

PCC Picks Mark Mitsui as Next President

Portland Community College's Board of Directors has announced the selection of Mark Mitsui as the college's next president.

The news was made public at PCC's monthly board meeting held Thursday, July 21. Mitsui will begin his work with PCC on August 29, replacing Sylvia Kelley, the college's Executive Vice President, who has served as Interim President since the departure of Jeremy Brown in May 2015.

"The Board of Directors was tremendously impressed by President Mitsui's passion for the transformative power of community colleges, and by his clear understanding of PCC's complex environment," said Gene Pitts, PCC Board of Directors chair.

Since 2013, Mitsui has served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges within the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education for the U.S. Department of Education. In this role he works to advance President Obama's community college agenda through partnerships with numerous federal agencies and national stakeholders. Among his many duties is co-leading the My Brother's Keeper Postsecondary Completion interagency team, which strives to improve college access and completion for the nation's young men of color.

"He brings demonstrated strengths as a strategic thinker and transparent decision-maker, and he is a passionate advocate for social justice and inclusion. Coupled with his wealth of regional and national connections, President Mitsui is a natural fit for PCC and one who we believe will benefit the

students and communities we serve," said Pitts.

Prior to working in Washington, D.C., Mitsui was the president of North Seattle College in Washington state from 2010 to 2013. While there, Mitsui successfully navigated the community college, which serves nearly 7,000 students, through the worst budget reduction the state had experienced in 30 years. During the college's 2013 accreditation review, he was commended for his strong leadership, inclusive strategic planning and transparency in decision-making. While guiding North Seattle, Mitsui was effective in his efforts to garner a variety of grants, was the founding chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Association of Colleges and Universities, was a member of the National Asian/Pacific Islander Council of the American Association of Community Colleges, and in 2013 was honored with the Rhonda Quash Coates Award for contributions to the Multicultural Student Services Directors Council of Washington state.

Before arriving to North Seattle College, Mitsui served as the Vice President of Student Services at South Seattle College, from 2006 to 2010, and he has worked as an administrator and teacher at a variety of other educational institutions throughout the Pacific Northwest over the course of his career.

Mitsui holds a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Western Washington University. He has pursued doctoral studies in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Washington, from where he earned his master's degree.

"I am thrilled to have been chosen to lead PCC, and I look forward to a long-term commitment with such a highly respected institution, one that is built on an exceedingly strong foundation," said Mitsui.

"Portland Community College is known for its collaboration, outreach and engagement, both internally and externally. On personal and professional levels, this philosophy and approach resonate with me. I have a sign in my office that reads, 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.' I am excited to go far together with my colleagues at PCC, on behalf of the institution and the students we serve," he said.

Mitsui is a regular presenter at national and international academic conferences and professional meetings. Among his many speaking engagements,

he recently presented on "Innovative Models for Funding Community College Completion" at the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Board of Education and Workforce conference; on "Middle Skills and Online Learning" at the AACC annual Board of Directors meeting; and spoke at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council Annual Congressional Forum.

"President Mitsui has rich and varied professional experience that he will bring to PCC," added Pitts. "He is a skilled communicator and relationship-builder, and the Board strongly values his collaborative and collegial style. For all of these reasons, we believe that his special combination of strengths, skills and attributes will advance our college and enhance our culture."

Columbia River Fall Salmon Seasons Kick Off

The popular Buoy 10 salmon fishery at the mouth of the Columbia River opened to Coho and Chinook fishing Monday, August 1, with another strong return of nearly one million fall Chinook predicted.

The biggest change for the 2016 season is a modification to steelhead bag limits to help remain within ESA constraints on steelhead destined for the Snake River.

The daily bag limit for fisheries from Buoy 10 upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, Wash. is modified for 2016 so that no more than one steelhead may be retained. This restriction will be in

effect in the following areas and dates:

- Aug. 1 through Dec. 31 from Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam
- Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 from Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam and
- Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 from McNary Dam to the Highway 395 Bridge

Open dates, bag limits and other regulations for Columbia River salmon seasons vary by location on the river and can be found on the ODFW website at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/reg_changes/columbia.asp.

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AUGUST 20
7:00 pm**

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What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Summer Reading 2016

Summer Readers, turn in time logs between July 25 and August 12 for a free book, prize, and entry into the Grand Prize drawing.

Upcoming Programs

Friends of the Library

Jamboree Booksale

Friday, August 5, 4 – 7 pm and
Saturday, August 6, 9 am – 5 pm
\$2 hardbacks, \$1 paperbacks.
Proceeds support library programs
and services.

Summer Reading Party

Thursday, August 11, 6 – 7 pm
For Summer Reading participants
and families. Come to the library
and celebrate! Crafts, activities,
refreshments, door prizes, and more!

Movie Nights

Tuesday, August 16, 6 pm
Thursday, August 25, 6 pm (Family
Movie Night)
Relax and enjoy a movie and popcorn
at the library. Call or visit the library
for movie titles.

Writer's Group

August 18
3rd Thursday of every month,

6 – 7:30 pm. For writers with all levels
of experience.

Book Discussion Group

August 29
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm
Selection for August: *The Great
Birthright: An Oregon Novel* by Matt
Love.

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 am
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and
bubbles! For ages 0 – 3. Older
siblings welcome.

***Preschool Storytime will resume
Friday mornings starting in
September***

Library Closures

Saturday, August 6 the library will only
be open for the booksale 9 – 5 pm

Library Hours & Contact

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 – 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 – 7
Saturday: 10 – 4
Closed Sundays**

Phone: (503) 429-1818

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