

The Cultivator

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Students Educating and Encouraging Diversity and Success

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Introducing B.R.I.D.G.E.S.



From left: Staff members Ammra Tan, Luke Sugie, and Miao Zan at the Connect Week Fun Fair.

Last year the Student Involvement P.R.I.D.E. team helped organize, plan, coordinate and lead multiple events on campus. They became a central point of valuable information and helped to get the word out about getting involved with student organizations. While we are proud of their accomplishments and our goals are very similar, we have decided, as a new team with new faces to change our name.

We are now known as the Student Involvement B.R.I.D.G.E.S. Team. This acronym was chosen by the new team members during the training and helps to spell out what we hope to accomplish this year.

B.R.I.D.G.E.S.: Building, Respected, Involved, Diverse, Groups, Encouraging, Success.

In future issues we will introduce you to our new members so you can become more acquainted with the diversity we hope to be able to offer to your organization.

It is our hope to continue building our relationship with student organizations. We are looking forward to meeting everyone and making the most out of this year at Oregon State.

New Year Means New Faces

Welcome back everybody to another great school year at OSU. I, like many others, am sad to see the summer go and the rain come, but I'm also excited for what the new school year will bring. The multitude of activities that have already occurred on campus has helped me remember why OSU is such a great place to be.

The Cultivator is a newsletter focused on student fee funded organizations. It is published twice a month and articles are written by members of the Student Involvement BRIDGES team. It includes highlights of upcoming and past events to keep your group informed about what other organizations are doing to make this campus a better place. It also contains helpful hints to help develop your organization.

As you know fall term is a prime time to begin recruitment for your organization. New and returning students are eager to get involved on campus, but many of them are unaware of the opportunities OSU has to offer.

In this issue of the Cultivator we hope to give you some information and tips on how to get your organization's information out to the campus community and recruit those new members for the upcoming year.

The Super Eight

Oh yes, it is the moment you have all been waiting for! The Cultivator and the Super 8 have returned at last! So you can stop crying yourself to sleep at night, and put the old editions away that you have been reading and re-reading to try to fill that gap, because here it is! A brand new edition, created just for you and your start to a brand new school year. We all know what the start of a new school year brings... that's right, thousands of brand new students just dying to get involved. Many of them want to get involved, but just don't know how, or don't know what group they would like to be involved with. So now it is up to you to recruit! So here they are, the Super 8 ways to recruit new members to your student org to help you along during these first few action-packed weeks.

1. Be visible. Set up a booth in the Quad, or put up posters advertising your meetings. Get your name out there, and right next to your name, put the time and place of your regular meetings. Simply reading the name of a group along with a list of several hundred others won't make students want to join. But seeing you and other members of your organization out and about on campus will.

2. Be inclusive. During events that your group is putting on, let people know what your group is up to, and take advantage of your captive audience to advertise. They will have just witnessed the wonderful things that you have accomplished with all of your hard work and many of them are probably thinking to themselves "Wow! This group seems like a lot of fun, is there any way that I can get involved?" Making a quick plug including the time and place that you meet will only take a minute, and could get you some awesome new members.

3. Be pro-active. Sometimes students will come to you looking for ways to get involved. Often, however, they do not. Invite a neighbor, co-worker, or study partner to check out your organiza-

tion and see what you guys are up to.

4. Take advantage of the Cultivator. Just call Student Involvement at (541) 737-2101 to get an announcement placed in the next edition of the Cultivator advertising your weekly meetings.

5. Be creative. Think of new ways to grasp students' attention and get them interested in your organization. Wear t-shirts with the meeting times advertised, or put eye-catching flyers up around campus, anything to get noticed and raise awareness about your group.

6. Work with the University. Get in touch with a department on campus, or a class that may have something to do with the work of your organization. See if they will help you to inform students about the opportunity to work with you and your group.

7. Utilize your own members. Remind everyone at your next meeting to bring a friend along that maybe isn't aware of all of the great work that you do. Invite the study partner, coworker, or neighbor that doesn't even know that you are in an organization, and let them learn more about you and what you accomplish on campus.

8. Finally, take what you can get, and be happy with it. Now, allow me to explain this one. There are many freshman who are so overwhelmed with all of the changes of beginning college that they just can't throw themselves into an organization. They have to get settled, figure out classes, and cooking for themselves, and all of the other challenges that come along the way. Don't expect everyone you meet to automatically be willing to put all of their time and energy into this. Instead, invite them to come to meetings whenever they can, or just come to an event or volunteer to cook with you once in a while. With time, this student will be able to put more of themselves into the organization, but don't expect it to happen all at once.

