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ORCC UPDATE

by **Emily Gilliland, Executive Director**

As many of you know, the last eight months have offered Oregon Campus Compact the opportunity to refocus our work and to begin the process of creating a plan for the future. This has been a time when the organization has depended on you for lessons learned and conversations about possibilities. It has been a time for renewed commitment and many of you have gone above and beyond to make sure that ORCC will be around to serve for years to come. Thank you.

I am honored to play a role in the next phase of this critical organization and appreciate the warm welcome that I have received from those of you that I have met since I began this work in February.

I join the team with experience in higher education, national service, and the nonprofit and for profit sectors. I am currently a Commissioner on the Oregon Commission for Voluntary Action and Service and previously served five-years on the Maryland Commission on Service and Volunteerism. My experience includes organizing national issue campaigns, creating an online certificate in Service-Learning, and engaging national service members and alumni.

My position was created from the work of consultants Catherine Milton and Alissa Keny-Guyer, ORCC staff, and board members who spoke with many of you at the end of last year to inform our next steps. Your voices were heard by the Oregon Community Foundation who offered ORCC funding to support our capacity building.

My focus in the coming months will be to further the conversations that have been started; to create and implement a strategy that will serve our members' needs. We will be looking at sustaining and improving our current programs as well as filling the gaps identified. We will be strengthening our infrastructure through a long-term funding plan that is implemented with the support of a strong board.

It is an exciting time.
We are busy!

On April 18, we look forward to you joining us for our [3rd Annual Civic Engagement Awards](#). We appreciate your nominations from across the state. The selection of the awardees was not easy! Please join us in congratulating our awardees:

Faith Gabelnick Student Leadership Award – Yvonne Norman, Portland Community College
Judith Ramaley Faculty Award- Kim Smith, Portland Community College
Dan Moriarty Community Partner Award- Catholic Community Services of Lane County and Holy Redeemer Catholic Grade School

We are excited that the awards will be part of the [11th Annual Western Region Campus Compact Consortium's Continuums of Service Conference](#). You can register for the awards dinner at our [website](#) or when you [register](#) for the COS Conference. The Early Bird Registration deadline for the COS Conference is Monday, March 31st! Please get your registration in today.

Sub-grant possibilities! We are currently exploring writing proposals for the following sub-grant possibilities and need to hear from you!

- Are you working in partnership with a school district? Are you interested in expanding science, technology, engineering, or math service-learning in grades 6-12? Compact Members, please join me in an exploratory conference call on Friday, April 4th from 11-12pm to discuss response to a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). For more information about the NOFA and to RSVP for the call, please contact me at ELG@pdx.edu or 503-725-8140.
- Recently CNCS released a [NOFA](#) for grant funds related to engaging students through social media. If you might be interested in this competition, again, please contact me.

Based upon Member interest, we will decide if and how to pursue these possibilities.

I look forward to working with all of you in this work!

by Teri McKenzie, Program Director

In late January several member campuses organized Martin Luther King Jr. Day projects in conjunction with community partners that serve at-risk youth. College students volunteered for a broad range of activities, including painting a mural, beautifying schools, tutoring, cleaning up low income housing with environmentally safe products, and community gardening. Thanks to a grant received from the Points of Light Foundation, ORCC was able to award mini-grants to these campuses to offset project related expenses. Grants were given to Southern Oregon University,

Willamette University, Concordia University, Warner Pacific College, Southwestern Oregon Community College and Portland State University.

The Students in Service AmeriCorps Education Award program has continued to grow in popularity on member campuses. ORCC was originally allocated 189 member "slots" to sub-award to participating campuses over the course of this program year (Aug 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008). By early November all 189 slots were filled, with more students waiting to enroll. Washington Campus Compact (which granted us the positions) agreed to award us an unlimited amount of additional slots. As of the publication of this newsletter, ORCC member campuses have enrolled a total of 289 students in the program!

by Cynthia Harrison, ORCC VISTA Leader

ORCC VISTAs have been working hard toward their quest to fight poverty related issues such as hunger and housing.

Four months into their service ORCC's eight VISTAs have recruited 376 volunteers for co-curricular service programs, 20 of which are baby boomers; accumulated 2,900 plus volunteer hours; developed 48 new partnerships and 27 leadership resources along with either hosting or supporting 17-day of service projects or civic engagements events.

