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## **Campus Connections**

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## **ORCC UPDATE**

By Teri McKenzie (Program Director)

Happy New Year! This point in the year often marks a time of letting go and of welcoming in the new. ORCC will be doing both as we say farewell to our first team of VISTA members. The Board and staff of ORCC would like to thank Melissa Bentley (ORCC VISTA Leader), Katalin Olsen (PSU), Rebecca Anderson (Concordia University), Penny Parks (Lane CC), Elena McGrath (PCC), and Renee Fisk (SOU) for their dedication and service to our institutions and communities. We wish them well in their next adventures.

A new group of nine VISTA members was sworn in at the end of November and then began their year of service on their host campuses December 1. Melissa Bentley and Cynthia Harrison (ORCC's new VISTA Leader) organized and facilitated a two-day

orientation for the team that familiarized them with ORCC and their role as a VISTA in the context of higher education. We welcome them to our ranks and look forward to their contributions over the coming year.

In November, ORCC was pleased to award mini-grants to six member campuses for MLK Day activities including Willamette University, SOU, PSU, Warner Pacific College, Concordia, and Southwestern OR Community College. The projects will focus on improving the lives of disadvantaged youth and will involve both students and community members working in partnership. Funding for the grants was awarded to ORCC by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network.

The Students in Service AmeriCorps Education Award program is doing very well. Students who enroll in the program volunteer for a set number of hours at a community service agency in exchange for a tuition voucher. ORCC was originally awarded 189 member positions that were in turn sub-awarded to member campuses. As of today, campuses have enrolled 256 members, with new people enrolling in the program each day. This amounts to over \$326,000 in financial aid being awarded to students in Oregon! We are quite pleased with the success of the program and look forward to continuing to build it over the coming years.

ORCC would also like to welcome President Thomas Manley and the Pacific Northwest College of Art to ORCC. Their membership brings our total number of members to 22 – a big leap from five years ago when I first began my tenure here and our membership was nine!

In closing, ORCC will be sending out information related to our annual Civic Engagement Awards soon. This year, in addition to recognizing students, faculty and community partners, we will be adding an award for staff. I encourage you to be thinking of people to nominate for their outstanding contributions to service and service-learning. Awardees will be recognized at an awards celebration on April 18 – mark your calendar now for this wonderful event.

## **IN STATE EVENTS / SAVE THE DATE!**

**Seminar: *New York Times* best selling author Ron McMillan**

The Center for Meeting and Learning

January 29, 2008

Eugene, OR

Registration fee: Varies

Please join Ron McMillan as he discusses his new book, [Influencer: The Power to Change Anything](#). This seminar, co-sponsored by the Center for Meeting

and Learning and the City of Eugene, will help participants identify behaviors that lead to rapid and profound change and apply powerful strategies for changing both thoughts and actions.

Registration information is currently available online at  
<http://www.lanecc.edu/cml/upcoming.htm>

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### **Focus the Nation event**

**January 31**

The University of Portland will host a “green democracy” gathering at the 5,000-seat Chiles Center from 5 to 9 p.m. Highlighting the event will be candid global warming discussion between students and Governor Ted Kulongoski and Congressman Earl Blumenauer at 6 p.m.

The hour-long exchange will be broadcast live on OPB radio with Sandra Tsing Loh moderating the discussion. Doors open at 5 p.m., Live Wire! Radio will provide pre- and post-discussion entertainment beginning at 5:20 p.m., and the event will conclude with music from the band Stars of Track & Field. Tickets are required and can be obtained through a simple registration process at the University's Climate Change & Sustainability site. <http://orgs.up.edu/climatechange/index.php?q=node/28>

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### **Unite for Peace Conference**

Southern Oregon University

March 1, 2008

Ashland, OR

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2008

Dr. Jean Houston, scholar, philosopher, researcher and one of the foremost visionary thinkers and doers of our time will present a keynote speaker on Friday, February 29, 2008. 7:30 PM in the Stevenson Union Rogue River Room.

For more information call Peace House at 541-482-9625.

## **OUT OF STATE EVENTS / SAVE-THE-DATE!**

Registration for the IMPACT Conference is officially open!

**IMPACT: National Student Conference on Service, Advocacy & Social Action**

March 7-9, 2008

Northeastern University Boston, MA

Register by January 7th, 2008 to receive the early-bird rate.

Campus Compact students or Bonner Foundation Networks - Early-bird

Registration by **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Join college students, administrators, faculty, national nonprofit organizations, socially-responsible companies and many others for the historically largest national convening of campus community members involved in service, activism, politics, advocacy, and other socially responsible work across philosophical and ideological lines.

To learn more about the IMPACT Conference and to register, please visit: <http://www.campusconference.org>.

