

From the Ballroom to the Classroom

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improvements in academic and campus life, and ensure that students' needs and perspectives are given the attention they deserve at the highest levels of the college's leadership," said Kung.

Kung sees himself as the bridge between the student body and the college administration. He has focused on access to technology as one of his top priorities. "I often, unfortunately, see students who are unable to access technology due to reasons outside of their control," he continued. "In our current society, having access to not only technology but also Wi-Fi is critical for student success in school and in their daily lives. Because of this gap in access to technology, my goal is to work toward making technology more accessible."

To help alleviate such barriers, the college recently implemented a solution, placing tech-savvy student-employees as guides, or Digital Navigators, in all campus libraries. The digital inclusion effort of-

fers ongoing assistance with affordable internet access, device acquisition, technical skills, and application support.

Beyond his advocacy and academic pursuits, Kung has immersed himself in the world of ballroom dancing for over a decade. Engaging in showcases, competing at nationals, and also teaching, Kung is devoted to dance.

Similarly, he said, that transformation can happen when students engage with student government to enjoy collaborative opportunities and find resources that can be the alchemy for their own development.

"It isn't just a college, it's a community," Kung said. "Being on campus, interacting with other students and teachers is an experience you won't get anywhere else. You grow alongside this fantastic community, and you meet some incredible people along the way. Explore these programs, and make the most of your time here."

For more information on student leadership and resources, visit <https://www.pcc.edu/student-life/>.

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Celebrating the Year of the Dragon



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The Portland Chinatown Museum celebrates the Year of the Dragon with a Dragon Dance Parade and Celebration through downtown Portland on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This event is free and all are welcome.

Local dragon and lion dance teams and the Trailblazers Rip City Crew will help kick off the eighth annual parade and celebration in front of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Asso-

ciation on NW Third and Davis Street in Old Town Chinatown. Led by the Portland Chinatown History Foundation's 150-foot dragon, the parade will pass through the China Gate, march down SW Third Avenue to SW Jefferson and Park Street, and end at the Oregon Historical Society Park Plaza. Along the way, lions will "pluck the green" for good luck at select locations, and volunteers will pass out traditional red envelopes to participants and onlookers. This year,

the Lunar New Year festivities will include a special tribute to the museum's friend and neighbor, Walter Cole, better known as the iconic Portland drag queen Darcelle.

The 2024 Lunar New Year Dragon Dance Parade and Celebration is organized by the Portland Chinatown Museum, and co-presented with the Oregon Historical Society. Wells Fargo is the presenting sponsor, with additional support from local businesses and organizations.



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