At an MLK day event, which involved painting a mural by community volunteers, ORCC VISTA Scott Ferguson, reflects on the day:

"Isaiah was painting, stopped looked at the painting and said, "I am glad that we are painting this because I like the idea of being safe where I live. I believe in what I am painting. I want my brother's and sister to see this and believe in this too!" In that moment I stopped and realized that this 10-year-old boy wanted to paint this painting not just for the sake of art, but wanted the ideal of this painting; living in a community that involved every race, color and nationality, living together in harmony to be a reality for himself and his family. This moment, as small and fast as it was, stopped me in my tracks and caused me to see the power of this project and the potential for even the youngest child to see the value of building strong safe communities. "

Currently four ORCC VISTAs are in the process of completing Alternative Spring Break projects in Alaska, San Francisco and Louisiana. Stay tuned to hear about their adventures!

IN STATE EVENTS

11th Annual Western Campus Compact *Continuums of Service* Conference

Portland, OR

April 17 – 19, 2008

ORCC is proud to be hosting this year's regional conference. The conference will demonstrate how higher education engagement initiatives can advance institutional priorities and strategic partnerships, while building and sustaining healthy local and global communities. The conference is designed for faculty, staff, community partners and students. Pre-conference sessions include:

- [Engaging your Campus - Insights, Strategies and Building your Case for the Carnegie Classification for Engagement](#)
- [Using Service-Learning and Community Engagement to Improve Access and Retention of Students](#)
- [Service Learning and Privilege: Preparing Ourselves and Students for Social Justice Work](#) (new)
- [Service Learning and Spirituality](#)
- [Research: Conducting Research Right So You Can Write and Publish](#)
- [Service-Learning Course Construction](#)
- [Service-Learning 101](#)
- [Student Forum and Community Service Project: Sustainability and Service for your Campus and Community](#) (non-students may participate in the service project)
- [Working with Indigenous Populations \(Learn and Serve sponsored session\)](#)
- [Campus/Community Tour](#)

The concurrent sessions include civic engagement experts from the country and guarantee to inspire and inform. Details on the concurrent sessions can be found [here!](#)

For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.wacampuscompact.org/conference/>

Third Annual ORCC Civic Engagement Awards Celebration

Portland, OR

April 18

Join ORCC in honoring exemplary students, faculty and community partners from around the state who have shown an outstanding commitment to service and learning. The celebration will include a dinner and special guest Johnell Bell as the keynote speaker. Johnell has been working for educational equality and social justice since he was the young age of 14 years. His experience includes: serving as the Co-Director for the Youth Innovation Fund, co-founding the Black Parent Initiative, and for ten years producing “Keep Alive the Dream,” the largest tribute in the Pacific Northwest honoring the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reservations for the celebration are required. Continuums of Service participants can register for the celebration on the [conference website](#). All others please register online at <http://www.oregoncampuscompact.org/Awards.htm>.

Oregon Community Education Association Annual Conference 36th Annual Conference
"OCEA: Engaging Communities in Life Long Learning"

Ocean View Resort
Seaside, OR
April 23 - 25, 2008

A conference for Community Colleges, Community Schools, Community Volunteers and Partnerships around experiences, tools, and models; innovative practices; and relevant research on service learning and community education.

International Institute on Student-Centered Learning and Engagement

Portland State University
May 20-23, 2008

Come explore and practice proven, multi-disciplinary strategies that will engage your students and transform your teaching and your institution.

For info or to register, visit <http://www.pdx.edu/cae/institute.html>, or contact [Amy Spring](#), Assistant Director of Community-University Partnerships.

Environmental Stewardship Alternative Spring Break

Portland, OR
July 19-25

Working with several organizations in one of the most environmentally progressive cities in the nation, participants will engage in removing, reducing, reusing, and recycling. Partners in this endeavor will be Portland favorites such as The ReBuilding Center, The Nature Conservancy of Oregon, and The No Ivy League. (<http://www.alternativebreaks.org/2008Portland.asp>)

Place-Based Education Institute:

Giving Students a Reason to Learn
August 4-7, 2008
NW Regional ESD, Hillsboro and other regional sites

These four days will be devoted to giving participants an opportunity to listen to educators who have been doing place-based education as well as trying their hand at it themselves. Participants will be invited back to Lewis & Clark in the spring to share their experience using place-based approaches.

For more information go to: www.lclark.edu/dept/ccps/placebasedednw.html

OUT OF STATE EVENTS

2008 ALTERNATIVE BREAK CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS

Break Away: the Alternative Break Connection

Early bird deadline: April 21, 2008

Join the Break Away staff and alternative break leaders from colleges and universities across the country for a week that is sure to enrich your alternative break program and expand your student's leadership potential.

