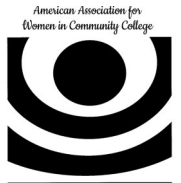


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American Association for Women in Community Colleges—Oregon Chapter

Spring 2016 Newsletter



Plan Now to Attend the AAWCC Summer Conference



This year's summer conference is scheduled for July 21, 2016, and will once again be held at Salishan Lodge and Conference Center in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Last year's attendees overwhelmingly approved of the location as a fitting place to gain valuable professional development and network with their colleagues from around the state.

This year's theme is "Communication for Understanding," and will cover topics such as equity in conversations, the importance of communication for success in community colleges, and how to connect with and understand others through effective listening.

The event is scheduled from 8:30 am to 4 pm with breakfast and a networking lunch included. Register before June 17 for

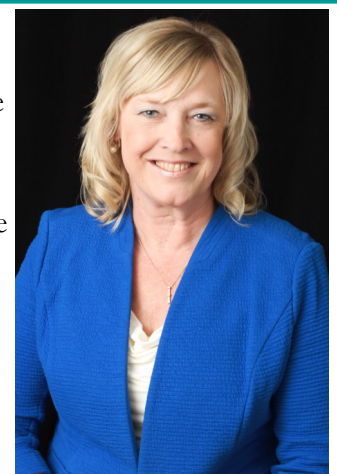
only \$120. Lodging is available at Salishan; mention the "2016 AAWCC Group" and receive rates starting at \$123 per room. For more information and to register, see the AAWCC website at aawccoregon.org/.

Julie Huckestein Honored at Annual Awards Breakfast

And the winner is . . . Julie Huckestein! The 2016 AAWCC Carolyn DesJardins CEO of the Year Award went to Julie Huckestein, president of Chemeketa Community College and AAWCC-Oregon ex-officio member. Huckestein received the award at the AAWCC annual awards breakfast at the AACC Convention in Chicago on April 11.

Julie Huckestein has nearly 30 years of experience in community colleges. Prior to Chemeketa, Julie worked at Linn-Benton Community College. She earned an AS degree in Business Administration from Linn-Benton, a BA degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from George Fox University and a Master's degree in Education: Policy, Foundations and Administration from Portland State University, all while pursuing her community college career.

Julie has been active in AAWCC for many years and has served on the state and national boards and co-directed the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD). She has presented at various conferences and is an evaluator for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. She attended the National Institute for Leadership Development in 2007 and OILD in 1993.



Chemeketa President Julie Huckestein

AAWCC National takes pride in honoring outstanding women at the Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast each year during the American Association of Community Colleges Convention. AAWCC sponsors three awards, two of which are named in honor of Carolyn DesJardins and Mildred Bulpitt, co-founders of the National Institute for Leadership Development (LEADERS Institute). The AAWCC Carolyn DesJardins CEO Award, the Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year Award, and the Trustee of the Year Award are their highest honors. Recipients of the "Of the Year" awards receive a \$500 check for their college.

President's Message



*Carol McKiel,
AAWCC Oregon President*

I love springtime in Oregon! The sun starts showing itself more than a few minutes a day, and the daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips provide splashes of color everywhere. This is also my favorite time of year at work. The campus comes alive with students gathering outside to take advantage of the warm weather. Every spring term, I get to vicariously relive the joy and excitement of reaching graduation as I hear whoops of pride coming from students finishing their last final exam.

This year is even more exciting because of the Oregon AAWCC's upcoming plans. Our incredible and ingenious board members are hard at work planning conferences that you will love. Every year I say, "This conference is the best so far," and this year will be no different. Summer Conference, with the theme "Communication for Understanding," will again be held at the beautiful Salishan Resort on July 21. The speakers will make you think, laugh, and get fresh ideas for your work and life. Last year, we found that holding Summer Conference at Salishan provided a double win. Besides the thought-provoking program, we received very positive feedback from women who brought family or friends to take advantage of the great location. So put July 21 on your calendar. You can enjoy the program on Thursday and then stay on for an extra day or two to recharge batteries at the coast either for alone time or with fun people. You will return to your campuses on Monday feeling invigorated and ready to tackle those day-to-day problems.

Our most exciting news this year is the opportunity for Oregon AAWCC to host the AAWCC National Conference in October. We're expecting women from community colleges all over the country. So imagine our normally motivating Fall Conference ramped up. The National Conference will provide opportunities to visit with fellow AAWCC members from around the U.S. and hear from national speakers. Our usual slate of engaging break-out sessions will include facilitators from faraway places. You will definitely want to clear your calendar, so you can meet us in Portland on October 26 –28, 2016.

