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*champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us*



American Association of Women in Community Colleges – Oregon Chapter

Fall 2005 Newsletter

## Fall conference recognizes women's contributions

The kaleidoscope of talent and experience women bring to their work in roles at every level will be recognized at the 19th annual American Association of Women in Community Colleges, Oregon Chapter fall conference.

"Every Contribution Makes a Difference" is the theme of this year's conference, set for Nov. 17-18 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel.

Registration is \$150 and includes breakfast and lunch for both days. Register online at [www.aawccoregon.org/2005/](http://www.aawccoregon.org/2005/)

Here are a few highlights you can look forward to:

Nan Poppe, vice president of Academic Services at Portland Community College, will give the keynote address on "Leadership Lessons Learned." Poppe was the 2004 Desjardins Award recipient.

This year's featured speaker will be

Debbie Wooten, a comedienne, cover girl and activist from south Chicago.

"See People for Who They Are" is the title of Wooten's talk.



*Debbie Wooten*



*Stacey Robertson*

Born with spina bifida, Wooten developed polio as an infant. Isolated by color and disability, a meeting at the age of 8 with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. changed her life.

Wooten uses her life struggles and triumphs in her comedic and inspirational presentation in a way that "captivates the room with charm, love and knowledge."

We are also honored to welcome Dr. Stacey Robertson, author and director of Women's Studies/History at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Robertson's keynote address, "Antislavery Angels: Ordinary Women's Approach to Activism," will explore female activism by highlighting women's contributions to the all-important antislavery movement in 19th-century America.

Focusing on the underground railroad, female antislavery societies, and fund-raising fairs, she will show how women across the North – from the small town of Peoria, Ill., to the thriving metropolis of Boston, Mass., – used their finely tuned skills to challenge slavery in the South.

A mystery murder banquet is set for Thursday evening. Enjoy a sumptuous Tuscan dinner while mingling with the hilarious and internationally acclaimed Eddie May characters.

Watch and listen carefully to find clues and evidence to trap the killer.

This event is an additional \$35 and advance registration is required.

A special performance Friday by the *a capella* women's choir Absolute will cap the conference events.

Throughout the two-day conference, workshops will be offered ranging from finding purpose in your work to the contribution of fun at work, and from walking the labyrinth to walking for health.

A complete schedule of workshops is listed on Page 7 and 8 of this newsletter.

### Nominees sought for AAWCC Board

The Oregon Chapter of the AAWCC has Board positions open for election this year at the fall conference.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, would like to nominate someone else who is willing to run, or have questions about the elections, please contact Jan Woodcock at (541) 440-4706 or [jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu](mailto:jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu)

These are two-year positions. The board generally meets four to six times per year and conducts business by telephone, mail, or e-mail. A person elected to the board will be expected to support the travel expenses associated with board activities.

The available positions include:

- President Elect
- Vice President of Communication
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President Annual Conference
- Member-at-Large/Archivist
- Member at Large/Fall Conference Registration

For more information about the specific job descriptions, go to the bylaws under "Governance" on our Website: [www.aawccoregon.org/elections.htm](http://www.aawccoregon.org/elections.htm)

## President's Message

By Julie Huckestein  
Oregon AAWCC President



Julie Huckestein

Events that have taken place in the last few months show how important each of us is in making a difference for our colleges, our communities and the nation.

As I have watched the destruction and devastation that has happened in so many people's lives in the Gulf States, I am inspired by the hope and resiliency that many people have shown in spite of the circumstances they face every day.

I am also inspired by the outpouring of support that people have shown for each other. Late last spring, when the AAWCC board was brainstorming themes for this year's conference, "Every Contribution Makes a Difference," we didn't know how timely our choice would be. We have seen evidence that every contribution truly does make a difference to others as well as ourselves.

In September, Meg Wheatley, well known leadership expert, spoke at Lane Community College. She said "A leader is anyone who wants to help." I thought her statement was appropriate during these times of rebuilding as well as toward the conference theme.

Wouldn't the world be wonderful if everyone wanted to help or contribute in some way? Each of us, regardless of our formal position has the capacity to lead in our families, our departments, our colleges and our communities. I urge you to look around you and find how you can help – a student, a co-worker, a friend or a stranger.

