FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

AAWCC FALL CONFERENCE

November 20-22, 2019
Embassy Suites, Tigard, OR

Be sure to attend the Fall Conference this November at Embassy Suites in Tigard, Oregon. This year's theme is that of our Oregon Chapter: Inspire. Champion. Celebrate. We've got a great lineup of speakers to inspire us all. Angela Provart, President of Pauly Group, Inc., will open the conference up on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon, we will hear from Dr. Ramycia McGhee, English Instructor at LBCC, and Carmen Poston Travis, AAWCC Executive Director, will be our speaker Friday morning. Breakout sessions are divided into three tracks: Track 1: Inspire; Track 2: Champion; Track 3: Celebrate. Cost of the conference is $275. Make your reservations by calling the Tigard Embassy Suites by October 17 for the discounted rate.

For the schedule and more information, see the AAWCC-Oregon website at http://www.aawccoregon.org/fall-conference/.
President's Message

Welcome to fall in Oregon and the beauty this great state is clothed with in autumn. The AAWCC annual fall conference is coming! It will be held at the Embassy Suites at Washington Square in Tigard on November 20-22. The theme is Inspire. Champion. Celebrate. It echoes our mission statement, which is to inspire, champion and celebrate the talents within each of us. There is no better season than autumn to do these three things!

Inspire
What inspires you? I am inspired by leaders. It doesn't matter where they are on the leadership ladder, they inspire me. They say yes when asked. They volunteer. They instinctively help when help is needed. Do you know people like that? I like to put inspirational quotes in my emails. "Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take toward reaching that goal."

Champion
I was fortunate enough to see some of the stunning, pristine, unspoiled state of Alaska this summer. It reminded me of Oregon, especially when I was growing up. I'm a native. The streams were full of salmon spawning in the early fall and you could go for days without seeing another person at a campground. There was so much nature everywhere. I was told about a dead female whale that washed up on the shore of an Alaskan city. When experts examined her remains, they found she had 50 pounds of plastic in her stomach. That can't continue! I have decided to champion a cause that will make a difference in the amount of plastic that's discarded each and every year where it winds up in our waterways and oceans. Champion your own passion! Volunteer in a beach clean up or at the humane society or whatever makes the fire burn in you.

Celebrate
I celebrated a beautiful summer, with time spent with family, growing friendships, flowers and travel. I enjoy gardening and loved every single flower, tomato and red pepper that grew in my yard. Dirty hands can be so rewarding. My daughter came home for a visit in July and brought her boyfriend. This was his first visit to Oregon. We did our best to show him Oregon's most beautiful sights in the short time they were here. I was secretly hoping he would want to move here, immediately! That didn't happen but it was exciting to see him enjoying Oregon and celebrating new experiences with my daughter. Please take time to find something to celebrate each and every day.

There are many other opportunities to be inspired, champion and celebrate through Oregon AAWCC. Be sure to keep the 2020 summer conference, the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development and mentorship possibilities on your radar, as well as the upcoming fall conference. There will be multiple opportunities to network with others from community colleges around the state and we are still looking for workshop presenters. If you have the desire to share your expertise, please contribute. It's a great opportunity to inspire others, as well as champion and celebrate your passions! Register today! Let me know if you have ideas! Invite me to your AAWCC activities! Let's chat for a bit. As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Nominations Sought for Leadership Awards

In the spirit of recognizing and celebrating the talents of women all around Oregon, The AAWCC-Oregon Board is accepting nominations for the prestigious 2019 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award and the Community College Excellence Awards. Nominations are now being accepted through November 8, 2019.

Please visit our website for more information: http://www.aawccoregon.org/awards/. The recipient of either award does not need to be a member of AAWCC to receive the award.
In April, the Rogue Community College chapter held a Clothing Drive across two counties and sold the donated items for a total of $1,794. We then passed on the leftovers to the Grants Pass Gospel Rescue Mission. In June, we held a one-day flower and water sale at the RCC GED graduation and commencement ceremonies that brought in $785 with only 7 volunteers.

The Rogue chapter now has a Facebook page of the college's page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/aawcc.rcc/permalink/2470378013186170/
Chemeketa Community College
By Cathy Martell-Straight

Chemeketa’s AAWCC Chapter has new officers! Cathy Martell-Straight is the new chapter president. Erika Coker is VP for Finance. Peggy Greene is VP for Membership/Recruitment. Nette Abdernalden is VP for Records. We have three new Members-at-Large, Simone Hughes, Beth Bonnet, and Megan Cogswell. Lynn Irvin will continue on the board as Past President.

