

Faculty/Staff Bulletin (FSB)

Cutoff for adding content is usually the 10th of the month (and the bulletin is typically in inboxes on the 15th). If you miss the deadline, feel free to add the item to the following month. **If you add an event, please include links to info/registration.**

December

- Recent Highlights
 - From Professor Karavanic (CS): This year Oregon fielded a mixed-university/college team at the Student Cluster competition at SC'25. IndySCC is a virtual variation of the Student Cluster competition hosted at the conference in which team of students have to build their virtual HPC cluster (using jetstream2 resource), run a set of benchmarks and complete a set of workloads across 3 different scientific applications in the span of 46 hours during the conference. This was the first time any of the Oregon universities participated in it. Our team was a mix of students from PSU,PCC,OSU and UO. Our Portland State contributors were mentor Marko Markoc, on staff at PSU OIT and also currently a masters student in CS; student team member Alex Rivera, CS; and student team member Nabeeha Saffat, Math.
<https://sc25.supercomputing.org/2025/10/from-spark-to-flame-introducing-the-indyscc25-teams/>



- Banafsheh Rekabdar <rekabdar@pdx.edu>
- Date: Thu, Nov 20, 2025 at 1:55 PM
- Subject: Exciting Update from My Student
- To: Wu-chi Feng <wuchi@pdx.edu>
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- Hi Wu-chi,
- I have some great news! My student, Trentun Ruf, defended his master's thesis on November 4 and just had a paper accepted at IEEE COGMI. He attended the conference last week, and our paper won the **Best Student Paper Award!** I'm so proud of him — he mentioned there were many PhD students, but he won as a master's student.
- As the best paper award winner, we were also invited to publish our paper in the [IEEE Transactions on Big Data](#).
- Attached is his paper.
- Best,
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- Hi Shannon!
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- One of my more opinionated presentations at a conference on a circuit board tool called "KiCad" got a call out on on a popular DIY/maker site called "Hackaday".
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- <https://hackaday.com/2025/11/21/making-actually-useful-schematics-in-kicad/>
- Last week the PCEP internship program placed 20 interns with local companies to start work in January. In addition, 13 current interns are graduating and leaving the program at the end of the Fall term. To date, we've had 261 interns participate in the program. The first PCEP interns were placed in Winter 2012. The PCEP Program facilitates multiple six-month internships for upper division CS majors with our partner companies. Each intern is placed with at least two different companies in defined roles throughout their PCEP experience.
- Upcoming Events
 - As PSU grows, so must giving. Support [name of your fund] on #PSUGivingTuesday! PSU Giving Tuesday is the biggest day of giving for Portland State University, raising money for the PSU programs & projects we love. Make a gift & learn about all the ways to get involved at LINK
- Other Updates
 - Faculty OAI Book Club: Winter session starts January 16th & 23rd. Winter term books are [Co-Intelligence: Living and Working with AI](#) by Ethan Mollick & [No Study without Struggle: Confronting Settler Colonialism in Higher Education](#) by Leigh Patel.
 - The annual Maseeh College food drive is on now! All donated items will benefit students as they head into Winter Break with limited access to on-campus resources during closures and holiday hours. Let's fill our cart with donations at the Holiday Party this year! **Please bring any shelf-stable pantry items to the [Maseeh College Holiday Party](#) on December 10th (4-6pm in EB Atrium).** See attached list of most-needed items. *You can also bring items to the Dean's Office before or after the party.* Got a stash of hotel/travel-sized hygiene items such as shampoos, soaps, etc? Extra school supplies? We will take those, too! Prefer to

donate funds? Donations can be made to the PSU Smallwood Food Pantry here:
[Smallwood PSU Food Pantry · GiveCampus](#)

- Grants & Honors
 - [RGS sheet](#)
 - Fwd: Congratulations: MCECS Daimler Truck Graduate Assistantship Recipient (Erin email)
 - Portland State University Researcher Awarded Grant to Develop Groundbreaking Low-Bandwidth 3D Imaging Technology (Ingle, Maier)
<https://www.pdx.edu/engineering/news/portland-state-university-researcher-awarded-grant-develop-groundbreaking-low-bandwidth-3d>
 - Transitions
 - We're thrilled to announce Caden Nguyen-Diamond has been hired into the MCECS Purchasing Administrator role, effective 12/16/25. Caden brings 3+ years PSU experience, most recently within ECE, and a Masters of Science in Educational Leadership & Policy. Responsibilities in this role include complex grant purchasing and analysis, and serving as a functional lead to support purchasers across MCECS. Please congratulate Caden on this well-earned promotion!
 - Ethan Bishop-Blaikie has joined MME/ETM as the new Department Services Coordinator! As a recent graduate of PSU, a current master's student, and a former staff of the College of Education, Ethan brings a variety of knowledge and experience to this role. We are very excited to welcome him to our team!
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