I hope I will see many of you at this year's conference November 17-18 at the Sheraton Portland Airport. It will be a time for professional development, meeting new friends and colleagues and reconnecting with others as we inspire, champion and celebrate each other and explore how each of our contributions make a difference.

## Nominees sought for Excellence Awards

Each year at the fall conference, the AAWCC Board of Directors and members celebrate individuals, chosen by local AAWCC membership, whose accomplishments have made a difference for women at his or her own community college.

The board and a person from the award winner's college will award a certificate honoring each recipient during the final banquet at the state AAWCC conference in November. The recipient need not be a member of AAWCC to receive the award.

There is no official nomination form. Simply send the name of your honoree by October 28, 2005, to Jan Woodcock at [jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu](mailto:jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu)

## AAWCC members, friends joined in Race for Cure

By Dawn DeWolf

The 2005 Portland Race for the Cure attracted over 45,000 runners and walkers this year.

It's the largest of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation-sponsored events on the West Coast, including those in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle and raises about \$2 million.

Supporters and survivors walked side by side. It was an incredible experience to be among the many who participated in the race.

AAWCC members and friends walked this year in memory of Marcia Keith, former state board member and associate dean of Business at Clackamas Community College, who died suddenly on August 21 of a heart attack.

Marcia, a breast cancer survivor, was instrumental in organizing AAWCC members and community college women statewide to participate in the Susan G. Komen Foundation Portland Race for the Cure several years ago.

Please plan to join your AAWCC sisters next year in Portland in mid-September. Information about the race will be on the AAWCC Website and prior to the race.

### American Association of Women in Community Colleges Oregon Chapter 2005 Board Members

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Conference motivates, inspires

## OILD participants realize leadership potential

By Pattie Hill

Portland Community College

Do you know that you can assume a leadership role right now, from whatever position you occupy at your community college?

That you can find a way to become involved and shape the future of your institution?

Participants at this year's AAWCC's Oregon Institute for Leadership say "Yes!"

This year's 20 participants engaged in an exciting schedule of presentations, workshops and self-assessments. Sue Caldera (Clackamas) appreciated the "celebration of differences" that emerged from an exploration of communication styles, and realized that "It's OK to be a little different!"

Most participants also reported on new perspectives gained from meeting other professional women from around the state.

"Being with women who work in every part of community colleges reminded me to think of PCC as a community of people, not just workers," observed Torie Scott (Portland).

Julie Kremers (Southwestern Oregon) realized that we are all working toward the same goals.

"Connecting with others at the conference increased my understanding of women in my own college," she said.

Participants also had a rare opportunity to gather in Silver Falls' pristine wooded setting and share personal histories, professional best practices, coping strategies, career goals and much, much more.

Highlights of the conference included AAWCC President-Elect Jan Woodcock's (Umpqua) facilitation; Kate Dins' (dean, Business and Government Division, PCC, Cascade Campus) exploration of alternative theories of leadership and organizational structure; and Carol Schaafsma's (director of Curriculum, Linn-Benton) examination of workplace styles and reframing strategies.

For those of us who have wondered about the vagaries of community college funding, Joanne Truesdell, assistant commissioner, Oregon State Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, gave breaking news about legislation being passed in Salem.

Guests of honor included Judith Hansen, who described her winding path to the presidency of Southwestern Oregon Community College, and AAWCC founding members Mildred Bulpitt and Jane Merritt, who spoke about the enormous professional strides women have made since AAWCC was formed in 1973.

Oregon Chapter board members, including President Julie Huckestein and former President Dawn Dewolf, shared ideas about how to network with other professional women and



*This year's OILD participants were joined by AAWCC founding members Jane Merritt and Mildred Bulpitt (fourth and fifth from left, center row), who spoke about the professional strides women have made since the organization's beginnings in 1973.*

become more involved in campus and AAWCC activities.

All exhorted this year's OILD participants to make connections, share resources and work together to create leadership opportunities for women in Oregon community colleges.

Are current members of AAWCC up to the challenge?

