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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2015
DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD NOMINEES

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REPORT: In 2007, the Board established the Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to recognize extraordinary levels of service to the College.

To date, ten Patron Awards have been bestowed. Award recipients include Richard and Sharon Helzer, and Doreen Margolin (posthumously, 2007); Norma Jean Germond (2008); Barbara Raz and Mary Holmstrom (2009); Lee and Virginia Finders (posthumously, 2010); the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation (2011); the Intel Corporation and The Oregon Community Foundation (2012); No award (2013); Ross Leinhart and Sheila Edwards-Lienhart (posthumously, 2014).

For the 2015 Patron Award the College President nominates The Renaissance Foundation.

The Renaissance Foundation was founded by Irvin Levin, a leader in retail financial services, and Stephanie Fowler, a psychotherapist and counselor. Together, Mr. Levin and Ms. Fowler have been champions of higher education at many institutions, including Portland Community College. Their family foundation, The Renaissance Foundation is a major donor (\$60,000) to the PCC Future Connect Program. For the last three years, this gift has provided transfer advising services to 10 Future Connect students who are named Renaissance Scholars. Upon transfer from PCC to a four-year institution within the state of Oregon, Renaissance Scholars receive a scholarship. This year, The Renaissance Foundation committed yet another significant gift of \$89,500 to fund a new student mentoring program, the Cascade African American Men's Scholar Project. The project matches 10 Mentors and 30 Mentees at the Cascade Campus, providing a

paid leadership opportunity. Mentors who complete the mentoring program receive a transfer scholarship from the Renaissance Foundation; Mentees who complete the program are eligible to apply for transfer scholarships.

RECOMMENDATION: To award the 2015 Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to The Renaissance Foundation at the PCC Foundation Gala on April 10, 2015.