

*Inspire, Champion, and Celebrate  
the talents within each of us*

*American Association for Women in Community Colleges—Oregon Chapter*

*Fall 2016 Newsletter*



## National Conference Comes to Portland!

American Association for Women in Community Colleges  
is pleased to announce our 2016 Conference

**Bridging the  
Leadership Gap**

ACCESS | CHALLENGES | OPPORTUNITIES

**October 26 - 28, 2016**

Mark your calendar and plan now to join us in  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

The national chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges will hold its first national conference right here in Oregon. There are three dynamic keynote speakers and opportunities to choose from a variety of workshops in leadership tracks about communication strategies, work-life balance, power and influence, and executive leadership. The conference is intended to be a leadership development program that will challenge participants, whatever their role is at the college, to focus on behaviors that will strengthen personal effectiveness and leadership skills. Reconnect with colleagues from around the state and make new connections with women from all over the country.

You won't want to miss any of this extraordinary professional development event. It will be held October 26 - 28 at the Doubletree by Hilton (near the Lloyd Center in Portland) beginning with a hosted welcome reception and ending with a special musical performance. To register go to <http://www.aawccnatl.org/national-conference>.



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## President's Message



*Julie Kopet,  
AAWCC Oregon President*

Dear Oregon AAWCC,

Welcome to fall! It is always an exciting time of year for community colleges. Our parking lots fill up, the students show up full of hope and anticipation and our busy lives get busier. As we start a new academic year, I hope you all feel recharged from some relaxing time in the summer.

Our big news this fall is that the National AAWCC Leadership Conference, Bridging the Leadership Gap, will be in Portland October 26 – 28. What a great opportunity for Oregon to show off our beautiful state and host guests from across the country. We have a great line-up of national speakers and presenters. If you haven't registered yet, go to our website and get it done!

We also had a great group at the Oregon Institute of Leadership Development (OILD) in Silver Falls last June. Our next year's dates will be June 19 – 22, 2017. If you haven't attended, be sure to watch for applications early spring.

Our summer conference, Communication for Understanding, was at the beautiful Salishan resort and was a great professional development event for the attendees.

We continue to work hard to change women's lives through education, leadership development and support for our members whatever their role is in the college. Our mission is to inspire, champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us.

Have a great term!

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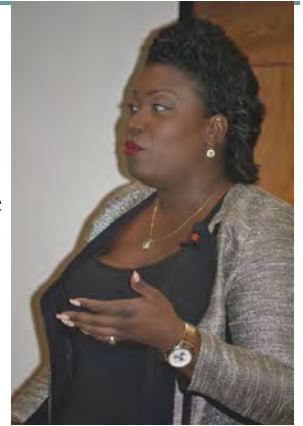
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## *Communication for Understanding - AAWCC Summer Conference 2016*



*Chabre Vickers,  
Keynote Speaker*

Once again, the AAWCC Summer Conference was held at the beautiful Salishan Lodge and Resort in Gleneden Beach. Over one hundred community college women came together to gain knowledge of how to communicate effectively in a variety of settings.



*2016 Summer Conference attendees*

Speakers included Anne Marie Levis from Funk/Levis & Associates with a 10-point checklist for better communication; Pam Akini from Clackamas Community College on understanding your CORE communication style; and Chabre Vickers from Portland Community College on how effective communication widens equity conversations on campuses. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next summer conference on July 20, 2017.

## *Oregon Institute for Leadership Development*



Women from community colleges throughout Oregon attended the 24th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development on June 20 - 23, 2016. For four days, they participated in activities that allowed them to learn more about themselves and their leadership values while experiencing the natural beauty of Silver Falls State Park and Conference Center. The institute provided positive leadership development and connected women with community college executives and

administrators from all over the state. Here are some of the overwhelmingly positive comments from the evaluations:

“The OILD experience exceeded my expectations. I felt the conference was laid out in such a way that everyone felt welcomed, safe, and encouraged to express themselves and their opinion.”

“I was hesitant to attend, and I have never in my life attended something with a group of this size and shared so many positive things. And so many laughs. Loved the connections and friends.”

“I enjoyed sharing best practices, hiking, meeting so many amazing women, and feeling like I can now approach some of these higher ups for advice.”

“This was an incredible experience for me. I would definitely recommend it to all!”

If you have not attended OILD in the past, be sure to look for the application process at your college next year. Applications are due to AAWCC-Oregon in April.



# Campus Connections

Share what’s going on at your campus with other women around the state. Inquiries go out to campus contacts twice a year for submissions to the newsletters. To get your chapter and campus news in the publication, contact AAWCC-Oregon VP of Communications, Donna Zmolek at [zmolekd@lanecc.edu](mailto:zmolekd@lanecc.edu). Photos are always welcome, too!

## Chemeketa Community College

By Lynn Irvin

Chemeketa Community College’s AAWCC Chapter had some fun over the summer! We held a paint night party at Amadeus restaurant in downtown Salem on August 10. The painting was entitled Beach Chair Bliss. Seventeen women participated and several of us entered our paintings in the High Voltage Art Collaboration employee art show that is held during September inservice.



On the morning of September 8, we welcomed the fall season with coffee and cookies. It was a casual drop in session where we had flyers and pictures from past events and info about the fall conference and upcoming events. It was really well attended. Coffee in the morning is a great draw!

We have two upcoming activities. On October 1, our chapter will have a team participating in the Discover Pink Walk that begins on the steps of the capitol building. Funds raised from the walk are used to help provide free mammograms to women

along with other services. It has become a tradition for the team to go have lunch afterward.

Also in October, we will offer another speaker in our popular Remarkable Women speaker series. Michele Dishong McCormack, an instructor at Chemeketa, will talk about her time spent as a congressional intern in Washington DC. We think this will tie in nicely with elections coming up in November. We usually schedule the speakers during the lunch hour and sell soup and a roll for \$3.



## *Campus Connections (Continued)*

### ***Rogue Community College By Bonnie Glidewell***

The Rogue Community College (RCC) Chapter of American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) was re-established at RCC in 2000 to encourage professional development for women; support women in leadership roles; develop communication amongst women; and disseminate information on courses, programs and services for professional women.



AAWCC-RCC supports the RCC Foundation by providing funding for scholarships and program support. Typically, we raise over three thousand dollars a year and fund at least two student scholarships. We sponsor a handful of fundraising events. On October 18-20, both Redwood and Riverside Campuses will be host the Bi-Annual Clothing Sale where items are sold for only one dollar! This event also takes place in April. Coming up on December 15, AAWCC-RCC will hold our Winter Retreat in Central Point. We have a wonderful line-up of guest speakers including the new president, a dean panel, and Dr. Robin Miller. The theme is “Healthy New Beginnings.”

### ***Southwestern Oregon Community College By Deb Nicholls***

Southwestern Chapter has been busy sponsoring students traveling to Alabama for a Habitat for Humanity, raising awareness for pancreatic cancer, kicking off a new speaker series, supporting Red Nose Day, organizing various social events and fundraisers which included the resurrection of our Wine Tour this summer. We are also very proud to share that one of our students was one of only six in the nation that received the national AAWCC Scholarship!



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