Jean Hillebrand (PCC), reflecting on the meaning of the week, spoke of how empowering it was to have her personal strengths identified in just a few short days by other women at the conference.

Jackie Bryson (LCC) concurred: "OILD empowered me to be a leader within my working community. I came away with a renewed confidence and enthusiasm that has spread through our local chapter."

OILD participants left Silver Falls feeling motivated and inspired to carry on the work of improving their institution and realizing their full leadership potential within it. AAWCC's mission – to inspire, celebrate and champion women in Oregon's community colleges – was once again realized at the yearly OILD Conference.

Participants were Siv Serene Barnum, Lane; Juliet Booth, Chemeketa; Leta Brown, Linn-Benton; Jackie Bryson, Lane; Sue Caldera, Clackamas; Wendy Campbell-Windle, Columbia Gorge; Sherry Dugan, Portland; Victoria Flagg, Mt. Hood; Cheryl Goyer, Rogue; Pamela Green, Rogue; and Pattie Hill, Portland.

Others were Glenda Huffman, Umpqua; Kimberly Hutchison, Mt. Hood; Julie Kremers, Southwestern; Jeanne Lincoln, Portland; Donna Meeds, Portland; Victoria Scott, Portland; Claudia Sullivan, Rogue; Anna Villines, Portland; and Robynne Wilgus, Umpqua.

# Campus Connections

## **Umpqua Community College** **Carla Bee**

Kelly Cooper, UCC Social Science faculty and division chair for Liberal Arts, received a NISOD award for excellence in teaching at the NISOD conference, held last spring in Austin, Texas.

Lee Salter received the 2005 Pacific Region Outstanding Professional Board Staff Award presented by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) at the annual Community College Leadership Congress Sept. 7 in Seattle.

Salter has been the executive assistant to the president of Umpqua Community College for the past 13 years. Her position includes a multitude of duties, including supporting the UCC Board of Trustees and the college president.

"Lee is the finest professional staff support that I have ever experienced in my 32 year career in higher education," said UCC President Blaine Nisson. "She is highly skilled, poised, and handles difficult situations in a completely professional manner. She's a wonderful asset to UCC."

The ACCT Pacific region, one of four, includes Oregon, Washington, Alaska, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, California, Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, American Samoa, Guam, and the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## **Rogue Community College** **Denise Swafford**

The RCC Chapter of AAWCC organized last summer and revitalized its chapter, which is currently about 50-members strong.

Under the leadership of board members Betsy Fuller, Pam Green, Pat LeVan, Rene McKenzie, Margaret Michaelis, Claudia Sullivan, Serena St. Clair and recent new member/officer, Cindy Harboldt, the chapter enjoyed a successful year with at least two fundraisers to support an RCC student scholarship.

The group held its first all-day retreat Sept. 14 at Callahan's Lodge in Ashland.

RCC women in the news include Dr. Nancy Maxwell, executive dean of the RCC Redwood Campus, who was appointed to the board of directors for Region 8 National Council of Instructional Administrators.

Serena Ota St. Clair, RCC Discovery Programs coordinator received a graduate fellowship award from the Northwest Regional Soroptimist International organization. Serena also was selected by the Oregon Commission for Women as one of three recipients of their annual "Oregon Women of Achievement" award for 2005.

Margaret Bradford, RCC director of Marketing and Community Relations and vice president of communication for the AAWCC state chapter, recently was named Communicator of the Year by the National Council for Marketing and Community Relations, Region 7. She traveled to Banff, Alberta, Oct. 14 to receive the award.



*Lee Salter*

## **Linn-Benton Community College** **Tammi S. Paul**

The LBCC Chapter planned and executed another successful silent auction May 2005, raising more than \$1,200 for scholarships. Scholarships were awarded to Risa Morse and Brittany Biencourt. The chapter enjoyed a year-end potluck and installation of new officers for 2005.

Congratulations to the following individuals: Carol Schaafsma, co-president; Joanne Secrest, co-president; Ginger Peterson, vice president of publicity; Marcia Bollman, vice president of programs; Renee Windsor-White, treasurer; Charlotte Houser, secretary; Gail Wise, member-at-large, and Brittany Biencourt, student-member-at-large.

