthier people walking around campus these days.

The AAWCC officers are planning a weekend get-away to the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge in Stevenson, Wash., April 1-2. We had a great time last year playing board games, dominoes and laughing...and of course, eating!

Plans for 2005-06 include a renewed emphasis on mentoring and on-going professional development.

## Rogue Community College

By Betsy Fuller

To end the 2004 year, the RCC Chapter of AAWCC hosted a December holiday luncheon and panel discussion led by RCC administrators. Cindy Hauser, associate dean of the Table Rock Campus; Dr. Nancy Maxwell, executive dean of the Redwood Campus; and Lynda Warren, chief financial officer and executive dean of College Services all told their personal stories about how they got to where they are in their professional careers.

In addition to lots of festive food and great camaraderie,

the event also included a drawing for prizes.

Since the new year, the RCC chapter has been very busy. We held a brown bag luncheon Jan. 27 on the Redwood Campus, with some 20 women discussing their finances and retirement plans and learning about women and investing. Titled "You Too Can Retire – Financial Planning," the session was presented by Cheryl Dyer, certified financial planner.

In celebration of Women's History Month, the chapter hosted Dr. Wilkins-O'Reilly Zinn, a professor of Education at Southern Oregon University, during a luncheon March 15. Dr. Zinn spoke on autoethnography, the study of how our own history makes each of us who we are.

On April 13, the RCC chapter plans to do some spring cleaning. Used clothing sales are scheduled on both the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass and the Riverside Campus in Medford. Clothing will be sold at very low prices in an effort to raise money for the RCC-AAWCC student scholarship.

To wrap up the year, the chapter will host "Treasures of Summer," another fund-raising event for student scholarships. This is the second year of our involvement in "Treasures." Last year we raised \$500.

Claudia Sullivan, RCC director of Enrollment Services, and Pam Green, advanced secretary for RCC's Discovery programs,

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*The Linn-Benton Community College Chapter of AAWCC celebrated International Women's Day with a tea that included our LBCC Chamber Choir and poetry readings by local chapter members.*

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will represent Rogue this summer at the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development in Silver Falls.

Our thanks go out to Claudia and Shirlee Willis-Haslip, associate dean at the Riverside Campus, for agreeing to serve as co-event coordinators for the RCC Chapter of AAWCC.

### **Chemeketa Community College** **By Maureen McGlynn**

Inspired leadership and creativity remain at the heart of Chemeketa's work. Kathe Allison, program chair for Tutoring Services; Simone Hughes, Electronics technician; and Lynn Melow, administrative assistant to the vice president/chief financial officer, served as major contributors in planning the fall AAWCC workshop.

Cassie Belmodis, the first female athletic director at Chemeketa, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award from Willamette University. Cassie was also awarded the Easton Victory Club award from the National Fast-pitch Coaches' Association for earning 100 career victories.

Kelly Peterson and Ivonne Saed, Humanities instructors, presented at two major conferences in Portland and Seattle on "Sharing Stories: Negotiating Cultural Boundaries for Sustainable Growth."

Louanne Whitton, Opportunity Center coordinator, was elected as the western region vice president on the board of the National Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development (NCSPD).

Rebecca Woods, Disability Services coordinator, was appointed by the governor to serve a three-year term on the State Rehabilitation Council.

Lois Rosen, retired ESL instructor, has published her first book of poetry, "Pigeons."

Cheryl Falk, dean of Regional Education Services, was recognized for her leadership by the Council of Instructional Administrators.

Maureen McGlynn, director of Curriculum Instruction, successfully wrote a Fulbright – Direct Access to the Muslim World grant to bring an Islamic educator from Morocco to the college next fall term.

### **Lane Community College** **By Donna Zmolek**

Lane's Chapter of AAWCC has been busy this year working to meet the needs of the women on campus. Our board welcomed Helen Mikkelsen as new member-at-large, and Shirley Lukacs moved in to vice president of professional development.

Our scholarship recipient this year is Amber Tillett, a second-year dental hygiene student. Amber impressed the scholarship committee with her hard work and perseverance. AAWCC awarded her \$1,500 scholarship at a membership luncheon in October.

The State AAWCC Annual Conference was well attended by Lane's employees. It was a wonderful experience, and we were able to honor Tracy Simms, executive assistant to LCC's president, with an Excellence Award for her outstanding work.

Thanks to the diligent work of our AAWCC Board, the silent auction was the biggest success ever. We had more donations than in the past and brought in over \$1,200.

Lane's AAWCC Chapter sponsored and presented an Asian slide show for our members on February 23. Shirley Lukacs and her husband shared their visit to Ladakh, India, while members watched and ate pizza.