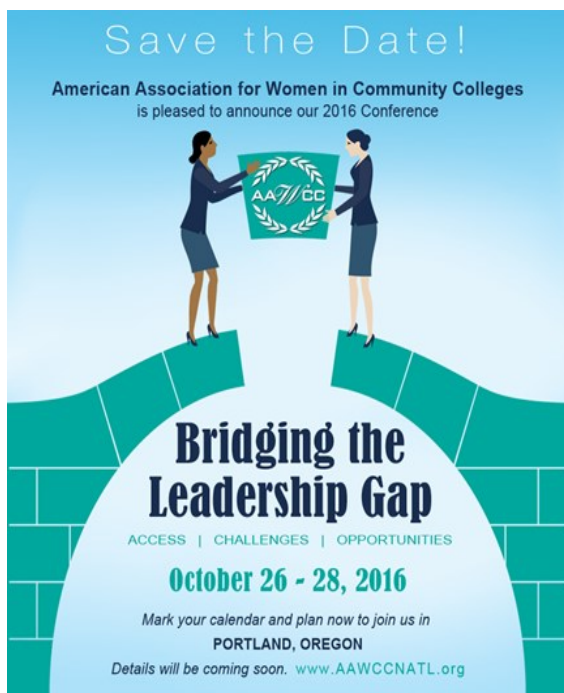
This year's National Conference couldn't have happened at a better time for Oregon's AAWCC local chapters. Across the state, some chapters are starting up while others are strengthening. Recently, state board members visited a couple local chapters providing support for building membership. The visits went so well that the board decided to develop a process for helping local chapters. Watch for details to come out in June. An announcement will be made at the Summer Conference.

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful Oregon spring and, as the academic year winds down, we can look forward to getting together for some great personal and professional development in July.

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National Conference to be held in Portland

Mark your calendars! This fall, the National Association for Women in Community Colleges will be holding a national conference for women in education all over the country. The event will be held in Portland at the DoubleTree Hotel in the Lloyd Center on **October 26-28, 2016**. The conference will feature outstanding keynote speakers, a wide variety of breakout sessions, and a plethora of opportunities for personal and professional development. You won't want to miss it!

AAWCC-Oregon Board Member Elected to National Board

Cherie Maas-Anderson, state board member and longtime member of AAWCC, was elected to the national board of AAWCC as Region X Director. Region X serves Oregon as well as Washington, Idaho, Alaska, British Columbia, and the Yukon. Cheri works at Portland Community College as an Instructional Coordinator and has served on the state board as President-Elect, President, Past President, and VP of Finance. Congratulations, Cherie!



*Region X Director
Cherie Maas-Anderson*

Margaret Frimoth Wins Leadership Award

Dr. Margaret Frimoth was awarded the 2015 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award at the AAWCC-Oregon fall conference in November. This award is given annually to someone who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges.

Margaret is the Director of the *Lives in Transition* and the *College Counseling* programs at Clatsop Community College. Prior to working as the Director, Margaret was an adjunct instructor in the LIT program, as well as an adjunct instructor at City University in the Guidance and Counseling program, and a mental health consultant with the Tongue Point Job Corps Center. She is the founder of *The Healing Circle*, a non-profit organization that provides an annual camp for child survivors of sexual abuse. Margaret is a regional and national trainer in the area of domestic violence, sexual assault, women's studies, diversity and oppression. She views herself as an advocate for students and promotes personal and cultural transformation through the process of education.



Dr. Margaret Frimoth (center) with 2014 winner Karin Magnuson and Clatsop Community College President Gerald Hamilton.

Campus Connections

Chemeketa Community College By Lynn Irvin

Chemeketa's chapter has been *busy* during the winter and spring months as the academic year is racing by. First of all, we would like to recognize our wonderful, amazing president, Julie Huckestein, who won the 2016 National AAWCC Carolyn DesJardins CEO of the Year Award which was presented at the annual national AAWCC breakfast in Chicago on April 11. We are so proud to have such a fine, supportive woman leading our college!



In December we held an annual after-work holiday social at Gustav's restaurant where we also had a wine swap. Everyone who wanted to participate brought a wrapped bottle of wine. We also sponsored an event called "Pay it Forward, Employee to Employee." We collected donated gifts, gift cards and cash and distributed to colleagues in need who had been nominated by their co-workers. We made over \$600 in cash and gifts to give to seven employees who were surprised, thrilled and so thankful.