The chapter planned a welcome back table at LBCC's all-campus picnic, and the monthly lunch meetings will continue. Bunko parties are scheduled in October and February.

Last fall there was an overwhelming need for food boxes at the chapter's annual Thanksgiving food drive. Over \$2,500 was donated which provided 108 boxes of food to families.

The local chapter continues to partner with the Independent Association of Classified Employees and volunteers to make this one of the largest service projects of the organization.

## **Mount Hood Community College** **Sally Wright**

The MHCC Chapter of AAWCC reached our fund-raising goal of \$6,000 for 2004-05, in support of the Shelie Macias Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This goal was established by a challenge from an anonymous donor who would match all money raised up to that amount. This endowed scholarship has been established with the MHCC Foundation for the adult education program.

Shelie, an employee and member of AAWCC, was struck by a truck on campus in 1998, and died shortly after the accident. The fund provides for a significant annual scholarship, in perpetuity, for outstanding adult education students who are working toward the goal of a MHCC degree.

Our used book sales are our primary fund-raising project for this scholarship.

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

Elections were held this summer for Lane's AAWCC Board. We are pleased to welcome Siv Serene Barnum and Tammy Simpson as new members-at-large, Paula Sena as VP of membership, Lynne Phillips as VP of finance, and Phoebe Anderson as VP of special projects. Every position is now filled on the board, and chapter President Donna Zmolek is excited to have such a dynamic members with so much energy to contribute to the success of Lane's women.

Our AAWCC graduates this year were Shirley Lukacs in Counseling, who received her master's in academic advising from

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Kansas State University, and Tina Lymath in Student Life and Leadership Development, who finished up her associate's degree in management and supervisory development from Portland Community College.

Two Lane women attended OILD this year. Jackie Bryson and Siv Serene Barnum returned to campus refreshed and renewed. Both are on the LCC Chapter board, and their OILD experience gave them a new outlook on their lives, their work at Lane, and their role in AAWCC.

The summer conference was well attended by LCC employees this year. Thirteen women and one man from Lane made the trip to Florence to hear Jennifer Boss Bradley present on using intangibles to transform work and life.

Dr. Bradley got rave reviews from all who attended. Gary Conklin from the LCC mail-room had a great time as the only man in attendance at the conference. AAWCC is definitely equal opportunity.

### **Chemeketa Community College**

#### **Maureen McGlynn**

Another summer with lots of activities was kicked off with a "cool" list for reading, relaxing, and recreation created by AAWCC members at our last meeting of the year.

It included books to read, movies to see, things to do, and great food to eat while doing all of the former. It's been a busy spring and summer and we're geared up for fall term.

Juliet Booth, advising specialist, attended the 14th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development.

"I would highly recommend attending this conference," Juliet said. "The setting is fabulous, the food is good, accommodation rustic and comfortable, the sessions thought-provoking, and the camaraderie and opportunity for networking make this a wonderful experience. I learned more about myself and the kind of leadership style that feels comfortable to me, and I also made a lot of new friends."

Jill Ward, director of Counseling and Career Services, ran a 4-miler in Portland, Maine, for the Maine Cancer Foundation in honor of a relative who has thyroid cancer. Ask her what she received for being the top fund raiser.

The Haulin' Booty for Schuette Hood-to-Coast running team finished the 197-mile race in 28 hours and 48 minutes. Women team members included Ara Andrea, Ginny Lankins, Susan McCaffrey, Suzanne McLaughlin, Ivonne Saed, and Jill Ward.

Van drivers and volunteers provided great support. They were Liz Goulard, Holly Nelson, and GwenEllyn Anderson.

Louanne Whitton and Maureen McGlynn presented a workshop session at the Innovation 2005 Conference in New York.

Annegret Disterheft, Art adjunct faculty, was the featured artist at the Karin Clarke Gallery in Eugene as part of a show titled "Ten Years of Monotypes."

Cecilia Godshall, coordinator of TRiO Talent Search, was selected as this year's attendee at the National Institute for Leadership Development.



*Southern Oregon University professor Jennifer Joss Bradley taught a workshop on "Exploring Emotional Intelligence" at the 2005 Oregon-AAWCC summer retreat in Florence.*

Kathy Nieubuurt, Nursing instructor, was named to the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" annual list – a student-nominated honor.