June 21-27 Biloxi, MS Rebuilding Democracy Participants will continue the dedicated work of countless volunteers rebuilding the Gulf Coast, in a unique coupling of actual gutting, clean up, and construction projects in damaged city sections and canvassing neighborhoods to register and encourage voting and civic engagement in particularly underrepresented areas. Our service partners in Biloxi are Hands On Gulf Coast and Voter Registrar.
(<http://www.alternativebreaks.org/2008Biloxi.asp>)

July 19-25 Portland, OR Environmental Stewardship ([see above](#))

Aug 2-8 Cincinnati, OH Poverty and Urban Renewal Poverty and Urban Renewal
As downtown Cincinnati engages in redevelopment and urban renewal projects, life in the neighborhood to the north- the historic Over the Rhine- tells a powerful story of laws, land, and rights of the poor and marginalized. Participant's direct service will span work in soup kitchens, shelters, and community agencies which address the needs and the rights of the homeless or poor—all done with our partners at the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless.
(<http://www.alternativebreaks.org/2008Cincinnati.asp>)

More information visit <http://www.alternativebreaks.org/abcs.asp>

The Fifth Biennial National Conference on Faith-Based Service- Learning: "Building on Our Strengths"

Messiah College, Grantham, PA

Registration deadline: May 1, 2008

May 30-June 1st, 2008

This conference provides an important venue for exploration among diverse faith traditions who frame service-learning and civic engagement in their institutional mission, pedagogy and practice. It offers a chance to faculty and administrators to engage in vibrant dialogue and rigorous reflection.

For more information visit:

http://www.messiah.edu/external_programs/agape/national_conference/

American Democracy Project - National Meeting

June 12 - 14, 2008

Snowbird, Utah

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

After five years of national and campus activity, substantial progress has been made 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@aacu.org, or Jill Gately, 202-478-4668, E-mail, gatelyj@aacu.org

Web site: <http://www.aacu.org/meetings/index.htm>

National Campus Compact Community Service Directors Professional Development Institute

July 28, 2008 through August 1, 2008

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA

Four and a half days of must-have knowledge for new community service and service-learning professionals.

For more information visit: http://www.compact.org/initiatives/csd_institute/

RESOURCES

Invitation to share great service-learning syllabi through the NSLC and Campus Compact

Learn and Serve America's National Service-Learning Clearinghouse is now developing a national, searchable, online database of higher education service-learning syllabi, K-12 lesson plans, and community-based project ideas.

You and your colleagues are invited to submit service-learning syllabi for possible inclusion in this new resource.

For more information go to: www.compact.org/syllabi

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer with Los Embajadores!

Where: Tijuana, Mexico and Vicente Guerrero, Mexico (a small town 5 hours south of TJ)

When: June 1 - August 1, 2008 (4-8 week commitment)

For more information about Los Embajadores, our three Baja Peninsula sites, and volunteer benefits, visit www.losembajadores.org

Interested individuals are encouraged to review the website and then contact the Executive Director, Kathleen McGoey, at 503-806-9575 or by email at director@losembajadores.org <mailto:director@losembajadores.org> .

EMPLOYMENT and INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AASHE Executive Director

The [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](http://www.aashe.org), has initiated an Executive Director search.

Description

Responsible for the leadership and management of a rapidly growing, North American higher education association, including day-to-day operations, fundraising, communications, and programs. The Executive Director will report to the Board of Directors of AASHE, and will work with six full time staff plus student interns. The office is currently located in Lexington, KY with additional staff in Portland, Oregon, Berkeley, CA and Durham, NC.

Review of applications begins in mid-March and will continue until the new executive director is selected. Starting date and salary is negotiable.

Julian Dautremont-Smith, Associate Director, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (610) 349-5994 julian@aaashe.org www.aashe.org

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In case you or your colleagues or doctoral students are looking for a job: *Academic Careers Online*, since 1998, is an academic job site where universities and colleges in the US, Canada, and around the globe, advertise faculty, adjunct, post doc, library, endowed chairs, administrative and senior management jobs.

Contact us at info@academiccareers-job.com

Campus Compact is Seeking Graduate Students for Paid Internships

Campus Compact is currently seeking two graduate students who are familiar with service-learning and interested in working with the Campus Compact staff on projects related to our role as Higher Education Program Advisor to Learn and Serve America's National Service-Learning Clearinghouse. To apply, send a cover letter and resume or CV to jplaut@compact.org. Review of applications will begin on March 28, 2008.

AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Oregon Governor's Volunteer Awards

Nominations due May 8th

Do you know an outstanding volunteer? Do you want to highlight the great work of a volunteer program? Nominate them for the 2008 Oregon Governor's Volunteer Awards.

Categories include: adult, senior, youth, volunteer program, youth volunteer program or group, employee volunteer program and statewide volunteer program.

For more information visit: www.oregonvolunteers.org or call us toll-free 888-353-4483