

# College Financial Aid Looks Brighter *Governor signs historic bill at PCC*

The state of Oregon has earmarked enough monies to support college financial aid after running out of funds last year.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed the \$77.8 million Oregon Opportunity Grant, the largest need-based financial aid package in Oregon history, at the Cascade Campus' new Dan Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building on Sept. 28.

The money will go to qualified full-time students during the current year and beginning next year, eligible part-time (taking a minimum of six credits) students will qualify for these funds as well.

"I see education as a continuum, starting in pre-school," Kulongoski said. "And community colleges are an important pivot point between K-12 and four-year institutions."



Gov. Ted Kulongoski joins Portland Community College students at the Cascade Campus in north Portland for the signing of new legislation that provides need-based financial aid. The students pictured are (from left, front row) Serena Adams and Leah Gibson; and (from left, behind the governor) Theresa Alexander, Melanie Serrou and Tony Warfield.

The audience included State Sen. Margaret Carter, PCC District President Preston Pulliams, Commissioner of the Department of Community Colleges & Workforce Development Cam Preus-Braly, and other local and college officials.

The ceremony took place in the auditorium of the brand new PCC building, attracting more than 200 guests.

The governor took part in a roundtable discussion with 15 PCC students before the signing. Moderated by Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood, the forum featured students asking the Governor about such topics as future funding for the grants, possible benefits for professional technical students, residency requirements, and more.

"You are so important to the

state," Kulongoski told the students. "I want to provide you with living wage jobs and that is what I remain focused on."

Kulongoski also touched on the issue of the new global economy and its relation to education.

"My primary responsibility to you, the city and the state is to give us the opportunity to compete in the global economy," Kulongoski said. "We need skills to compete in this economy. How do we get them? By investing in education."

The Oregon Opportunity Grant will support an additional 20,000 students statewide during the next biennium. More financial aid translates to more students taking advantage of programs and courses offered at state community colleges.

## Neighborhood Groups Reviewed

Portland residents are invited to discuss the future of the city's neighborhood association system on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Smith Center at Portland State University, downtown.

Panel members will include John Canda, executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and a local African-American leader; Gretchen Kafoury, a former city commissioner; Joleen Jensen Classen of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement; and Bonny McKnight, chair of the Russell Neighborhood Association.

The event is part of the League's examination of the advisory neighborhood groups and coincides with

Mayor Tom Potter's review of the success and failures of citizen involvement efforts.

Since neighborhood associations were established in 1974, "Resources have been reduced, practices have changed, and today is a different era," League president Carol Cushman says. "The League felt it was timely to study this issue."

## New Kenton Streetscape Wanted

The Kenton business district in north Portland may soon get a new streetscape design for Denver Avenue.

Work has begun on the Downtown Kenton Redevelopment Project, which is aimed at helping revitalize the historic business district and adjacent area around the new Interstate MAX Kenton station.

This fall and spring, the Portland

Development Commission and a team of transportation, architecture and development experts will work with the Kenton neighborhood and business community to move the plans forward.

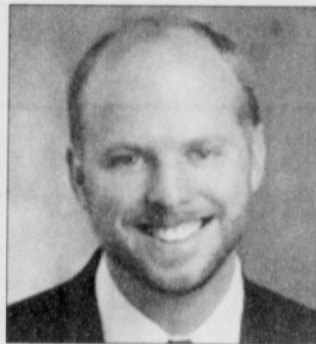
"We are very excited about the project and think the future of Kenton is very bright," said Aaron Gray, chair of the Kenton Neighborhood Association. "This effort builds on past efforts and is timed

to be the catalyst that finally gets our downtown moving."

Public meetings on the project will be held the first Wednesday of each month through March with the exception of January from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield.

For more information, go to [www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/kenton](http://www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/kenton) or [www.johnson-gardner.com/kenton](http://www.johnson-gardner.com/kenton).

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Our Demo team will be incorporating some of these fabulous fungi into recipes like Mushroom Bread Pudding, Mushroom Soup, Mushroom Bruschetta, and Mushroom & Wild Rice Stuffing. Like what you taste? We'll give you preparation tips and send you home with your favorite recipes. Join us Saturday and Sunday, 11am until 5pm.

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