

Laurie Solum named by PFLA as 'Our Hero'

Laurie Solum was presented with the university's "Our Hero" Award in March. The award, sponsored by the Professional Faculty Leadership Association (PFLA), recognizes OSU colleagues or groups for excellence in their work and outstanding service to others.

Solum is the Manager of the University Administrative Business Center (UABC). She is known by her team as a tireless leader who always has OSU's mission in mind, as well as the success of all her staff and the UABC.

One nominator said, "She is always finding ways to be more efficient and to better meet the needs of the customers we serve."



Linda Devenow presents Laurie Solum with the PFLA 'Our Hero' Award. (photo: Theresa Hogue)

April PFLA award presented to Diane Davis

Diane Davis, Coordinator of Healthy Campus Initiatives at Oregon State University, was presented with the April PFLA "Our Hero" award. Davis was honored for always looking out for ways in which she can support, encourage and assist her colleagues and students at Oregon State.

According to Mirabelle Fernandes-Paul in the Office for Women's Advancement and Gender Equity, anyone who meets Davis is immediately put at ease.



Award recipient Diane Davis (right) receives a hug from Mirabelle Fernandes-Paul. (photo: Theresa Hogue)

"Her manner of communication is always non-judgmental, compassionate and inclusive," Fernandes-Paul said. "Anyone who meets Diane is quick to feel comfortable around her. She also delivers what she promises and hence she has earned great trust among colleagues."

"She will steer your heart and mind to places of generosity, compassion and wisdom without you even realizing it. She is a great inspiration to those who work with her."

Classified/Professional Faculty Art Show Big Success

The first annual Classified/Professional Faculty Art Show was a big success and featured a wide assortment of creative pieces. PFLA president Angela Haney and AOP president, Steve Shaw, each said a few words at the reception.

OSU Art Department Chair John Maul commented, "I was impressed with the diversity of the works, and the pure talents of all the artists who moonlight as registrars, accountants, technicians, clerical staff and administrators here at OSU. I believe when their colleagues in their respective offices see their talents, they're going to be amazed, as I was."

The next art show will be in January 2012. Mark your calendars and start creating!

President's Corner

We have been very fortunate to have such a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings this spring. In February, Alicia Lyman-Holt provided an exciting tsunami demonstration along with a wonderful tour of the OSU O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Lab. In March, Teppei Hayashi, the IE₃ Campus and Education Abroad/Internship Coordinator from IDEA (International Degree and Education Abroad), shared some of the unique and diverse experiences that are available for students and staff.

Our April meeting took us to the Student Sustainability Center for a tour and an informative conversation with Brandon Trelstad.

This spring, PFLA presented a great workshop entitled "Bringing Out the Best." Motivational humorist Gail Hand had us all laughing as she offered up ways to use laughter as a survival tool in our lives.

We continuously strive to present different opportunities for our members to learn more about the University, the different facilities on campus and the programs OSU has to offer. PFLA will continue to sponsor opportunities to learn more about ourselves, how to reduce stress in our lives and become more efficient and effective.

Warmer weather brings new life to the earth. I hope it also gives us a sense of refreshment and renewed energy to "attack" those tasks or situations filled with challenges and "enjoy" those precious moments of success.

Have a wonderful summer! Angela Haney, PFLA President

Networking Opportunity August 4th

PFLA invites you to join an informal networking event on August 4th at the Hilton Garden Inn. No registration required. The Hilton bar area offers OSU employees a 20% discount on food and beverages. Stop by after work and say hello!

Save-the-Dates

August 4, 2011	September 22, 2011	October 5, 2011	January 2012
PFLA Networking	University Day	PFLA Meeting	Staff/Faculty Art Show
Hilton Garden Inn	La Sells Stewart /Alumni Centers	Memorial Union	La Sells Stewart Center
5 pm		Noon	

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