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Printers To Student Achievement Program

Hewlett-Packard Co. has donated more than \$12,600 worth of computers and printers to a Portland metropolitan area program that encourages and assists youths in the fields of mathematics, engineering and science.

Loke Koh, operations section manager for Hewlett-Packard's Vancouver, Wash., division, recently presented three computers and three printers to the Portland and Washington County offices of Oregon MESA (Mathematics-Engineering-Science Achievement).

The equipment will be used by MESA program administrators for day-to-day operations and by MESA students who publish their own newsletter of group activities during the school year.

MESA was formed in 1985 to increase the number of ethnic minority students in the math, engineering and science fields.

It is administered through Portland State University's School of Engineering and applied Science, and serves about 500 students in middle schools and high schools throughout Multnomah and Washington counties.

Koh has been an active MESA advisory board member since 1986 and was instrumental in securing the equipment grant for MESA.

"I find there's a huge gap in the work force in what we need and what we can supply in the engineering, math and science fields. Oregon MESA helps bridge that gap," Koh said.

For more information about MESA, call 725-4665 or 725-2149.



Loke Koh (right), operations section manager for Hewlett-Packard Co.'s Vancouver, Wash. division, looks on as three MESA program participants use new equipment donated by Hewlett-Packard. The students are: Jack Lim, Benson High School (standing); Lulu Zhang, Marshall High School; and (foreground) Melissa Elizondo, Jefferson High School.

Frank Roberts Scholar Studies Public Service



Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts (left) with northeast Portland resident Deborah Towner. Towner, a doctoral candidate in Portland State University's Graduate School of Social Work.

A Portland State University student who is seeking a doctoral degree in social work and who in her teenage years lived in four different foster homes is the latest recipient of PSU's Frank L. Roberts Community Service Scholarship.

Deborah Payne Towner, a doctoral student in social welfare and research at PSU's Graduate School of Social Work, formally received her scholarship at a luncheon Oct. 14 on the Portland State campus. Towner is a resident of northeast Portland.

The Frank L. Roberts Scholarship is a one-year, renewable grant of \$1,500 awarded to a PSU graduate student who has shown a continuing dedication and interest to public service or education. It is named for the late Frank Roberts, longtime Oregon legislator and Portland State professor.

Towner was selected from an original pool of about 50 applicants. Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts, widow of Frank Roberts, presented the award

to Towner. Last year's Roberts Scholarship recipient, Michael Creighton, who's pursuing a master's degree in special education at PSU, received a renewal of his 1996 scholarship.

"One of the big things about this scholarship is that it helps me to become a full-time student," Towner said. "One of the biggest struggles when you're a mature student is that you have financial responsibilities at a greater level," Towner said.

For her doctoral degree at PSU, Towner is focusing on the area of human development related to the attachment between an infant and its primary caregivers, and the effect that relationships has on the development of mental health and personality.

Towner hopes to hone her research and methodology skills "so I can better understand the methods and policies we have available in our country to address social problems. These skills may help me have more influence at the policy level so I can implement

change."

Towner said she maintains contact with Romanian child care officials through e-mails.

Towner has an impressive academic and research background. She received a master's degree in social work from PSU in 1991 and bachelor of arts degree in education from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. through a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship she did a year of postgraduate study at the Tavistock Clinic in London. At PSU, she received two internships, including one as a social worker at the Parry Center for Children in Portland, and as a mental health specialist at Mount Hood Community Mental Health Center in Gresham. She also served as a research assistant at the PSU-based Regional Research Institute, conducting interviews with homeless families to identify the experience of children and families prior to, during and following periods of homelessness.

Elementary Kicks Off New Partnership

Physician Ted Moore traded hospital hallways for school halls Thursday (Oct. 30) when he went to Grout Elementary (3119 SE Holgate) to kick off a new partnership between the school and Doernbecher children's Hospital.

Moore, a physician who oversees pediatric bone marrow transplants at Doernbecher, will be

joined at a school assembly by Myron Child, who serves on Doernbecher's board. Child is the founder of Kids Making Miracles, a program that involves children in community service projects.

Grout students will inaugurate their new partnership by presenting a check to Doernbecher, representing funds they raised themselves. Grout

students plan a read-a-thon for an upcoming fund-raiser for the children's hospital.

Students at Grout have a special reason to focus their involvement on Doernbecher. Grout second-grader Diana Valdez, who was critically injured in a car accident that killed her mother, is now recovering at the hospital.

Gostnell Named Irvington Principal

Gloria A. Gostnell, principal of Irvington Early Childhood Education Center (1320 NE Brazee) in the 80's in the school's new acting principal.

Gostnell fills the last of the vacant principal positions in the Portland School District.

Irvington's most recent principal, Pam Shelly, recently was named principal of the Metropolitan Learning Center in Northwest Portland.

Gostnell, who worked as a principal and administrator for Portland Public Schools for 12 years, has been an assistant professor of education at Portland State University for the past year.

She became a program officer for the Meyer Memorial Trust in 1992, after leaving the school district.

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