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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2018
DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD NOMINEE

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REPORT: This resolution supersedes Resolution 14-029 adopted July 27, 2017 by the PCC District Board in regards to the selection of the 2018 PCC Patron Award Honoree.

In July 2017, the PCC Board approved Chris and Tom Neilsen as recipients of the 2018 Award. The Neilsens have asked to defer their award until 2019 due to a significant family conflict.

The PCC Board hereby approves the Neilsens' request to defer their award until 2019 and announces that the 2018 Patron Award Honoree shall be Robert O. Wimmer and Howard A. Butzer.

Longtime PCC German and Russian instructor Robert Wimmer found the perfect career in teaching and was instrumental in developing PCC's Modern Language Department. He joined the PCC faculty during the College's initial year in Shattuck Hall and then moved to Sylvania, where for 30 years he watched PCC add campuses, expand course offerings, and increase its reputation in the community.

A pioneer of PCC's study-abroad programs, he founded the PCC Russian Language program and taught full-time until his retirement in 1993. After moving to California, Robert wanted to keep giving back to the PCC students he missed seeing every day in the classroom. He and his partner of 33 years, Howard Butzer, decided to create annual scholarships for PCC students who need financial support to attend college. Robert and Howard are also proud members of the Amo DeBernardis Legacy Society, with PCC named as the primary beneficiary of their estate.

Then naming of Patron honorees Robert Wimmer and Howard Butzer continues an esteemed tradition that began in 2007, when the PCC District Board established the Portland Community College Distinguished Patron Award to recognize extraordinary levels of service to the College. Nominees are made by the PCC President to the Board for approval. The award, an annual college honor given by the PCC Board of Directors, goes to a person or organization that has made a significant contribution to ensure student access to education. Since 2012, commencing with the first gala, the award has been presented during the PCC Foundation's "An Evening of Opportunity" celebration in the spring of each year.

To date, thirteen Patron Awards have been bestowed. Award recipients include: Richard and Sharon Helzer; Doreen S. Margolin (*posthumously*, 2007); Norma Jean Germond (2008); Barbara Raz; Mary Holmström (2009); Lee and Virginia Finders (*posthumously*, 2010); The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation (2011); Intel Corporation; The Oregon Community Foundation (2012); No award in 2013; Ross Lienhart and Sheila Edwards-Lienhart (*posthumously*) (2014); The Renaissance Foundation—Irving Levin and Stephanie Fowler (2015); Meyer Memorial Trust (2016); and Betty Duvall (2017).

RECOMMENDATION: The PCC Board of Directors shall award the 2018 Patron Award to Robert Wimmer and Howard Butzer and affirm that the 2019 Patron Award will honor Chris and Tom Neilsen.