The AAWCC tea party held on May 14 honoring retiring president, Julie Huckeinstein, was well attended and so lovely with flowers, teapots and china tea cups for all. Chemeketa had a large contingent attend the summer conference in July at the Oregon Garden, including our new president, Jessica Howard. We are blessed with great leadership!

We also had two summer activities including a team that participated in the Discover Pink Walk in Salem where funds were raised to provide women’s health screenings, including mammograms, for those who cannot afford them. Also, Cathy Martell-Straight and Vivi Caleffi Prichard facilitated a lunchtime workshop entitled, Mission Possible, where attendees wrote their own mission statements. The workshop ties in perfectly with the new Cultural Competence Certificate that is being offered to all employees to encourage professional development in cultural awareness.

Chemeketa Women at AAWCC Summer Conference
Linn-Benton Community College  
By Marci Johnston

The LBCC Chapter held multiple fundraising events - such as our $1 Clothing Sale, Ladies Night Out, Silent Auction, and Earth Day Plant-a-Flower - which brought in a total of $1,400 for student scholarships. We award a student $500 per term scholarship for three terms at our Fall Awards Banquet in October.

New this year, we created a Free Book Library, take a book-leave a book style sponsored by our AAWCC Chapter. Our general meeting topics included: Yoga & Meditation, Culinary Cooking Demo, Exploring Oregon, and learning more about our Community Education classes for personal growth. One of our favorite and best attended activities is our Working Women's Tea held in March, where our Culinary students provide tea-time sandwiches and delectable desserts. Many staff bring tea pots and decor, and we were inspired by this year's guest speaker, our own faculty member Ramycia McGhee.

Lane Community College  
By Tiana Marrone-Creech

The Lane Chapter held an event called "AAWCC Rocks!" It was a very fun rock painting party, and we delivered the completed rocks to our campus childcare center. The kids are placing them around the college on their campus walks. It was a great change to get together and socialize—and bring our kids along, too!
Women from all around the state attended the 28th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD) last June held at the Silver Falls Conference Center. OILD provides positive leadership development and connected women with community college executives and administrators from all over the state while experiencing the natural beauty of Silver Falls State Park.

This year’s attendees were:

Bonnie Day, Blue Mountain Community College  
Cady-Mae Koon, Central Oregon Community College  
Helen Dunford, CCWD/HECC  
Megan Cogswell, Chemeketa Community College  
Stephanie Lenox, Chemeketa Community College  
Melissa Richardson, Clackamas Community College  
Mindy Stokes, Clatsop Community College  
Stephanie Homer, Clatsop Community College  
Amy Burbee, Lane Community College  
Mira Mason-Reeder, Lane Community College  
Claudia Davila, Linn-Benton Community College  
Lori Wamsley, Mt. Hood Community College  
Samantha Piers-VanderPlieog, Mt. Hood Community College  
Kelly Love, Portland Community College  
Sara Rose Evans, Portland Community College  
Lynn Robinson, Portland Community College  
Jamee Kristen, Portland Community College  
Julianne Sandlin, Portland Community College  
Zoe Cooper-Caroselli, Portland Community College  
Angelia Woods, Rogue Community College  
Tiffany Malsberger, Rogue Community College  
Lisa Fletcher-Gordon, Southwestern Oregon  
Shauna McNulty, Umpqua Community College  
Rosario Fauer, Umpqua Community College

If you have not attended OILD in the past, be sure to look for the application process at your college next year. Applications are due to AAWCC-Oregon in April.
AAWCC Summer Conference - *This is Us!*

The AAWCC-Oregon Summer Conference was held at the Oregon Garden Resort last July. We started off with a pre-conference "This is Us" Game Night with laughter, music and snacks. The conference itself featured Rebecca Albertini, Pauly Group VP of Operations, who talked about how to kindness and how to handle microaggressions; J Gibbons, PCC’s Queer Resource Center Coordinator, who shared their experiences working with LGBTQ+ students in higher education, and a very energetic Ginger Johnson, professional speaker and connector, who focused on the importance of connectivity in today’s world. It was a sold-out conference that impacted everyone in the room. Be sure to attend next summer’s conference for another meaningful event sure to touch the hearts and minds of all who attend.

If you have items for future newsletters, please e-mail VP of Communications, Donna Zmolek, at zmolekd@lanecc.edu. Women around the state want to know what’s happening on your campus!