Cheryl Buckholz, Tutoring, and Terry Wenzig, Nursing faculty, attended the 26th Annual Pacific Northwest Great Teachers Seminar at the Menucha Conference Center.

In August, the fourth group of staff attended the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, California, as part of the college's diversity initiative.

Among those attending this foundation-sponsored effort were Nancy Duncan, Lori Fisher, Irma Guzman, Earlene Hickman, Kim Martin, Betsy Pacheco, Michele Paulson, Kelly Peterson, Linda Ringo, Lexy Sanchez-Riffe, Loraine Schmitt, Gretchen Schuette, Lorna Ten Eyck, Josie Woods, and community member Marilyn Johnston.

Melissa Frey, Admissions coordinator in Enrollment Services, co-authored a paper

published in the spring 2005 Journal of College Orientation and Transitions on college visitation programs.

Liz Goulard, vice president for Academic Services, is the president of SEDCOR for the 2005-06 year.

Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure participants and volunteers included Pam Anunsen, Rita Blaisdell, Carolyn Brownell, Kathy Campbell, Sherie Farrell, Liz Goulard, Julie Huckestein, Becky Saleen, Diane Sangster, Belinda Scott, and Claire Wheeler.

### **Southwest Oregon Community College**

#### **Marie Simonds**

The 2005 OILD was a great way to make contacts with other women that you would not have normally had the opportunity to get to know. It revealed the diversity of individuals in our state chapter as well as at SOCC held at Silver Falls State Park west of Salem.

Attending were women from most of the community colleges around the state of Oregon of varying positions within their own colleges. We spent the time together in sessions that ranged from understanding yourself and others' workplace styles to enjoying a diverse music background that came together with the women that attended. It was an experience that all women should have during their life time.

Joining us were Mildred Bulpitt and Jane Merritt. These wonderful women are founders of AAWCC and had wonderful stories to tell about the early years of getting the group started.

The SOCC Board of Education selected Dr. Judith Hansen as the fifth SOCC president. She assumed her duties July 1, succeeding Dr. Stephen Kridelbaugh.

Hansen is a past president of Independence Community College, Independence, Kan., which has 800 FTE and serves 3,000 students annually, compared to SOCC's 3,000 FTE and 9,000 headcount. Her previous community college experience includes serving as executive vice-president at Waubensee Community College in Chicago, Ill., and president of Olney Central College, Olney, Ill.

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# In memory of two outstanding AAWCC members

## Marcia Keith

Marcia L. Keith, former Clackamas Community College associate dean of Business and past state AAWCC board member, died Aug. 21, 2005 of a heart attack.

She served on the state board for nine years in varying positions including vice president of Communications, president-elect, president and past president.

Marcia was instrumental in leading the state organization's support of local campus chapter development and the establishment of state and local leadership awards. It was under Marcia's leadership, that the current mission of AAWCC: "To inspire, champion and celebrate the talents within each of us," was developed.

Marcia also was instrumental in organizing AAWCC members and community college women statewide to participate in the Susan G. Komen Foundation Portland Race for the Cure.

Marcia served as associate dean of Business at Clackamas until she retired in 1999. After retirement, Marcia continued to be active at the state level, working for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley and later as a lobbyist at the state capitol.

Marcia will be remembered for so many things including her advocacy on women's issues, her strong leadership of the state organization, her red hair, beautiful smile and her knock-out jewelry.

Marcia inspired many women in her role as a mentor, a colleague, and friend. Those who knew her have suffered a tremendous personal loss and will miss her greatly.

Contributions may be made to the



Marcia Lee Keith



Artis vanRassel

Marcia Keith Memorial Scholarship Endowment at Clackamas Community College Foundation, 19600 S Molalla Avenue, Oregon City, OR 97045 or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 1400 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 530, Portland, OR 97201.

## Artis vanRassel

Artis vanRassel, past AAWCC state board member and former human resources director at Tillamook Bay Community College, died of cancer June 12, 2005. She served on the AAWCC board from 1996 to 2000.

