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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2020
DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD NOMINATION

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REPORT: In 2007, 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.

Past recipients of the PCC Distinguished Patron Award:

- 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 was made in 2013.
- Ross Lienhart and Sheila Edwards-Lienhart (*posthumously*) (*2014*)
- The Renaissance Foundation—Irving Levin and Stephanie Fowler (*2015*)
- Meyer Memorial Trust (*2016*)
- Betty Duvall (*2017*)
- *Robert Wimmer and Bob Butzer (2018)*
- *Chris and Tom Neilsen (2019)*

PCC Foundation recommendation for the 2020
Distinguished Patron Award:

In recognition of the significant and generous legacy of PCC faculty and staff, the PCC Foundation Board of Directors recommends that the 2019 Patron Award be given collectively to honor **Portland Community College Retirees**.

PCC's generous retirees are the lifeblood of the PCC Foundation and its ability to provide philanthropic support for PCC students. Since the Foundation was created in 1984 by the late Mayor Vera Katz, PCC's retired staff and faculty have consistently continued to give from the heart — long after their service as instructors, program administrators, librarians, academic leaders, and student support professionals has ended. Their enduring love for PCC — from its inspiring students to its mission of quality education for all — is reflected in their generous campaign donations, totaling more than \$5.7 million. PCC retirees also represent a high percentage of members in the Amo DeBernardis Legacy Society, for individuals who have included PCC in their estate plans. Equally as important, PCC retirees regularly share the gift of their time and expertise through countless volunteer hours spent as scholarship readers, advisory committee members, student mentors, and important connectors in the local community. The many contributions of its retirees are vital to PCC's success and will help ensure equitable access to quality education for generations of students to come.

RECOMMENDATION: As PCC celebrates the conclusion of Think PCC First: The Campaign for Opportunity at the 2020 PCC Gala, and in honor and in recognition of the important role retirees have played collectively in the campaign, the PCC Foundation Board of Directors recommends that the **Retirees of Portland Community College** be selected as the 2020 Patron Award honorees.