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## ORCC UPDATE

by **Emily Gilliland, Executive Director**

No one warned me that time passes faster at ORCC... the month of April flew by way too fast! I finally flipped my calendar to April last week and now it is time to flip again!

May and June bring many goodbyes and new beginnings for staff, students, and faculty as graduation ceremonies occupy our weekends. At ORCC we too have a farewell to offer. Teri McKenzie is leaving us after five years.

It is not easy to articulate our appreciation for Teri's dedication and work on behalf of our members. As you will see below, under Teri's watch, ORCC has experienced amazing growth and change. I can ensure that we will be a good steward of the work that Teri has established and look forward to honoring her leadership with continued growth and good work in communities across the state. Please join me in thanking, Teri. She can be reached at [terim@pdx.edu](mailto:terim@pdx.edu).

You will be hearing a lot about our work in the coming months. It will soon be time to talk about a new year of ORCC Membership. I look forward to sharing exciting plans for the coming year. One preview... I just can't help it! ORCC plans to offer on-going trainings and workshops to connect up the expertise within our state as well as bring in national expertise to the state. To assist us with providing topics and formats that are most helpful, will you please take a few minutes to give us your ideas? [This survey](#) will capture thoughts, but if I didn't ask the right questions, please give me a call at 503-725-8140 or send an email ([elg@pdx.edu](mailto:elg@pdx.edu)). For those of you who connect with others on campus, please forward this survey to everyone you can think of. This input will shape our professional development series. If you would like to send out a link to the survey, please send <https://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/s/2bfgc14>.

Please share your events and news with us to share in our monthly Campus Connection newsletters. Newsletter news can be sent to [orcc@pdx.edu](mailto:orcc@pdx.edu).

I look forward to a May filled with campus visits, planning, and connections between our stellar campus partners.

Happy May!

### **Parting Reflections – Teri McKenzie, Program Director**

It is with mixed emotions that I bid farewell to my friends and colleagues. I began my tenure with ORCC five years ago when I was hired to be a part time administrative assistant. Much has changed over these past five years.

Our membership grew from nine member campuses to our current number of 22. We awarded sub-grants to member campuses and faculty with the funding provided by a Learn and Serve America grant. We sponsored several professional development trainings and guest speakers. We successfully launched both the AmeriCorps\* VISTA program and the Students in Service AmeriCorps\* Education Award program. We just held the third annual ORCC Civic Engagement Awards celebration honoring students, faculty and community partners around the state who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to service and service-learning. We hosted two highly successful Campus Compact Western Regional Continuums of Service conferences. We created a website and the monthly e-newsletter Campus Connections. We sponsored various student-focused initiatives including the Students Actively Changing Society conferences, the Raise Your Voice campaign, Get out the Vote campaign, and Martin Luther King Day.

But perhaps what I am most proud of is the incredible network of relationships that has been developed over the years. It is these relationships that have contributed to a growing recognition of the importance and legitimacy of this work in post-secondary education here in Oregon. It has spawned inter-institutional partnerships and opened the door to future collaborations. I believe we are on a path to building an even stronger, more inter-connected network – a true compact!

On a more personal note, I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful and committed individuals. I have forged friendships with people around the state and take heart in knowing that there are such dedicated staff, faculty and students engaged in making the world a better place. You have been a source of inspiration and support throughout the many challenges and changes we have undergone during these past five years.

Looking ahead, I am confident that Emily Gilliland, our new Executive Director, will provide the leadership and support needed to take ORCC to the next level of its development. I wish the best to all of you as you continue on this journey, and thank you for having giving me the opportunity to work with you.

## **VISTA Updates by Cynthia Harrison, ORCC VISTA Leader**

Nothing slows down ORCC VISTAs. They have been hard at work coordinating [Alternative Spring Breaks](#), Global Youth Service Day, and Earth Day activities. Our newest quarterly VISTA newsletter is posted on our website at <http://www.oregoncampuscompact.org/vista.htm>.

Andy Magel, VISTA at Warner Pacific College, applied for and received a \$500 mini-grant from Oregon Volunteers, which quickly manifested into an additional \$3,500 worth of donations to transform the courtyard at SE Portland's Pioneer Special School into a multi-use space, which included a basketball area and hummingbird garden.