Artis contributed greatly toward the

success of AAWCC. As a board member, she assisted with conferences and special assignments. She had a passion for helping women grow professionally and ensuring the inclusion of women from small, rural colleges in state activities.

Artis had a passion for peace and social justice. She was involved in numerous community groups and activities.

Her volunteer activities included founding Conflict Solutions in Tillamook, an organization that mediates disputes and attempts to preserve relationship in a community; organizing Tillamook's chapter of Women in Black; working for Tillamook County Futures Council, and facilitating meetings of the Partners for Tillamook group. She also was a volunteer fire fighter and justice of the peace for Oceanside.

When she left TBCC, she enrolled in Portland State University to earn a Master's degree in mediation. She received her degree prior to her death and had just launched Paths to Peace, her own mediation business.

Artis will be remembered for her deep passion, her commitment to world peace, her ability to make a difference in everything she did, her wonderful laugh, and beautiful red hair.

Contributions can be made to conflict Solution of Tillamook, 201 Laurel Ave, Tillamook, Ore., 97141.

## Auction items help fund scholarships

Each year at the fall conference, AAWCC holds a silent auction to help raise money for scholarships.

These scholarships help women who otherwise could not afford to attend AAWCC conferences or workshops.

Last year the silent auction raised more than \$940, and we awarded \$1,250 in scholarships.

In order for this to be successful again this year, we are asking for your help. If you have any item you would like to donate, please bring the item to the conference, and we will do the rest.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Martin at (541) 917-4305, or email her at [martind@linnbenton.edu](mailto:martind@linnbenton.edu)

## Nominations needed to recognize other outstanding college leaders

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 Board of Directors is accepting nominations for the prestigious 2005 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 see the Website at [www.aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm](http://www.aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm) to nominate an outstanding individual.

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

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# 2005 AAWCC conference workshops

Thursday, Nov. 17, 10:20 – 11:45 a.m.

## Walking for Your Health

Join Dawn DeWolf from Lane Community College for a walking session on the bike paths and sidewalks near the Sheraton Hotel.

## Mentoring: Past, Present and Future

A panel of women will describe their mentoring relationships. The session will cover the history of mentoring, why it is a particularly fitting relationship for women, and how to get and be a mentor.

## Redesigning the Future Community College: What Does it Take?

Chemeketa has embarked on an ambitious plan to re-design the college's teaching and learning environment and the services that support it. Chemeketa President Gretchen Schuette and Liz Goulard, vice president of Academic Affairs will outline the task at hand and share lessons learned.

## Health Alternatives for Today's Professional Woman

Three physicians from Chiropractic Life Center West will focus on women's health issues and how every small thing you do for yourself contributes to your overall health and well being.

## The Journey is the Success

Success is about the quality of your journey and how you get to where you're going. Wanda Clifton-Faber, Student Success Specialist at Blue Mountain Community College, and a panel of students will talk about their community college experiences and share individual success stories.

## The Art of Listening

Use the art of listening to enrich your leadership skills at work, at home, and in the community. Led by Karin Magnuson, training specialist, Linn-Benton Community College.

## You Are What You Think, So Re-Think

Catherine VenWetter, MSW, teacher and group facilitator, will focus on the power of our thoughts and self-talk and how they affect our emotional, physical, and mental health and well being.

Thursday, Nov. 17. 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

## Walking for your Health

Join Margaret Bradford from Rogue Community College for a walking session on nearby bike paths and sidewalks.

## Working Styles

Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College, will help you discover your working style and how that knowledge can help you contribute more fully on the job and communicate more effectively with others.

## Finding Purpose in Your Work: Bloom Where You're Planted

Lisa Edwards, CEO of Bloom, will help women discover how their contribution makes a difference by understanding their unique talents and identifying their personal mission and how that mission relates to their role in an organization.

## Your Professional Resume

Learn techniques for maximizing your resume's impact on the reader from Becky Washington, career specialist, Portland Community College.

## Everyone is Welcome at the Table

Susan Wolff, dean of instruction, Columbia Gorge Community College, will discuss how everyone can make significant contributions to the well being of our colleges if only they are invited.