The Rainbow Continuum

Take a look at the OSU Student Involvement brochure or check it out online at <http://oregonstate.edu/getinvolved>, and you will be amazed at the vast numbers of student organizations that are available to you. Now if you take a closer look under the Political/Social Awareness category, you will find an organization called Rainbow Continuum waiting to be discovered. This active student group provides social and personal support for the LGBTQQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and allied) students. Rainbow Continuum is dedicated to creating awareness about the LGBTQQIA community through various educational cam-

paigns, social events and activities. The annual events include a drag competition, held at the end of October, to celebrate Queer History Month. Rainbow Continuum is also responsible for the ever so popular and much loved annual drag show during Queer Pride Week in the spring.

This particular academic year will mark Rainbow Continuum's 30th anniversary on campus. So come show your support for the Rainbow Continuum at their weekly meeting -- Monday at 7:00pm in the Women's Center. You can also visit and mingle with the Rainbow Continuum members at their new office located at the Pride Center.



Hunger is the silent epidemic that affects everyone in our community. Last year, the United States Department of Agriculture ranked Oregon as the eighth worst state in the nation for the prevalence of outright hunger. One out of every six families in Linn and Benton counties must depend on food from an emergency food pantry at least once each year. Moreover, Corvallis students deeply feel the helplessness of hunger; they are over fourteen percent of those receiving emergency food stamps in Benton County as opposed to the state average of students being only three percent of the total. Through the exploration of the Escape Hunger program over spring term of 2005, we identified a direct need for a meal support program on the campus of Oregon State University.

The goal of the Escape hunger program first and foremost is to help meet the needs of those students

Lets Escape Hunger at OSU

who are in situations of hunger and poverty within our community. Through proper implementation of the program we will not only help meet the needs of these individuals but also engage our community emotionally and intellectually as we address the issues of hunger and poverty that affect us as a whole. This is an integral part of our long term vision for OSU students in the fight against hunger and poverty as future leaders of our world. The goal of the University is to provide access to all students. This program is another way in which we can support students and provide them access to a secondary higher education.

The Escape Hunger program will be serving food between the hours of 11:30 and 1:30pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is open to all Oregon State students, and we encourage those students who could really use the help to stop by and take advantage of this opportunity. Not only is the Escape Hunger Program there to serve the students of OSU, but also to provide a great volunteer opportunity for members of campus. For more information about the program please contact Michael Olson at asosu.committees@oregonstate.edu.

Cultivator Announcements

Important Dates

October 23rd - The 3rd Annual Beaver Fever Duathlon – The Duathlon is put on by OSU Triathlon Club and the event starts at 8:30 AM at Philomath Middle School. The event consists of a 5k run / 18.1 mile road bike ride or a 5k run / 12 mile mountain bike ride and may be completed by individuals or relay teams. For more information go to oregonstate.edu/groups/triclub/du/

November 1st- National American Indian Heritage Month – The term “American Indian” incorporates hundreds of different tribes and approximately 250 languages. Beginning as Native American Awareness Week, this celebration has grown and in 1990 President George Bush declared the month of November as American Indian Heritage Month.

November 11th- Kwanzaa Celebration – First celebrated on December 26, 1966; the festival of Kwanzaa was created in the United States by scholar and cultural activist Dr. Maulana Karenga. Kwanzaa was patterned after harvest festivals in Africa and derives its name from the Swahili phrase *matunda ya kwanza*, meaning “first fruit”. Kwanzaa is a nondenominational celebration that all will surely enjoy.

Opportunities Available

OSU SMILE Program - Make a difference in a child's life! The SMILE Program is looking for Mentors for our spring events. We provide underserved Oregon students in grades 4 - 12 with science and math opportunities to encourage them to attend college. Mentors will work with teams of students to help promote problem solving, teamwork, and a sense of community. For more information, please contact Dani Marlette, SMILE GA, at dani.marlette@smile.oregonstate.edu or 1-541-737-9265.

Attention!!! If you would like to have an announcement in the Cultivator please be sure to let us know. Send an e-mail with your information to si.events@oregonstate.edu .

If you have any questions or concerns give us a call at (541) 737-2101 or stop by Student Involvement at 149 Snell Hall/MU East.