



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Message from Tammy and Fr. John

Dear Colleagues and Supporters of Student Affairs,

In this newsletter, we celebrate another season of life within our University of Portland as a Catholic, Holy Cross community of learning. Highlights include our student awards ceremony, cultural club events, and our Easter celebration of the sacraments in Campus Ministry. Please enjoy the review we prepared below.

As we close this academic year, we encourage you to take a pause to congratulate yourself and your team for doing such important, impactful, and sometimes truly difficult work. Both individually and with your teams, take time to celebrate, reflect, and assess your work this past year. First and foremost, celebrate your hard work and dedication. The role of a student affairs professional, whether that be in student services or student programming, is often challenging, demanding, and sometimes thankless—so THANK YOU.

Wishing you joy, rest and rejuvenation in these upcoming summer months.

UPDATES

Office of Student Affairs

In collaboration with the [Associated Students of the University of Portland](#) (ASUP) and College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Student Affairs

celebrated our annual Leadership Awards ceremony event on April 11, 2024. Seventeen students, two faculty, three staff, and one student club received awards for exemplifying leadership during the 2023-2024 academic year. [View photos](#) >

Campus Ministry

In appreciation to two generous alumni donors, [Campus Ministry](#) collaborated with Residence Life to provide accommodation, food, and transportation for each residence hall to have a retreat at a full-service retreat site. Hall staff led the retreats and pastoral residents accompanied them with talks and Sunday Mass. In all, 120 students went on the retreats, either overnight or over two nights.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The University celebrated Mass with Archbishop Sample on Sunday, April 21st, in which he bestowed the Sacrament of Confirmation on seven of our students. After several months of preparation by Fr. Nik Guiney, C.S.C., supported by Br. Jony Gregory, C.S.C., our students were excited to be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. It was a wonderful celebration with a full chapel with prospective students and families visiting for [Weekend on the Bluff!](#)

Campus Safety and Emergency Management

- Four student workers are employed in the Campus Safety office to assist with parking enforcement, data entry, and customer service. They also receive robust emergency management training via our team and FEMA resources.
- [Campus Safety](#) hosted a “Train the Trainer” for CERT to kick-start the renewed Community Emergency Response Team at UP.

Moreau Center for Service and Justice

- As an expression of our commitment to Catholic social teaching in the formation of our student leaders, the [Moreau Center](#) reignited partnerships in downtown Portland with [L’Arche Portland](#), [Maybelle Center for Community](#), and [St. André Bessette Catholic Church](#).
- Our [Community Service Work Study](#) (CSWS) program is largest in years, employing 44 students working at 25 different local sites and expected to earn over \$50,000 Federal Work-Study funds.

Experience Immersion

Our [Environmental Justice Immersion](#) helped transform the worldview for students, and then welcomed 75 community members for a screening and panel discussion with the creators of *Once a Braided River*, the story of the Willamette River and Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

[***Reflections from our students***](#) >



On April 20th, 2024, we held our Spring picnic at the historic Columbia Cottage in Columbia Park with L'Arche – a community of people with and without intellectual disabilities sharing life together. A fun-filled



UP community event to build our relationship with [L'Arche Portland](#).

Residence Life

The [Office of Residence Life](#) developed our campus housing marketing program that emphasizes value-for-cost as compared to off-campus, residence hall leadership and engagement opportunities, student success outcomes, and a four-year resident student development plan.

- [Costs & Realities of Living Off Campus](#)
- [Benefits of Living On Campus](#)
- [4-Year Residential Student Formation Experience](#)



Student Activities

- In collaboration with the [Shepard Academic Resource Center](#) and the [Core Curriculum](#) Director (Andrew Guest), a new course (Anchor Seminar for Transfer Students) has been developed, and to be implemented as soon as feasible.
- UP's robust student cultural clubs continue to impressively "wow" the campus community with their enriching and entertaining cultural events. [South Asian Student Union](#), [Black Student Union](#), [Japanese Student Association](#), [Latinx Student Union](#), and the newly revived [CHamoru Club](#) (Guam club) hosted engaging events. Additionally, the three largest cultural clubs on campus ([Hawai'i Club](#), [Vietnamese Student Association](#), and [Filipino American Student Association](#)) held their annual cultural nights at the Chiles Center. It is inspiring to see our multi-talented students plan and execute these impressive events while building community with one another.



Commuter Students

Our newly developed commuter student programming has increased and enhanced activity in the commuter student lounge (room 123) in Franz Hall through student employees who hosted several events

(e.g., breakfast, study nights, movies, a group service project, commuter ramen night). Commuter students are now also connecting through an [Instagram account](#). Thanks to [Julian Tiffay](#) (Christie Hall's Assistant Hall Director) for leading programming efforts with our commuter students!

[Office of Student Activities](#) >

Student Health Center

In order to continue providing robust and accessible primary care services to all students, the [Student Health Center](#) (SHC) contracted with eight major insurance carriers and to started billing insurance for healthcare services in January 2024. The SHC is an “in-network” provider with Regence BlueCross BlueShield, PacificSource, UnitedHealthcare, Aetna, Cigna, First Choice, Health Net, and Providence. This initiative created an important funding stream to support the amazing work of the SHC to keep our students healthy and well!

[Video on SHC's primary care services](#) >

Student Wellness Center

The [Student Wellness Center](#) (SWC) developed two programs: an Interpersonal Violence Prevention (IPV) internship, and a Wellness volunteer position.

- The IPV internship provided hours towards assessing student engagement with IVP programming and confidential advocacy. Next academic year, the program will require the interns to undergo the Oregon Sexual Assault Training (SATF), a 40-hour confidential advocate program to be a peer confidential advocate, creating an additional student led interpersonal violence program.
- Wellness promotion volunteers promote wellness events and a pipeline for engagement with the wellness ambassador roles and peer health educators. Currently there are 6 wellness volunteers, 14 wellness ambassadors, and 3 peer health educators. One peer health educator has been trained as a Green Dot facilitator and has co-lead student-lead and initiated [Green Dot](#) overviews and bystander trainings.



UPCOMING EVENT

- **June 27-30:** [Alumni Reunion Weekend 2024](#)

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