

# Student Enrichment Program

**WESTERN OREGON  
UNIVERSITY**

Winter 2007



## Mark your calendars to experience WOU “Beyond the Classroom”

Are you looking for something more from your college experience? Have you ever wanted to study in a foreign country? Tell future students about WOU? Serve a community? Here's your opportunity to learn all about the wonderful opportunities Western has beyond the classroom.

From 1 - 3:30pm on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a variety of presenters in the APSC Lower Lounge to inform you of some wonderful opportunities. This is your chance to get informed and make educated decisions about which opportunities you would most enjoy. Presenters will speak on the following: Study Abroad, Service Learning, Alternative Break trips, PLUS team, Advocates, Camp Adventure, Peer Mentors, Diversity Peer Educators, Resident Assistants, ASWOU, RHA, National Student Exchange, Leadership Certificate program, Financial Aid and more.

If you haven't heard about any of these programs, or want to learn more, make a point to stop by!



## Dare to Dream

In memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. we have a poster in our office titled “Dare to Dream”. We encourage all of you to design your own star with your own dream and add it to our display. The poster will be up until Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>. It's a small but simple way to recognize that all

our dreams are important and if we continue to work toward them we'll be honoring our own lives as well as the life of MLK. Thank you to everyone who has the courage to share their dreams.

## Grant Aid applications are now available

Applications for supplemental grant aid for SEP students, who are actively participating in our program's services, are available at the SEP front desk. Grants up to \$500 will be made available for SEP students who meet the following conditions:

- ◆ Complete Grant Aid application and required essays
- ◆ A participant who is in their first or second year of collegiate studies
- ◆ A participant who is currently receiving a Pell grant
- ◆ A participant who has completed, or will complete, at least two SEP courses with a grade of C or higher by the end of this year
- ◆ A participant who meets at least twice per term with their SEP advisor and makes frequent use of SEP resources

Supplemental grant aid is available specifically to help reduce the loan burden acquired by students to meet their college expenses or to address their unmet financial need. If you are interested in applying, see your SEP advisor or Sheree at the front desk. Grant aid applications are due by 5 p.m., March 23<sup>rd</sup> and grants will be distributed by the end of the 2007 Spring term.

## Intern to work in SEP during Winter term

Gretchen Jewett, an OSU graduate student in College Student Services Administration, will be participating in an internship Winter term in the SEP office. She will be splitting her time between the SEP and Upward Bound offices learning about the student populations our programs serve, providing additional assistance to our staff, and observing college life in a different context from her own experience. Gretchen graduated from Whitman College, a small, private liberal arts college in eastern Washington and taught for a couple of years through Americorps following her graduation. She started her graduate program at OSU last term.



Gretchen loves to hike and camp along the coast, enjoys exploring tide pools, reading, cooking and playing games with friends. Her favorite place is Big Sur, California.

Gretchen plans to be at WOU on Thursdays and will be using the SEP student cubicle throughout the Winter term. Please introduce yourself to Gretchen when you have the opportunity and welcome her into the SEP family.



## Congratulations to our graduates!

Danielle Blanchett

Sarah Cole

Zane Graser

Teresa Karner

Maria Lemus

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## Calling All Seniors!

If you are graduating this year we're asking you to stop by the office to get your photo taken and fill out a quick questionnaire. We're trying to collect senior photos and information for our TRiO Day celebration this spring. We would like a picture of every graduating senior so we can recognize this important accomplishment and time in your life. There's no need to make an appointment. Just stop by when it's convenient and let us know that you're here to take your photo for TRiO Day.



## Summer Bridge Peer Advisor Applications are in!

If you're looking for a wonderful way to get involved and give back to SEP, this is your chance. Summer Bridge is a week long orientation for new SEP students the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have approximately 30 SEP freshman living in the resident halls, getting to know the "ins and outs" of the campus and making connections with other new students. The Peer Advisors are responsible for living with the students throughout the week as well as planning and attending various activities and programs. We are looking for a variety of student advisors who can be good role models, are looking for a leadership opportunity and who want to help support students' transition into college life. This is a wonderful opportunity to play an important role and leave a lasting impression on 30 students' college experiences. You can pick-up an application today at the front desk. Applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Student  
Spotlight:  
Michael  
Coleman**

If you don't recognize the name Michael Coleman, chances are you'll recognize his face. Michael has been on Western's

campus for about 10 years through his studies and work with the Rainbow Dance Theater, headed by Darryl Thomas and Valerie Bergman. It took Michael some time before he realized that dance was a passion he could translate into his academic and professional career. He started WOU as a Law Enforcement major then changed to Computer Science. In 1999 he met Darryl Thomas and started to dance for Rainbow Dance, which has played an important role in his college and professional career.

Now he is looking forward to graduating this spring with a Dance major and Health minor. As far as advice for other students, he's most grateful for his time management skills. When all his activities (tutoring, teaching, studying and dancing) start to pile up on him, he writes them down and uses daily reminders on his Sidekick to stay organized.