Immediately after winter break, we held our annual "\$1 per item" clothing sale. The number of items collected this year was amazing! The sale was held in the student center on February 9, and nearly 500 items were sold. The money will be used for scholarships and chapter activities. This is a win-win-win-win activity. Employees clean out their closets, students purchase nice clothing items for \$1, unsold clothing is donated to the Salvation Army for those in need, and the chapter raises money with no expenses!

Our second activity in February was new for our chapter: a Remarkable Women speaker series held during the lunch hour. We sell a cup of soup and a roll for \$3. Lori Beamer and Melinda Gross from CoActive Connections shared Oregon poverty facts, its impact on our district, and ways to create positive changes.

In March, we held a facilitated discussion on the AAWCC National Day of Dialogue question, "How can community colleges stop a culture of sexual violence against women?" We combined it with the Remarkable Women speaker series and had Esther Nelson from the Center for Hope and Safety as our facilitator.

The second activity in March was a Tea Party to celebrate Women's History Month. Guest speaker, Nancy Baldwin from the Community Health Education Center spoke about "Putting Yourself at the Top of the List." We held a dessert "throwdown" where attendees brought and voted for their favorite dessert. The tables were decorated with nature's finery donated by the college horticulture program and winners took home the beautiful pots of flowers.



Mt. Hood Community College ***By Carrie Toth***

MHCC's Chapter recently participated in the Day of Dialogue event. Even though the topic was difficult, we felt it was important to discuss the critical issue of creating a culture of safety on our campus. We used a large poster board with sticky notes to ask the question, "How Can Community Colleges Stop a Culture of Sexual Violence?" AAWCC members and counseling staff were present and available, and we also had a means to submit anonymously via e-mail. All told, we received about 50 responses and had fantastic, valuable conversations. We hope to use some of those responses to plan next year's goals.



The second event is more light-hearted, as our current President Christy Weigel hosted a Wine and Paint night, both as a fundraiser for our chapter and as an opportunity for some of our members to spend social time together outside of work. Everyone involved had a blast.

Our next event was April 21, a "Not Your Day Job" panel and expo where all college employees were invited to share their art, talents, or passions from outside of work.

Meet the Newest AAWCC Board Members



Lydia Rediske
VP Web Development

Lydia is a Web Development Technician at Portland Community College. She has been working on the PCC web-site since 2008, when she started as an intern. She has a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and an Associate's degree in Applied Computer Science. Lydia was raised in Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, and likes to spend time exploring the NW on foot, bicycle, train, and occasionally in an old jalopy of a pickup truck.



Lynn Nakamura
VP Special Projects

Lynn has worked at Lane Community College since 2001. She is currently the interim Professional Organizational Development Director. Lynn came to Lane as a student in the Culinary Arts program. She feels that working on AAWCC special projects is like going back to her roots in higher education. She is excited and, honestly a bit nervous, to be participating with such high-achieving and incredibly talented women. Lynn spends her personal time putting in the garden, reading cookbooks, and wondering what to cook up for dinner.

Sixteen Women Earn Excellence Awards

Oregon community colleges honored outstanding individuals by nominating them for the AAWCC-Oregon Excellence Awards. Nominees are selected for the differences they have made for women at their own community colleges. Sixteen women were honored at the annual fall conference. The 2015 Excellence Award winners were:



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
Denise Nelson with President Peter Angstadt*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
Cindy Carlson with President Birgitte Ryslinge*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
Heidi Luquette with President Connie Green*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
M'Liss Runyon with Ann Buchele*

Deborah Lee, Blue Mountain
Glenda Lantis, Central Oregon
Linda Herrera, Chemeketa
Shelly Tracy, Clackamas
Carolyn Casee, Clatsop
Teresa Alonso, CCWD
Julie Murray-Jensen, Klamath
Lynn Nakamura, Lane
M'Liss Runyon, Linn-Benton
Sheri Mosher, Mt. Hood
Cindy Carlson, Oregon Coast
Heidi Dombek, Portland
Denise Nelson, Rogue
Patty Scott, Southwestern
Heidi Luquette, Tillamook Bay
Jan Woodcock, Umpqua



*2015 Excellence Award Winner Linda Herrera
with President Julie Huckestein and Lynn Irvin*



*Angela Byrd (accepting the 2015
Excellence Award Winner for
Shelly Tracy) with Sue Goff*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
Carolyn Casee with President Gerald Hamilton*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
Heidi Dombek with Linda Reisser*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner
Jan Woodcock with AAWCC President
Julie Kopet and UCC staff*



*2015 Excellence Award Winner Sheri Moser
with President Debra Derr*

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