



## ORCC UPDATE

by **Emily Gilliland, Executive Director**

I write from Atlanta, Georgia and the National Conference on Volunteerism, and Service. This conference brings together over 4,000 folks involved with AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Learn and Serve, service, and volunteering. Just last week I was in Scottsdale at the Community College National Center for Community Engagement conference. It is such an honor to represent Oregon at these types of events. The field looks to our state for inspiration and best practices... the word is out about the amazing community engagement happening in our state! The country is poised for more connection and collaboration. There is no doubt that we will all be presented with an opportunity to expand and deepen our work in the coming year. The current presidential race, for example, offers three candidates who all speak about expanding the civic engagement of students and volunteers. It is an exciting time.

In last month's newsletter I shared our **professional development survey**. If you haven't had a chance to share your voice, it's not too late to fill it out and forward it on to others! The survey will be available until June 15<sup>th</sup> at <https://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/s/2bfgc14>. The results of the survey will drive our offerings in the fall. We need your input. Thanks!

Please join me in wishing well to a few folks who are moving on to new adventures this month. Whether it is retirement, a Fulbright grant, or adventures unknown, these leaders will be missed in our network.

- ◆ Jay Barber, President, Warner Pacific College
- ◆ Cassandra Farrin, Director of Community Service-Learning, Willamette University
- ◆ Tom Frieberg, Director, Moreau Center for Service and Leadership, University of Portland

For many campuses the summer offers a slower pace and maybe even an opportunity to breathe a bit. May you find celebration and rejuvenation in the coming months for the hard work waged during the past year!

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Carnegie Community Engagement Classification](#). Applications due **September 1, 2008**.

[President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#). Applications due **September 23, 2008**.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Our website is evolving thanks to the hard work of our VISTA Leader, Cynthia Harrison! We are migrating the information typically found in our newsletter to our website. The newsletter will be a bit shorter and will offer ORCC updates as well as highlight upcoming deadlines. Please check out our website for current opportunities! If you click on "[Resources](#)" you will see:

- ◆ Call for presentations
- ◆ Discussion Lists and Newsletters
- ◆ Employment/Internships
- ◆ Fellowships and Scholarships
- ◆ Grants
- ◆ Links
- ◆ Recognition and awards
- ◆ Service-Learning Publications

We will be updating the website regularly as we get new resources. In the coming months you will continue to see new functionality including Web 2.0 functionality on our site. Stay tuned.