Lane's AAWCC members met after work March 9 to tour the University of Oregon's new Jordan Schnitzer Art Museum. The featured exhibit is Andy Warhol's work. We had such a great time that we may plan another trip to see the next exhibit.

Our membership is up to 92, thanks to committed board member Shirley Lukacs and her work while she was vice president of membership.

Son Le Thi, our vice president of special projects, created Lane's AAWCC Website, which is up and running. Please check out our chapter at [www.lanec.edu/aawcc](http://www.lanec.edu/aawcc)

### **Southwestern Oregon Community College** **By Marie Simmonds**

The SOCC Chapter of AAWCC has been involved in many activities that have greatly benefited our local community.

The AAWCC Food Drive is an ongoing project, and thanks to the generosity of our campus community, we collected over 42.5 pounds of food during winter term that will go to South Coast Food Share to be distributed to the area food banks.

Our second annual Halloween silent auction brought in lots of ghoulish good deals. Funds raised helped with participation at the fall conference in Portland.

The chapter donated a huge turkey basket as part of the

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## Upcoming events

**June 30**

**2005 Oregon-AAWCC Summer Retreat  
Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center,  
Florence**

Cost: \$65

[aawccoregon.org](http://aawccoregon.org)

**July 25-28**

**Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD),  
Silver Falls Conference Center, Silverton**

Applications are due in April 2005. Check with your college president or AAWCC campus contact to find out about applying for this event, or visit

[aawccoregon.org/oild/](http://aawccoregon.org/oild/)

**Sept. 18**

**Komen Portland Race for the Cure  
McCall Waterfront Park, Portland**

[dewolf@lanec.edu](mailto:dewolf@lanec.edu)

**Nov. 17-18**

**2005 Fall Conference,  
Airport Sheraton, Portland**

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campus' collection for low income families at Thanksgiving.

For the second year, members donated Christmas items to fill stockings for the girls at the Belloni Ranch, an organization that supports girls and boys who are required to live away from their families for a variety of reasons. Members donated more than 15 stockings stuffed with useful and fun items for the girls.

Our first cookie exchange took place just before winter break and was hosted by Dora Daniels. Everyone enjoyed sharing the calories.

Spring term the chapter is hosting a wine tour as our main fund raiser. We will visit four wineries in the Willamette Valley: Chateau Lorraine, King Estate, Hinman Vineyard and Lavelle. Transportation from campus and a wine glass will be provided. The tour will take place on May 15 at a cost of \$35 a person. Please contact Julie Kremers (888-7204) at SOCC if you are interested.

A fond farewell to president Barbara Gulias, who moved to the Chicago area in February. Chapter Vice President Kristi Rayevich is filling in for the rest of the year. Thank you, Kristi.

We are hoping to create a set of one-day workshops titled "Focus on Women" to address health, work, family and other issues. Dates to be announced.

The SOCC Chapter of AAWCC would like to congratulate Kathy Metzger on receiving the 2004 American Association of Women in Community College's Excellence Award.

Kathy was nominated by the Southwestern chapter for her outstanding dedication to the college and AAWCC.

She received the award November 2004 at the fall AAWCC conference in Portland. Congratulations, Kathy, and thank you for all of your hard work.

### **Community Colleges and Workforce Development** **By Candace Norwood**

Connie Green, assistant commissioner-programs, retired in January and was replaced by Joanne Truesdell.

Truesdell came from Chemeketa Community College, where she served as executive dean. Connie remains on contract, working half-time on special projects.

Commissioner Cam Preus-Braly continues to work toward completing her doctoral program, having successfully passed her oral exam.

Deborah Lares was recently named GED Administrator, having worked in the GED section for several years as an Education and Workforce Coordinator.

Candace Norwood was selected for a one-year job rotation, where she oversees the Incentive Grant project as a Education and Workforce coordinator. She was replaced by Kurt Tackman, who came from the Employment Department.

Elaine Yandle-Roth's replacement was Sue Boyanovsky, a long-time community college advocate. Sue's most recent position was with the Department of Education, and her former employment



*Carla Bee, Umpqua Community College Job Opportunity Basic Skills Program director, gave the Hula-Hoop a whirl during evening activities at the 2004 Annual Conference in Portland.*

includes a stint at Linn-Benton Community College. Sue serves as an instructional program specialist.

Two support staff members were promoted: Laurie Staggs, from receptionist to office specialist, and Kim Cannon, from office specialist to administrative specialist.

Traci Cooper was promoted from within the fiscal unit to the fiscal team manager when Judy Siegel moved to the Employment Department.

