



PFLA

Professional Faculty Leadership Association

Official Newsletter

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Message from the President

Wow! It's hard to believe that September is here already. Where did summer go? As I look around campus these days I see lots of activity... football season is here again and students will be arriving in just a few short weeks. The PFLA Executive Board has been active this summer reviewing last year's activities and creating new opportunities for the coming academic year.

It is the mission of PFLA to provide development, support, and networking opportunities for professional faculty and as your President this year I am committed to upholding this mission and getting to know all of our members better so we can keep the

organization moving in the right direction. This year's executive board is planning to accomplish these goals through our monthly meetings, professional development opportunities and social events. As you can see in this newsletter we have some really exciting monthly meeting topics and we are very proud to be bringing Steve Hanamura to campus for a full-day workshop in October. And as always we have our annual President's Reception scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at the home of President and Mrs. Ray. If you haven't already, I encourage you to visit our website at <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/pfla/> and sign up to become a member. This is a year you won't want to miss!

"Our Heroes" Award

PFLA's "Our Heroes" Award recognizes an Oregon State University colleague or a group of colleagues for excellence in their workplace at OSU. Once each month, PFLA presents a token of appreciation to an extraordinary person or group on campus or within OSU state wide thanking them for their efforts.



Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis and a recipient will be chosen by the PFLA awards committee. Nominations received will remain active for consideration throughout the term of

the incumbent board. Candidates must be nominated by PFLA members, but you do not have to be a member to be one of "our heroes". The "Our Hero" nomination form is available on-line at <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/pfla/our-heroes-award> and may be submitted any time during the year.

Each recipient will receive a certificate and flowers while a photographer captures the happy occasion in a photo to appear in OSU This Week. "Our Heroes" provides PFLA members with an opportunity to support and acknowledge the professionalism of OSU staff, while highlighting the importance of others' work and excellence in service.



Membership Application Form

Name _____

Department _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dues and Membership

- New (\$35) Renewal (\$35)
- Regular Membership (Limited to all professional and academic faculty under appointing authority of OSU.)
- Associate Membership (Includes all staff and interested persons not eligible for regular membership.)

Payment Options

- Personal Check (Payable to PFLA) Index Code to Charge is: _____
- Journal Voucher (Credit XPV003 Acct. 06389) Please attach a copy of the j.v. to this form.

Please fill out the reverse side as well. Return the completed application with payment to: Jennifer Hall, College of Engineering, 737-5232. You may also use the online Membership Application Form at <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/pfla/membership/application.php>

PFLA - Schedule of Monthly Meetings 2007/2008

Theme: PFLA – Providing Development, Support and Networking

September 12, 2007

MU 211 **Successful Giving & Volunteering**

Jeff Hale – Director of Liberal Studies/Assistant Dean CLA

Hale will discuss ways to improve your volunteer experiences and make sure your charitable gifts go for their intended purposes.

October 3, 2007

MU 211 **OSU Conduct Model**

Dan Schwab – Director, Student Conduct and Mediation

Dan will discuss common violations for student conduct and how they are addressed at OSU. OSU has a unique model that is considered one of the best practices. He will also discuss resources that are available for faculty and staff to assist them in working with Distressed and Disruptive Students.

November 7, 2007

MU 213 **One Laptop per Child**

Jan Dolan – Network Engineer, Information Services

The One Laptop per Child (OLPC) Project is the brain-child and passion of MIT's Nicholas Negroponte. The vision is to create a new learning platform that is accessible to children of 3rd world nations financially, technologically, and educationally. Towards that goal, the laptops are being developed with new technology and open source software to drive production costs down and to sell for around \$100. Current production is slated with a \$170 price tag and the first production run is scheduled for Q4 2007. Oregon State University is one of 2 University's officially involved with the project; the other being MIT. Through our Open Source Lab and with the support of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department, OSU students are working to port Open Source Software to the laptop and are working to optimize the performance of the operating system and basic applications. Our work was recognized by Real Networks and led to a \$500,000 grant to help the Open Source Lab in general and to support the work we are doing to port the open source Helix media player from Real Networks to the laptop and our work to create a multimedia creation tool for the laptop.

December 5, 2007

Arnold Gold Room – **Holiday Luncheon/ Silent Auction**

OSU Catering will supply samples of their current and new items for our luncheon enjoyment. Shop for holiday gifts by bidding on donated items. Proceeds will be used to benefit PFLA members with additional professional development opportunities.

January 9, 2008

MU 211 **Austin Entrepreneurship Program**

Chris Klemm – Director, AEP

Chris will present a program detailing the AEP program - what is new, the goals of the program as well as the successes and challenges.

February 6, 2008

MU 211 **Gender Inclusive Housing**

Cindy Empev – Director of Residential Life

Cindy will provide an update on the new UHDS initiative of Gender Inclusive Housing. We will learn how and why it was introduced and the successes of the program.

March 5, 2008

MU 211 **Negotiating Skills**

Jeri Hemmer – Associate Director for Employment and Labor Relations

Jeri will discuss communication tools which will assist individuals in reaching win/win situations in the work life as well as personal life.

April 2, 2008

MU 211 **Relationship Building Discussion**

Curt Pederson – Vice Provost for IS

A panel will meet to discuss how to build will also be applicable to personal lives as well.

May 7, 2008

MU 211 **Guide Dogs/OSU Campus**

Nora Harrison – Author: "Dear Kilroy – A Dog to Guide Us"

Nora has written a book "Dear Kilroy – A Dog to Guide Us" and she will discuss her journey with the guide dog program. Discussion will also center on how guide dogs are part of the OSU campus.

June 4, 2008

Arnold Gold Room – **Year End Celebration**

All times for the luncheon session are noon – 1 p.m.

You are welcome to bring your lunch with you.