His favorite thing about WOU is the people. He said he felt immediately accepted by faculty, staff and peers. He also loves the Christmas Tree Lighting, it is a highlight in his year. Michael re-joined SEP two years ago. He describes SEP as a place for him to relax during his hectic days and to get useful advisement with his LACCs.

Michael is an inspiring student because of his contagious optimism and determination. He has good reason to be optimistic. He recently got engaged to Karissa Loughridge and they plan to get married April 28, 2007. Dance will always be an important part of his life. After he graduates he plans to continue to dance professionally as well as teach and choreograph. There's no question that whatever path he chooses it'll be filled with wonderful successes. If you'd like to see Michaels' talents first-hand, make plans to attend the Spring Dance Concert, May 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. You won't be disappointed.

## Thank You from SEP!

**Michael Hampton**

**Don Thomson**

**Ryan West**

**Yvonne Chandler**

**Chris Solario**

**Career Development and Service Learning  
Office**

**Jon Tucker**

**Craig Wimmer**

**Scott Perfect**

**Judy Turner**

**Karen Sullivan-Vance**

**Katherine Schmidt**

**Cornelia Paraskevas**

**Jerry Braza**

**Mickey Pardew**

**Roseann Kendall**

**Nick Backus**

**Amanda Blaker**

**Rob Winningham**



## FAFSA Workshop: Priority deadline is January 31st

Are you confused by the FAFSA application process? Do you have questions about your application? Would you like HELP completing your application for the 2007-2008 school year? Then this workshop is for **you!** Plan to join Jessica Heintz from the Financial Aid office and SEP staff on Thursday, January 18th from 3:30 - 4:30 in the APSC Lower Lounge.

## Upcoming Cultural Events

January 11 - Tears of Joy Theatre presents the puppetry production of **"The Reluctant Dragon"**. Come find out what happens when a dragon moves into the neighborhood. Join us in Rice Auditorium at 7:30pm.

February 15 - Boston Brass provides entertainment with blistering precision. The fun and emotion exhibited from this group is uniquely infectious and keeps audiences on their feet. Come join the fun in Rice Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

March 1-9 - WOU Theater presents "Henry V". William Shakespeare's story of the awakening of a young



## A Hawaiian Escape!

Aloha! Tired of cold, gray winter weather? Then come bask in the warm glow of friendship and fun on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11-1 in the WOLF Lounge. Our very own SEP seniors Kaleka Kukahiko and Shantya Jackson will teach us how to make leis and dance the Hula.

"Tropics in a Cup" and the sweet sounds of Hawaiian music will be provided. Hawaiian attire is welcomed and encouraged if you have it. See you there for the next best thing to an island escape. Mahalo!

## Change to Policy Regarding Cultural Event Tickets

SEP is proud to be able to offer tickets to cultural events such as WOU Theatre productions, the Smith Fine Arts Series, dinners and lectures to our students at no cost. Recently, tickets have been picked up from the SEP office, but not used by students, which is detrimental to our program for several reasons. First, it means that students who actually wanted to attend could not and secondly, the tickets were paid for regardless of whether they were used or not.

We understand that things come up and schedules change, but this activity has forced us to adopt a stricter policy concerning cultural event tickets. From this point on, if a student requests a ticket and later determines that they are not able to attend the function, the ticket must be returned to SEP at least 24 hours (one business day) prior to the scheduled event to allow us to find another individual to use the ticket. Failure to do so will result in the student not being able to request tickets the remainder of the term, or longer at the discretion of the director.

We look forward to being able to continue to offer this service to our students. If you have any questions, please stop by the SEP office or talk with your SEP advisor.



## A Fabulous Opportunity to visit OHSU!

Interested in pursuing a career in medicine, healthcare, science, engineering or biomedical research? Then this is for YOU! The OHSU Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs is inviting you to a day-long conference on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at the Oregon Health Sciences University in order to introduce you to their educational programs, faculty, facilities and resources. Their goal is to educate and prepare you on how to be competitive for admittance into these challenging programs and to increase your chances for success. The conference has a limited capacity, is on a first come first serve basis and you must register in advance no later than February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great opportunity so don't pass it up! See your SEP advisor ASAP for further information and assistance with registration. SEP will provide transportation. Morning and afternoon snacks and a conference luncheon are provided by OHSU. Maybe we'll even get to ride the new tram!

