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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

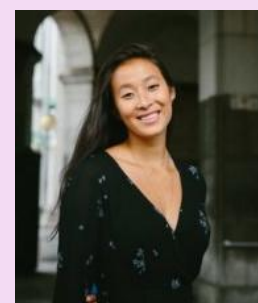
AAWCC FALL CONFERENCE ***Facing the Future, Together***

November 8-9, 2018
Embassy Suites, Tigard, OR

This year's Fall Conference will be held November 8 and 9, 2018, at Embassy Suites in Tigard, Oregon. Keynote speakers will be Adrienne Ochs, GED Administrator for the State of Oregon, and Nadya Okamoto, Founder and Executive Director of PERIOD, the largest youth-run NGO in women's health. The conference will also feature a leadership panel--with recent AAWCC Oregon award winners--and breakout sessions focusing on technology, personal enrichment, and practical workday applications.

Cost of the conference is \$250. Make your hotel reservations by calling the Tigard Embassy Suites by October 17 for the discounted rate.

For more information, see our website at <http://www.aawccoregon.org/fall-conference/>.



Nadya Okamoto



Dr. Adrienne Ochs

President's Message

I hope your summer was filled with lovely memory-making activities. It seems that fall equals a flurry of activities in the community college world; and here we are, finding ourselves in the midst of it! I want to thank you for being part of this organization and for your continued interest in our events. The Oregon chapter of AAWCC has one big priority for the coming year. We want to help you grow professionally! Here is what we have planned.

The annual Fall Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites at Washington Square in Tigard on November 7-9. The theme is Facing the Future - Together. We have two fabulous keynoters and a leadership panel lined up. We will be holding a silent auction at the conference, and are always in need of items, such as jewelry, gift baskets, handmade arts and crafts, and holiday decorations. All proceeds raised go to scholarships to help others attend AAWCC Oregon professional development opportunities. We are also looking for sponsors. If your college or if you know a business that would like to help sponsor breakfast or lunch, please let me know!



*Lynn Irvin,
AAWCC Oregon
President*

The Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD) will be held June 24-27, 2019. This is a four-day deep dive into leadership. Enrollment is limited. Each community college has a selection process beginning in early spring.

Check out our statewide mentoring program. A new cohort will be starting soon, and applications are being accepted now! We need both mentors and mentees.

Please support the mission of this great organization to inspire, champion and celebrate the talents within each of us by attending a conference or applying for an opportunity as a workshop presenter, a mentor or mentee, or attending OILD. Grow your professional self! I would love to hear from you. Call or email me at lynn.irvin@chemeketa.edu or 503.399.5012. Let's connect!

Nominations Sought for Leadership Awards

In the spirit of recognizing and celebrating the talents of women all around Oregon, The AAWCC-Oregon Board is accepting nominations for the prestigious 2018 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award and the Community College Excellence Awards. Nominations are now being accepting through October 27, 2018.

Please visit our website for more information:
<http://www.aawccoregon.org/awards/>. The recipient of either award does not need to be a member of AAWCC to receive the award.



2017 DesJardins Winner Deb Nicholls with Lynn Irvin and Patty Scott

Campus Connections

Rogue Community College By Angel Woods

The AAWCC Rogue Community College Chapter invites all AAWCC members to our Annual Winter Retreat held December 13, 2018 in Grants Pass, Oregon for a fun-filled day of networking and professional development. We have arranged for Diane Allen to speak on *Owning Your A-Game: Fulfilling Your Potential* as well as presenting a workshop on *How to Be Convincing*. Our 2018 Oregon Institute of Leadership Development attendees will present on their experience and share how they grew.

In July, three of our members attended the AAWCC-Oregon summer conference. They really enjoyed the speakers and networking with women from around Oregon. Pam Green and Angel Woods were on a panel of speakers for their participation in the Mentorship Program. Tamara Adams loved refreshing some of the connections she made with other community college women at OILD this year. For more information about this event, please contact Tamara Adams at 541-956-7190 or tadams@rogucecc.edu.



AAWCC-RCC Winter Retreat Announcement



Pam Green, Angel Woods, and Tamara Adams at AAWCC Summer Conference



Tamara Adams and Svetlana Gamble at OILD

Tamera Adams and Svetlana Gamble attended OILD 2018 this year. Tamara said, "The greatest experience was listening to the stories from community college presidents and deans on their paths to leadership."