### **Umpqua Community College** **By Carla J. Bee**

Kelly Cooper, UCC Humanities/Social Science Department chair and instructor, received this year's National Institute for Staff and Organization Development (NISOD) award.

Jill Michell, writing instructor, earned her Ph.D. in English literature.

Kathy Thomason, lead computer support technician, received an AAWCC-Oregon Chapter Community College Excellence Award.

### **Portland Community College** **By Linda Palmer**

The PCC Chapter of AAWCC hosted Julie Kopet, director of Education for Coffee Creek Women's Prison, Feb. 3 at the Sylvania Campus. Julie's presentation focused on the educational/training opportunities available for incarcerated women, which reach well beyond ABE and GED preparatory classes and testing.

Coffee Creek offers hair design, which prepares the inmates to earn a beautician's license, computer technology, which prepares students for MOUS and A+ certification, plus training that can lead to licensure as a dispensing optician, work in the DMV call center, or as a espresso barista. Other prison services include an Even Start program, computer labs, a library, and a chapel.

The PCC chapter sponsored a book drive in conjunction with Julie's presentation, collecting over 300 books that were donated to the prison library. A special thanks to the generous staff and students who donated to this worthy cause.

PCC Chapter and Cascade Women's Resource Center sponsored a reception March 3 for Dr. Beti Ellerson, director of one of this year's African Film Festival's selections, "Sisters of the Screen: African Women in the Cinema."

Dr. Ellerson, who talked to staff and students about her Africa experiences, is a 1996-97 Rockefeller Humanities Fellow who focused her research on the cultural politics of African women in the visual media. The culmination from her fellowship research was the creation of this documentary.

Our AAWCC chapter sponsored an informal knitting get together last summer that is still going strong. If you are ever on the Cascade Campus at noon on Tuesdays, drop into the Women's Center and join our circle. If you don't knit, we have patient knitting mentors who are willing to teach you.



# New members elected to AAWCC board

Four new officers were elected in November to the AAWCC state chapter board.

Denise Swafford is vice president of summer retreat. She served as an



Denise Swafford



Kristen Jones



Angela McMahon



Janet Lodge

board as an ex-officio member in 2002 and was Webmaster until fall 2004.

McMahon and her husband Doug have three children, ages 6 to 20.

AAWCC campus contact for several years and as secretary to the state chapter for the last two years.

Swafford is assistant to the president of Rogue Community College and the RCC Board of Education, a position she has held since 1998. She completed a bachelor's degree in management in 2001 from Northwest Christian College and is currently working toward a master's degree at Southern Oregon University.

Swafford attended Oregon Institute for Leadership Development in 2000 and the National Institute for Leadership in 2003. She received a 2004 AAWCC Community College Excellence Award in 2004.

Kristen Jones is the new member-at-large, secretary. Previously, she served as treasurer and president for her local chapter and last year was elected to the state

board as vice president of summer retreat

She has worked at Linn-Benton Community College since 1992 and is currently the director of Developmental Studies and Basic Skills Development.

She became involved in her local AAWCC chapter after attending an inspirational fall conference. In addition to working, which she loves, Kristen enjoys running, gardening, reading and backyard bird feeding.

Angela McMahon, vice president of annual conference, is the manager of HelpDesk, training, and communications with Portland Community College Information Technology Services. She has been a PCC employee since 1992.

She attended OILD in 1994 and later coordinated logistics for several state AAWCC conferences. She joined the

Janet Lodge, vice president of finance, has worked at Linn-Benton Community College since 1990. She is currently executive assistant to the vice president, Academic Affairs, and part-time faculty for LBCC's Albany Community Education.

Lodge attended her first AAWCC conference in 1990 and soon became involved in the formation of a chapter at LBCC, working on the original bylaws for the group. Most recently, she served as the chapter's treasurer for three years.

A native Oregonian, she graduated from LBCC with an associate's degree and from Linfield College with a Bachelor of Science in business and computer systems.

Lodge and husband Tom married in 2003. They live in Albany with their two cats, two dogs, and a varying number of children.

## 2005 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Sept. 18

Tom McCall Waterfront Park  
Downtown Portland

Bring a friend and join your AAWCC sisters at this inspiring and important event, which draws thousands of participants.

Proceeds benefit the race to cure breast cancer – something that has touched all of us – by funding research and free mammograms.

Call Dawn DeWolf, 541-463-5515  
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## OILD application deadline nearing

Applications are being accepted in April for the 14th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development.

Modeled after the National Institute for Leadership Development, OILD is an inservice opportunity for community college women interested in leadership and personal and professional growth.

This year's workshop will be held July 25-28 at Silver Falls Conference Center, 22 miles east of Salem.