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### **National Service-Learning Conference**

April 9 – 12, 2008

Minneapolis, MN

The National Service-Learning Conference is the largest gathering of youths and practitioners from the service-learning field. Don't miss keynote addresses by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa; urban educator Pedro Noguera, author of *Unfinished Business: Closing the Achievement Gap in Our Nation's Schools*; and Peace Corps Director Ronald A Tschetter. To learn more, visit <http://www.nylc.org>

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### **Application And Registration Process for Global Youth Service Day 2008**

Global Youth Service Day will take place from April 25-27, 2008, and you're encouraged to start planning your events as early as possible to maximize impact. All interested organizations outside of the United States who want to submit an application to be a National Lead Agency or Local Organization should visit <http://www.gysd.net/apply>

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### **American Democracy Project - National Meeting**

June 12 - 14, 2008

Snowbird, Utah

Please join our 6th Annual National American Democracy Project (ADP).

After five years of national and campus activity, we have made substantial progress in identifying programs, strategies and approaches that are successful in helping institutions to become intentional about the work of preparing the next generation of citizens for our democracy.

Contact info: George Mehaffy, 202-478-4672, E-mail, [mehaffyg@aascu.org](mailto:mehaffyg@aascu.org), or Jill Gately, 202-478-4668, E-mail, [gatelyj@aascu.org](mailto:gatelyj@aascu.org)

Web site: <http://www.aascu.org/meetings/calendar.htm>

## RESOURCES

### **Listserv – Food For Oregon**

This listserv is intended to be a communications tool for local and regional food programs such as community gardens, nutrition education programs, faith-based efforts, community kitchens, farmers markets, food policy councils, advocacy organizations and any other non-emergency food systems organizations in our state.

Sign up at: [http://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/food\\_for\\_oregon](http://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/food_for_oregon)

If you have never visited the Food for Oregon Database, you can find it at <http://foodfororegon.oregonstate.edu/>

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### **Listserv - Community Partner Listserv**

New listserv for community members, community partners, and community-academic liaisons interested in connecting to build greater capacity and strengthen the collective network of community partners engaged in community-higher education partnerships.

To subscribe, go to: <https://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/>

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**Report** - *New Times Demand New Scholarship II: Research Universities and Civic Engagement: Opportunities and Challenges* focuses on opportunities and challenges in four areas critical to expanding and institutionalizing civic engagement within

research universities:

- \*Engaged scholarship
- \*Scholarship focused on civic and community engagement
- \*Educating students for civic and community engagement
- \*Advancing civic engagement within and across research universities

The report also includes models from a range of participating research universities.

[http://www.compact.org/initiatives/research\\_universities/](http://www.compact.org/initiatives/research_universities/)

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**Website** - Launch of USASpending.gov

[www.USASpending.gov](http://www.USASpending.gov)

The Office of Management and Budget launched a new website that provides citizens with easy access to information on federal spending.

The website contains all the information published by the Federal government in the existing Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) and Federal Awards and Assistance Data System (FAADS) databases, plus other information provided by agencies.

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### **Publication: Educating for Democracy**

In this book, coauthors Anne Colby, Elizabeth Beaumont, Thomas Ehrlich, and Josh Corngold show that education for political development can increase students' political understanding, skill, motivation, and involvement while contributing to many aspects of general academic learning.

Go to <http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0787985546.html> for excerpts and the Table of Contents.

Get a 15% discount on the book when ordered through the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health website at

<http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/books.html>

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## **Help Connect Service And Voting with ServiceVote 2008**

Building on the significant recent growth in both youth volunteering and voting, ServiceVote 2008 challenges young people to think critically about how they can continue to affect the issues they work to address through service by participating in the political process - and provides opportunities for them to participate in the presidential election. To learn more or sign up as a ServiceVote partner, visit <http://www.servicevote.org>

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## **Join The Service-Learning Young Professionals Network**

The National Service-Learning Partnership has launched the Service-Learning Young Professionals Network. This network will support and connect young service-learning professionals in their 20s and 30s to their peers, mentors, and other resources. To learn more, visit [http://www.service-learningpartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=CM\\_ypn](http://www.service-learningpartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=CM_ypn)

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## **Join Youth Service America on Facebook**

Join Steve Culbertson, CEO of Youth Service America, YSA staff, and its National Youth Council as members of the YSA Facebook Group! YSA also has a Facebook Cause, the “Global Youth Service Day Action Fund” to help young people find their voice, take action, and have impact on the critical problems facing the world. To learn more, visit <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2213392689>

## **INTERNSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS**

Spring 2008 Internships  
Action Without Borders/Idealist.org  
Portland, OR

The following are internship openings for the spring of 2008!

Idealist Fairs Outreach & Greening Intern  
<http://www.idealist.org/en/internship/113991-244>

Membership Outreach Intern  
<http://www.idealist.org/en/internship/113992-277>

Idealist Podcast Production Intern

<http://www.idealist.org/en/internship/117242-129>

Graduate Education Resource Center Intern

<http://www.idealist.org/en/internship/117400-319>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Nominations Sought for Verizon Tech Savvy Awards**

Deadline: **January 11, 2008**

The National Center for Family Literacy is accepting nominations for the 2008 Verizon Tech Savvy Awards, the first national awards to honor programs that improve parents and children's understanding and use of technology.