We hold several events during the year to add funds to our endowed student scholarship, program support, and professional growth funds. AAWCC-RCC had another successful year selling flowers and water at the 2018 GED and Commencement ceremonies in June. The organization made \$1,019.50.

In April, we teamed up with other Earth Day events and put a twist on our clothing sales. We encouraged recycling through donations and reusing through purchasing clothing and accessories. The event was held on two of our three campuses raising \$1,376.31. The clothes are all donated by college staff as well as members of our community. This builds relations between the college and our community. It is key to advertise in advance. We use services such as Craigslist, Facebook, Instagram, and our Chamber of Commerce calendar as well as sending out an announcement to the media and community partners. Clothing not sold is donated to a local community charity.

This year, we awarded two scholarships for \$1,000 each. We post our scholarship recipients thank you letters on our website.



AAWCC-RCC Spring Clothing Sale

Chemeketa Community College **By Lynn Irvin**

Congratulations to Chemeketans Jess Stahl and Cathy Straight Martell who attended the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development in June. They were selected from a record number of applicants this year!



Vision Boarding

Chemeketa's Chapter of AAWCC sponsored two of our popular Remarkable Women speakers and lunches over the summer. In June, Dr. Suzanne Deschamps from Kaiser Permanente spoke about the new standards for women's health and in July, Briana Stansbury from Portland Community College spoke about vision boarding. Both sessions were held during the lunch hour, and soup and a roll were available for \$3. Drinks and cookies were provided for all who attended.

On October 30, we will celebrate the new academic year with a welcome back coffee and cookies. It was a casual drop-in event with flyers and pictures from past events and info about the Fall Conference and upcoming events. Coffee in the morning is a great way to start off fall term and spread the word about AAWCC activities!

Our chapter was pleased to award two student scholarships this year! Congratulations Estela and Ashley! They were honored at the college STARS event for scholarship recipients.



Chemeketa Scholarship Recipients

OREGON INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Twenty-two women from Oregon community colleges attended the 27th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD) last June at the Silver Falls Conference Center. OILD provides positive leadership development and connected women with community college executives and administrators from all over the state while experiencing the natural beauty of Silver Falls State Park. 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.



2018 OILD Leaders



Under the waterfall at Silver Falls

Success Through Community at AAWCC Summer Conference

Last summer's conference was definitely a success last July with attendees from colleges all over the state at the beautiful Salishan Lodge and Resort. Speakers included Senitila McKinley, who shared her experience of moving to the United States and the challenges of adapting to language, cultural, and governmental differences. Lisa Davidson from Clackamas Community College spoke on team building and what it means to be a part of a cohesive, supportive and productive unit. In the afternoon, we heard from participants of AAWCC's mentorship program and learned more about the program and what it can do for our members.



Mentorship Panel



*Senitila McKinley
and Lisa Davidson*

Meet our newest AAWCC-Oregon board members!

Kristina Holton, Dean of Science, Engineering and Mathematics at Linn-Benton Community College is our new Vice President of Membership and Social Media. Kristina worked previously at Lane Community College and taught math at both the middle and high school levels. She has great enthusiasm and passion for the work we do within community colleges and a strong drive to help students succeed in achieving their goals and dreams. Kristina's involvement with AAWCC has grown over the past two years, and she is excited to share her strengths as a new member to the board. Outside of work, Kristina enjoys spending time with her husband, two daughters, and friends. She's working on completing her doctoral studies, and when she finds a few spare moments, she bakes. Kristina has an affinity towards watches, even though she won't tell anyone just how many she has in her collection!



*Kristina Holton, VP
Membership and
Social Media*



*Lisa Fletcher Gordon,
VP Records*

Lisa Fletcher Gordon, our new Vice President of Records, has been in numerous positions for the last twenty-one years at Southwestern Oregon Community College. She worked at the Small Business Community Center, the Office of Instruction, the Outreach Office and the Coos County Library Services before settling in Human Resources where she has been for the last fifteen years. One of her favorite things about working in Human Resources is getting to know all of the great employees at Southwestern. Coming from a large family, Lisa enjoys being around a lot of people and keeping busy. Lisa has been a member of the Core Committee, the Wellness Committee, and AAWCC, as well as the local Coos County Health and Wellness Committee. In her spare time, Lisa likes to camp and enjoy the great outdoors and loves spending time with her four kids and five grandchildren.

If you have items for future newsletters, please e-mail VP of Communications, Donna Zmolek, at zmolekd@lanecc.edu. Women around the state want to know what's happening on your campus!