"The most valuable thing that happened for me at OILD was listening to the college presidents speak about leadership from the heart," said Sharon Juenemann of Mt. Hood Community College.

"It really made me hopeful that women can change the world!

"I think OILD helped me be more confident in my job. I came back having seen examples of women leaders at all levels of the institution," she concluded.

Stephanie Meagher, Columbia Gorge, said one of the most important parts of the OILD experience was connecting with people from other colleges.

"Here in rural Oregon, it is easy to feel like we are all alone, especially in a position that doesn't require me to attend meetings at other colleges.

"It is wonderful now to be able to bounce an idea off 20 other people and get their thoughts and ideas," she said.

OILD is supported by Oregon community college presidents. Expenses, including training, food, and lodging, are paid by the colleges. Scholarships are available for special circumstances. Space is limited to 24 participants.

Applications should be submitted by April 8. Candidates will be notified of their selection by May 6. For more information, contact board members Jan Woodcock, Mary Spilde, or Denise Swafford.

## Focus on students recognized

# Nan Poppe receives DesJardins Leadership Award

Dr. Nan Poppe, president of Portland Community College's Extended Learning Campus, was the 2004 recipient of the Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award.

The award is given annually to someone who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges.

Poppe received the award at the 2004 AAWCC fall conference.

Poppe has been instrumental in advancing the leadership potential of women in community colleges since 1983. Her career has been marked by a dedication to enhancing program offerings specifically related to workforce education and expanding academic opportunities for under-served students.

She has been intimately involved in the design and implementation of several model workforce education programs over the years, which have renewed purpose and direction in the lives of thousands of women.

"As a champion of her own staff, she is legendary," wrote the co-workers who nominated Poppe. "She has sought out and nurtured many of us who came to work under her leadership. She has encouraged many of us to pursue advanced degrees as a way to further our own professional development, and as



*Dr. Nan Poppe accepts award at AAWCC fall conference.*

a way to effect system change that will benefit our students.

"She is a connector; she cares passionately about giving students and staff the resources they need to achieve their full potential," the nomination said, adding that Poppe's compassion, sense of fair play, and dedication to students also are part of her legacy.

Poppe's student centered approach has

guided her through careers at multiple community colleges and positions.

She also serves on the National Council for Workforce Education and is a leader in developing career pathways, as well as building education and training opportunities for low-income and disadvantaged individuals and limited English speakers.

She is co-chair of the Governor's Higher Education Committee on Access and Affordability and a member of the Governor's Pathways to Advancement Academy team.

Last June, Poppe attended the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development and shared her list of 10 leadership traits:

- Relationships are key, everyone is important.
- Will and determination will prevail; keep your eyes on the prize.
- Humility – give credit to others.
- Have the courage to make tough decisions.
- Learn from your mistakes
- Spend more time listening than talking.
- Resist the urge to hire people just like you. Embrace and celebrate diversity.
- Seek out mentors - learn from those around you.
- Be relentlessly positive.
- Don't be a jerk.

## Leadership award nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted now through October 18 for the 2005 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership award.

The recipient does not have to be an AAWCC member. Criteria include demonstrated ability to inspire, champion, or celebrate women as leaders.

Previous winners are Terri Johanson, Brenda Brecke, Carolyn DesJardins, Nikki Harrington, Alice Jacobson, Marcia Keith, Rebecca Kenney, Dan Moriarity, Mary Spilde, Stephanie Sussman, and Gretchen Schuette.

A nomination form is available at [aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm](http://aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm)

Send nominations to Jan Woodcock at Umpqua Community College, PO Box 967, Roseburg, OR 97470, or by e-mail: [jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu](mailto:jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu)

## Silent auction funds scholarships

Scholarships to AAWCC events were enriched by the silent auction held during the 2004 fall conference.

A profit of \$941 was made from the sale of items donated by AAWCC members, community college presidents, and others. Last year, AAWCC-Oregon awarded more than \$1,563 in scholarships, which help women who otherwise could not attend AAWCC conferences or workshops.

The AAWCC Board would like to recognize the following contributors to the 2004 silent auction:

Oregon Community College presidents Dr. Stephen Kridelbaugh, Southwestern; Dr. James Sorensen, Treasure Valley; Dr. Frank Toda, Columbia Gorge; Ralph Orr, Tillamook Bay; Travis Kirkland, Blue Mountain; Dr. Mary Spilde, Lane; Dr. Robert Silverman, Mt. Hood; Dr. Peter Angstadt, Rogue; Dr. Gretchen Schuette, Chemeketa; Preston Pulliams, Portland; and Dr. Joe Johnson, Clackamas.

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