For further information and a copy of the 2008 Verizon Tech Savvy Awards nomination form, visit the National Center for Family Literacy at:

<http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.2180327/>

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### **Service Learning Grant Opportunities**

National Education Association Foundation Offers Support for Student Learning Improvement Projects

Deadline: **February 1, 2008**

The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter.

For information about the Student Achievement Grant, visit the NEA Foundation Website RFP link:

[http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement_Guidelines.htm)

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### **New Voices - Request for Proposals**

Proposal deadline: February 20, 2008

J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism invites U.S. nonprofit groups and education organizations to apply for funding to launch participatory news ventures and to share best practices and lessons learned from their efforts through the J-NewVoices.org Web site.

Eligible to receive New Voices funding are 501(c)3 organizations and education institutions, including civic groups, community organizations, public broadcasters, schools, colleges and universities - and individuals working under the sponsorship of a nonprofit fiscal agent.

**Funding is available for start-up news initiatives only. Ongoing efforts are not eligible to apply unless they are proposing a new venture.**

Proposal information available at:

<http://www.j-newvoices.org/site/story/2008rfp/>

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### **NASULGC Calls for Applications**

C. Peter Magrath Engagement/Kellogg Outreach Scholarship Awards

Deadline: February 25, 2008

All public four-year institutions are eligible for the award and may submit up to two applications. Applications must include a community partner and can include two-year and private four-year institutions as collaborative partners.

Submissions may be sent by email to [jmiddleton@nasulgc.org](mailto:jmiddleton@nasulgc.org) or by regular mail to Ms. Jean Middleton, NASULGC, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005. Further instructions and information can be found at

<http://www.nasulgc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=304&srcid=224>.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

The Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA) is seeking an experienced administrator and progressive leader for a part-time position of **Executive Director**. PJSA is based on the campus of the University of San Francisco; however, should the successful applicant be located at another institution or in another city we are open to moving our headquarters.

Apply online below. Review of application materials will begin Monday, February 4, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

<http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/index.php>

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## **REQUEST FOR PRESENTERS**

### **A Call for Presenters**

Proposal deadline is **January 15, 2008**

Southern Oregon University, Stevenson Union, Peace House and the Psychology Club of Southern Oregon University are inviting workshop presenters and or speakers to submit a proposal on one of the three conference themes: 1) peace 2) social justice or 3) environmental sustainability. For more info visit <http://www.peacehouse.net/home.html>

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### **American Democracy Project - National Meeting**

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Proposals are due by January 21, 2008

We are interested in presentations that cover both theoretical and practical issues: concepts of citizenship, civic engagement, and democracy in higher education; descriptions of programs and practices, also topics that focus particularly on civic skills and the assessment of civic outcomes-two areas that have not been sufficiently addressed in our work so far.

To submit a proposal for a presentation complete the online form at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226ZNJV7XJY>

If you have questions about the submission process, please contact Cecilia Orphan, National American Democracy Project Coordinator, at (202) 478-7833 or [orphanc@aascu.org](mailto:orphanc@aascu.org).

## **ORCC MEMBER CAMPUSES IN THE NEWS**

### **Lane CC to Offer Water Conservation Degree**

Lane Community College will begin offering a Water Conservation Technician associate of applied science degree next fall. Students will learn how to evaluate water use patterns; develop, implement, maintain, and market water conservation programs; perform public outreach; recommend water efficiency techniques; and perform systems analysis to solve problems.

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### **U Oregon Receives \$1M Grant for Sustainability Efforts**

University of Oregon has received a \$1 million grant from the T&J Meyer Family Foundation to extend research, catalyze resources and accelerate sustainable activities within the university and the community. The grant will be used to encourage seed funding of innovative ideas and support interdisciplinary approaches to improving the economy, environment and society.

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### **Portland Community College Receives Equity Award**

Portland Community College received the National Equity Award from the Association of Community College Trustees. The award was based on PCC's efforts to hire a more diverse workforce and to ensure opportunities for access to education for women and students of color. When District President Preston Pulliams arrived at PCC in 2004, he formed internal and external diversity committees charged with assessing whether PCC was meeting the needs of its students, staff, and multi-ethnic communities and partners. The result has been an increase in the percentage of part-time faculty, full-time faculty and managers who are people of color, increased investment in staff development that improves cultural competency, and enhanced programming to better serve PCC's diverse communities, both internally and externally.

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Portland Community College is one of five campuses nationwide to be awarded \$17,500 through the Students4Giving:Inspiring Philanthropy's Future program. This project will provide a cross-disciplinary and service-learning opportunity for PCC students by allowing them to distribute a \$15,000 charitable gift fund. Social Movements students will identify local non-profit organizations with innovative and practical solutions to social issues and Introduction to Accounting students will develop criteria to evaluate the needs and effectiveness of the organizations.

Read the complete press release at:

<http://www.compact.org/news/press/release/754>

And learn more about the program here:

<http://www.compact.org/students4giving/>