## Voices of Courage: Insights on Lesbian and Gay Leadership at Your College

A group of women will talk about the challenges lesbian women face as leaders in today's world. Jill Ward, director of

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## Campus connections *Continued from Pg. 5*

### Portland Community College Ann Baumgardt

The Board of Directors for the PCC chapter of AAWCC voted unanimously to honor Sandy Schramm for her outstanding service by creating a new educational scholarship in her name.

The scholarship will provide for AAWCC members at PCC to attend one or more of the Oregon AAWCC events, such as the fall conference or the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD).

Sandy joined the PCC Chapter in 1996 and served as vice president of membership from 2003 through the spring of 2005. During her first few months in this new role, she streamlined the membership records by developing a computerized system for recruiting, updating, and tracking memberships.

Sandy said she has enjoyed the camaraderie with her fellow AAWCC members and has benefited from meeting women whom she may never have met without her connections to AAWCC.

Sandy has served as PCC's director of Professional Skills Training at SE Center since September 1995. This program provides custom-designed training and hands-on experiences for people who are out of work due to injury, disability, job displacement, or other circumstances. As a certified rehabilitation counselor, Sandy has had the opportunity to work with hundreds of students over the years.

As a long-time member of the Oregon Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Sandy was awarded the Rehabilitation Professional of the Year in 2004. Our thanks to Sandy for her service to AAWCC and for her dedication and com-

mitments to the students of PCC.

AAWCC at PCC welcomes two new members to this year's board. Our new VP of membership, Cherie Maas, has worked at PCC for 18 years and currently works in the English and Modern Languages Division. She previously served as VP of PCC's Federation of Classified Employees. She is eager to see how we can boost membership and has many great ideas to share.

Heidi Edwards, the new VP of communications, has worked for PCC since 1999. She joined PCC as a speech communication instructor, has worked at the CAPITAL Career Center, and recently moved to the Sylvania Student Employment/Cooperative Education office.

Heidi will be responsible for our newsletter and communication that goes out to our members and the college.

## Conference workshops *(continued from Pg. 7)*

Counseling, Career, Disability Services, and Student Life at Chemeketa, will facilitate the session and lead a panel discussion.

### **Walking the Labyrinth: A Path for Transformation**

Discover how the labyrinth can be a powerful tool for reflection, meditation, and deeper knowledge. Led by Gloria Jost, Labyrinth Facilitator, Viveritas Ministries.

**Friday, Nov. 18, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

### **Walking for your Health**

Join Kristen Jones from Linn-Benton Community College for a walking session on the bike paths and sidewalks near the Sheraton Hotel.

### **Leading from Where You Are**

Dawn DeWolf, Lane Community College, and Julie Huckestein, Chemeketa Community College, facilitate a discussion about “Leading from the Middle,” or how to contribute your leadership skills and talents when you serve in a position that is outside the traditional leadership role.

### **Ergonomics: Being Comfortable at Work and at Play**

Identify tasks you perform at home or at work that may be causing physical discomfort. Led by Marilyn Hill, safety coordinator, Linn-Benton Community College.

### **Playtime: The Contribution of Fun at Work**

Using dialogue, toys, and interactive activities, Kate Dins,

dean, Business, Technology and Public Service, Portland Community College, will help participants see how play can be made part of work, make life more fun, with happy, healthy results.

### **UP!ward Bound, It Begins with U!**

Those who are UP!Ward Bound maintain a positive outlook and exude energy, confidence, and enthusiasm in everything they undertake. Join Joan Hartley, motivational speaker and consultant, and discover the magic of being Upward Bound.

### **Communication: The Vital Leadership Skill**

Katherine Collins, KMC Communications and Treasure Valley Community College, will focus on what public relations really is and why building relationships based on trust is mission critical for community college leaders.

### **Panel of Women Legislators and Community College Leaders**

Cam Preus-Braly, commissioner, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development; Andrea Henderson, executive director, Oregon Community College Association; and other guest legislators and community college leaders share insights about their careers and personal paths.

### **Your Story Will Make a Difference!**

Use storytelling to persuade, motivate, and inspire in ways that cold facts can't. Led by Carolyn Waterfall, workplace effectiveness trainer and consultant, Dynamic Worklife.

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