Emily Hoffer, VISTA at Portland State University's Center for Academic Excellence, assisted in the coordination of seven service projects throughout NE and SE Portland. With approximately 200 plus community volunteers, the activities varied and encompassed a field trip to the Learning Garden Laboratory, removal of trash from school grounds, art projects such as decorating stepping stones, painting murals indoors and outdoors along with planting flowers and plants.

This is just a sampling of Earth Day and Global Youth Service Day Events on campuses across Oregon. Concordia University, Lane Community College, Lewis and Clark College, Linn-Benton Community College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State, Pacific University, Reed College, Southern Oregon, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Western Oregon, and Willamette University are among others who hosted events or projects on their campuses.

## **IN STATE EVENTS**

### **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.

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### **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>)

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**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](http://www.lclark.edu/dept/ccps/placebasedednw.html)

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**Advanced Volunteer Management Conference: "Diving Deeper, Reaching Higher"**

October 27-29, 2008

Portland, Oregon

Join internationally known volunteer management experts Susan J. Ellis, Rick Lynch, Steve McCurley, Linda Graff, and Martin J. Cowling as they lead you through timely and relevant topics designed for the experienced manager of volunteers. Don't miss this opportunity to gather best practices and develop new skills from the top trainers.

Visit our website at [www.oregonvolunteers.org](http://www.oregonvolunteers.org)

## OUT OF STATE EVENTS

**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/](http://www.messiah.edu/external_programs/agape/national_conference/)

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**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@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/index.htm>

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### **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/](http://www.compact.org/initiatives/csd_institute/)

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### **Save the Date: The 2008 Imaging America Conference**

“Layers of Place, Movements of people: Public Engagement in a Diverse America”  
October 2-4, 2008  
Los Angeles, CA

For more information visit: <http://www.imagingamerica.org/>

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## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

### **2008 International Conference on Service-Learning Engaging Your Campus and the World through International Service- Learning**

**Proposals due: June 1, 2008**

Utah Valley University is hosting an International Service-Learning Conference for campus teams and individuals involved in or interested in international service-learning. Please consider submitting a proposal for the 2008 International Conference on Service-Learning held October 2-3, 2008 at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

Proposal guidelines: <http://www.uvsc.edu/volunteer/Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf>

Please e-mail your submission to [volunteer@uvsc.edu](mailto:volunteer@uvsc.edu) by June 1, 2008.

## INTERNSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Awards Program Intern**

**Deadline: May 1, 2008**

Oregon Volunteers

Objective: Coordinate 2008 Oregon Governor's Volunteer Awards regional and Statewide selection process and assist with event planning.

Submit Resume, Cover Letter (no more than two pages describing your interest in this internship and its relationship to your professional and career goals), and 2 letters of reference.

For more information go to: <http://www.oregonvolunteers.org/>

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### **PolitiCorps**

Calling all college seniors interested in leadership and advocacy work!

Rolling admission until June 6<sup>th</sup>.

PolitiCorps Summer is a political bootcamp consisting of hands-on skills training, innovative public policy intensives, and real-world applications of leadership skills and campaign savvy. PolitiCorps is a place where Fellows learn by doing: they register voters, organize communities, vet public policy white papers, launch media campaigns, and, at the end of the day, make an impact. It's the only program of its kind—a political immersion and leadership training program designed to engage and prepare college students and recent graduates for a broad spectrum of progressive leadership activities. And it's in Oregon! For more information go to the [Bus Project's](#) website or <http://www.politicorps.org/>.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Pacific Lutheran University**

Position: Director of the Center for Public Service

The Director develops the Center's mission, oversees the Center's programs, and facilitates collaboration across campus that forwards the University's mission to educate students for lives of inquiry, service, leadership and care.

Submit university application, cover letter, and resume to: [humr@plu.edu](mailto:humr@plu.edu)

## AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

### **Oregon Governor's Volunteer Awards**

Nominations due May 8<sup>th</sup>

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: <http://www.oregonvolunteers.org/> or call us toll-free 888-353-4483

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### **Grants Honor Community Volunteers: [Reader's Digest Foundation: Make It Matter](#)**

Each month, through 2008, *Reader's Digest* magazine will profile an individual who has made a significant contribution to his or her community. Considering the subject of the selected story, the Foundation will select an appropriate nonprofit organization and grant \$100,000 to that organization in honor of the person featured in the story.

Nominations for the Make It Matter program may be submitted online through the website listed above at any time during the next ten months.