**On A Roll**  
*Recognizing Student Accomplishments*

**Honor Roll**

Maria Acosta	Ilce Aquirre-Rodriguez	Jennifer Beller	Shawn Christopher
<b>* Stephanie Clements</b>	Michael Coleman	Anastasia Dancer	Brittany Dunlap
Ashley Erb	Francine Evien	Beth Fleisher	Ingrid Garber
Tiffany Hendrix	<b>* Kathy Holmes</b>	Nancy Ibarra	Shantya Jackson
<b>* Dylan Jones</b>	Teresa Karner	Kaleka Kukahiko	<b>* Sandra LaChance</b>
Omar Melchor-Ayala	Mallory Migliaccio	Nancy Muñoz	Karla Neuschwander
Courtney Olson	Renita Penunuri	Tashia Pettyjohn	Kristty Polanco
Alyssa Pratt	Sarah Pratt	Oneste Robert	Ronda Roberts
Justine Rosenlof	Timothy Ross	Kyle Rossi	Ahtira Rucker
<b>* Kao Saechao</b>	Cristal Sandoval	Alex Sfetku	<b>* Chuck Skinner</b>
Amber Thronas	Gus Townson Jr.	<b>* Tina Trinh</b>	<b>* Michael Waller</b>

**\*President's List - 4.0 GPA**

**On A Roll**

Undra Adams	Blanca Aguirre	Shauna Alloway	Laura Boateng
Keith Broyles	Amy Burger	Nicolas Clark	Travis Dillingham
Brandon Drury	Ashleigh Elenz	Eulalia George	Leticia Gonzalez
Jessica Gissel	Skyler Gregory	Shireen Gutierrez	Danny Hart
Ebereth Hernandez	Brandon Harris-Ankerich	Myron Hoeckle	Jacob Johnson
Andrew Johnson	Lauren Kane	Christopher Liebes	Thomas Mashos
Belinda Neff	Luz Ochoa	Alejandra Pedraza	Jamin Pool
Codie Poore	Isaiah Smith	Lacey Stricker	Heather Vallee



## Graphic Design your Valentine and Warm Your Hearts in SEP

Come join us on *Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.* to “graphic design” a Valentine for those special people in your life and enjoy a warm bowl of homemade soup, too!

Scott Carter, Instructional Technologist for the Center for Teaching and Learning, will offer one-on-one instruction as well as tip sheets for creating graphic Valentines. Six computers have been reserved in the main APSC student computer lab for SEP students and staff.

After you have designed your valentine, stop by the SEP office for a light lunch of home-made soups. The SEP staff will be bringing their favorite soups and we would love to have you bring in your favorite homemade soup to share with your SEP family

## Space still available in SEP classes

There are still openings in the SEP classes being offered Winter term, and we would love to have you add one to your schedule. Remember, if you are an incoming freshman, you are required to take two SEP classes during your first year. If you weren't able to fit us in last term, you will want to consider adding a class this term.

**Critical Thinking** - A hands-on approach to examining, evaluating, and improving your thinking skills. This class is taught by Beth Doughman and is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 10:30 or 9:00 - 10:50 and Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 - 3:20 or 2:00 - 3:50 depending on if you choose either the 2 or 3 credit option.

**Career Planning** - Provides opportunities and tools to assist you in evaluating your career choices. This class is a one credit class taught by Letitia Erckenbrack and Audrey Ramirez-Loudenback on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:20.

**Becoming a Master Student** - Helps develop the skills you need to succeed in college. Topics include goal setting, concentration, time management, problem solving, campus resources and much more. This class is taught by Beth Doughman on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 - 9:50.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your SEP advisor. We look forward to seeing you in class!



## SEP Grads Return to Share Dreams Realized

Would you like to be inspired at the beginning of Winter term '07? Then mark your Wolf Plan Its for Tuesday, January 16th from 9:30 am - 11:00 am and then from 2:00 - 3:30 to join us in the APSC Lounge (across from SEP) for our first ever "I Dared to Dream" symposium.

During the morning session, former SEP students and Western grads, Katherine Bartlett, HALO Project Leader for Polk County and Damien Flores, Youth Development Professional for Life Works in Hillsboro will share their personal "stories", including their dreams realized.

The afternoon symposium will feature Damien Flores and Chris Solario, another former SEPer and Western graduate, and currently a Talent Search Advising Specialist at Chemeketa Community College.

## Grad School Panel share experiences and answer questions

What is Graduate School? Why would I want to attend? Is it expensive? These questions and many more will be answered at our workshop on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Lounge from 2 - 3 pm. We'll have a panel of students who are currently enrolled in Graduate School and are a recent graduate to tell you about their own experiences, as well as the ins and outs of applying. Whether you're a freshman or a senior, considering graduate school or not, it's always smart to "keep the door open".

## Dates to remember

### January

- 11 Beyond the Classroom, 1-3:30  
The Reluctant Dragon
- 12 Last Day to pay fees
- 16 Dare to Dream Symposium
- 18 FAFSA Workshop, 3:30 - 4:30
- 19 Last Day to add classes
- 23 Hula Social & Lei making
- 31 FAFSA Priority Deadline

### February

- 2 Last day to register for OHSU
- 14 Warm you Heart social and  
Technology workshop
- 15 Boston Brass, 7:30
- 16 Last day to drop classes
- 23 OHSU Career Day

### March

- 1 Peer advisor applications due
- 6 Grad school panel, 2-3:30
- 20 Obo Addy, 7:30
- 23 Grant Aid applications due