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Message from the President

Wow! It’s hard to believe that September is here already. Where did summer go? As I look around campus these days I see lots of activity... football season is here again and students will be arriving in just a few short weeks. The PFLA Executive Board has been active this summer reviewing last year’s activities and creating new opportunities for the coming academic year.

It is the mission of PFLA to provide development, support, and networking opportunities for professional faculty and as your President this year I am committed to upholding this mission and getting to know all of our members better so we can keep the organization moving in the right direction. This year’s executive board is planning to accomplish these goals through our monthly meetings, professional development opportunities and social events. As you can see in this newsletter we have some really exciting monthly meeting topics and we are very proud to be bringing Steve Hanamura to campus for a full-day workshop in October. And as always we have our annual President’s Reception scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at the home of President and Mrs. Ray. If you haven’t already, I encourage you to visit our website at http://oregonstate.edu/groups/pfla/ and sign up to become a member. This is a year you won’t want to miss!

“Our Heroes” Award

PFLA’s “Our Heroes” Award recognizes an Oregon State University colleague or a group of colleagues for excellence in their workplace at OSU. Once each month, PFLA presents a token of appreciation to an extraordinary person or group on campus or within OSU state wide thanking them for their efforts.

Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis and a recipient will be chosen by the PFLA awards committee. Nominations received will remain active for consideration throughout the term of the incumbent board. Candidates must be nominated by PFLA members, but you do not have to be a member to be one of “our heroes”. The “Our Hero” nomination form is available on-line at http://oregonstate.edu/groups/pfla/our-heroes-award and may be submitted any time during the year.

Each recipient will receive a certificate and flowers while a photographer captures the happy occasion in a photo to appear in OSU This Week. “Our Heroes” provides PFLA members with an opportunity to support and acknowledge the professionalism of OSU staff, while highlighting the importance of others’ work and excellence in service.
Hale will discuss ways to improve your volunteer experiences and make sure your charitable gifts go for their intended purposes.

Dan will discuss common violations for student conduct and how they are addressed at OSU. OSU has a unique model that is considered one of the best practices. He will also discuss resources that are available for faculty and staff to assist them in working with Distressed and Disruptive Students.

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OSU Catering will supply samples of their current and new items for our luncheon enjoyment. Shop for holiday gifts by bidding on donated items. Proceeds will be used to benefit PFLA members with additional professional development opportunities.

September 12, 2007
MU 211 Successful Giving & Volunteering
Jeff Hale – Director of Liberal Studies/Assistant Dean CLA
Hale will discuss ways to improve your volunteer experiences and make sure your charitable gifts go for their intended purposes.

October 3, 2007
MU 211 OSU Conduct Model
Dan Schwab – Director, Student Conduct and Mediation
Dan will discuss common violations for student conduct and how they are addressed at OSU. OSU has a unique model that is considered one of the best practices. He will also discuss resources that are available for faculty and staff to assist them in working with Distressed and Disruptive Students.

November 7, 2007
MU 213 One Laptop per Child
Jan Dolan – Network Engineer, Information Services
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December 5, 2007
Arnold Gold Room – Holiday Luncheon/ Silent Auction
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January 9, 2008
MU 211 Austin Entrepreneurship Program
Chris Klemm – Director, AEP
Chris will present a program detailing the AEP program - what is new, the goals of the program as well as the successes and challenges.

February 6, 2008
MU 211 Gender Inclusive Housing
Cindy Empev – Director of Residential Life
Cindy will provide an update on the new UHDS initiative of Gender Inclusive Housing. We will learn how and why it was introduced and the successes of the program.

March 5, 2008
MU 211 Negotiating Skills
Jeri Hemmer – Associate Director for Employment and Labor Relations
Jeri will discuss communication tools which will assist individuals in reaching win/win situations in the work life as well as personal life.

April 2, 2008
MU 211 Relationship Building Discussion
Curt Pederson – Vice Provost for IS
A panel will meet to discuss how to build will also be applicable to personal lives as well.

May 7, 2008
MU 211 Guide Dogs/OSU Campus
Nora Harrison – Author: “Dear Kilroy – A Dog to Guide Us”
Nora has written a book “Dear Kilroy – A Dog to Guide Us” and she will discuss her journey with the guide dog program. Discussion will also center on how guide dogs are part of the OSU campus.

June 4, 2008
Arnold Gold Room – Year End Celebration

All times for the luncheon session are noon – 1 p.m.
You are welcome to bring your lunch with you.