

To: All Hands @ FCH
From: Allison
Date: Monday July 24th, 2023
Subject: July updates from Allison

1. Meet Lucia Lind, Executive Support Specialist II, in Ballard 125

We are so pleased to announce that Lucia Lind is now working in the FCH/SNAP-Ed Administrative office. Please introduce yourself if you have not already. She is on email and Teams and in the office most of the time at Ballard 125. Welcome, Lucia!

2. Statewides Legislative Ask

Oregon's legislative session ended in June. Our initial ask was folded into HB5025, which included the line items for OSU Statewides (Extension, Ag Experiment Station, Forest Research Lab) funding. The bill, as passed by the House and Senate, provides for **full continued service level funding** and additional funding dedicated to Extension to work with agricultural producers to support and expand organic agriculture sectors.

From Director Lyles: While it is premature to commit to specifics until budgets are finalized, I do want to reiterate my priorities for this funding:

- *Keeping a state-funded 4-H professional in all counties that partner with Extension.*
- *Hiring an Extension Christmas Tree specialist.*
- *Filling at least 4 community horticulture/Master Gardener coordinator positions.*
- *Filling a third position focused on grass seed production.*
- *Adding a position to support organic agriculture production.*
- *Adding expertise in behavioral health.*
- *Continuing to support and retain our excellent faculty and staff by investing in relevant training and professional development.*

3. Western Region Mental Health and Nutrition Network

I am looking for a small group of people from our FCH/SNAP-Ed team who are interested in attending a meeting of the inaugural USDA-funded mental health and nutrition network: Western Region Mental Health & Nutrition Network, October 17 to 19, 2023 in Las Vegas, NV. The purpose of the conference is to meet with experts in the fields of mental health and nutrition; and, learn how mental health and nutrition intersect. The network aims to address barriers to a healthy life at the intersection of mental health and nutrition. Find out more here:

<https://www.wrmhnn.org/home>

Please send me an email to let me know you are interested. I will support your time and travel expenses. This is for anyone on or off campus in FCH or SNAP-Ed who is interested in making this a part of your work in the coming years.

4. What's Happening at the College

- Please continue to keep an eye out for the Dean's emails! They will come either from Brian Primack or from his Executive Assistant, Keri Fisher. Email from June 28, 2023:
 1. *School Heads. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Megan MacDonald as the Head of the School of Exercise & Sport Science and Dr. Peggy Dolcini as the Head of the School of Public Health & Nutrition.*

Both will start July 1, 2023. Thanks to the search committees and those of you who participated in the process.

2. **Graduation celebrations.** This year's graduation celebrations were highly successful! On June 16, for the first time in college history, we hosted 3 celebrations and 3 receptions with 275 undergraduate students, 73 master's students, 27 doctoral students, and over 1800 family & friends! Thanks to the students, staff, and faculty who helped make the day so fun and memorable. Special thanks go out to the Graduation Celebration Planning Committee, which consisted of Megan Ferris, Keri Fisher, Debi Rothermund, Vicki Ebbeck, Hanako Justice, Kathryn Stroppel, and Laurel Kincl. Allison Hagihara and Zev Valancy read hundreds of names. And Fred Lay got even more of a workout than usual! Thanks to everyone.
3. **Student hires.** Human Resources recently announced a pilot program for student workers who may now work 24 hours each week. There are stipulations, so [visit the Human Resources website](#) to learn more about this program.
4. **Strategic Plan.** During the summer, the Executive Team will think carefully about the process for creating the college's next strategic plan. We aim to be intentional, collaborative, transparent, and to set actionable goals. The timing will be ideal, because OSU overall and the OSU Extension Service are honing their strategic plans, so we will be able to align ours with theirs. In addition, the Transforming Academia for Equity team has just completed its work, so we will be able to ensure that tangible efforts related to diversity, equity, and inclusion will be well-represented in our strategic plan. If you have questions, concerns, or thoughts about this process, please let me know. We'll be in touch in the fall with more details about the process.
5. **Congratulations** for making it through an incredibly busy spring term! Have a wonderful summer. Thanks to all of you for so warmly welcoming me to the college! As ever, please feel free to contact me directly if there's anything I can do to help.

- Our college is hiring a new Associate Dean for Student Services and Well-being. The posting is [here](#). It is a competitive national search, and the full consideration date is 9/24/23.
- We are definitely now the **College of Health!** The Dean explained communication about this change in his email on June 5, 2023.
 - **Materials**
 - If you're ordering anything new (business cards, letterhead, name badges, banners, print materials, swag), please use the College of Health.
 - Please update your email signature line, CV/resume, Google Scholar, and Research Gate profiles, etc. with the College of Health.
 - Use up or give away swag with the CPHHS name/logo.
 - Please visit health.oregonstate.edu/marcomm for new template downloads, fliers, scientific posters, and more.
 - **Communications**
 - In media interviews and on submitted papers, please use College of Health.
 - Updated talking points about the name change are available on our reorganization web page at health.oregonstate.edu/reorg.
 - Please freely discuss our name change with students, colleagues, and community members to lessen confusion and promote our new college name.
 - An email to current students will be sent soon. It announces our change and provides key information important to students. A web page specifically for students, regarding the reorganization, is available at health.oregonstate.edu/students/reorg.

- If you have questions about using the College of Health name or logo, please contact Kathryn Stroppel.
- For folks with academic homes, we have made tentative assignments into one of the three new Schools that make up the College of Health and you have received an email about this. We want you to be comfortable with your assignment, knowing that promotion happens within the School. Reach out to Allison or Teresa if you have any questions about this. The names of the schools may change.
 1. School of Public Health and Nutrition (or School of Population Health and Nutrition)
 2. School of Exercise and Sports Sciences
 3. School of Human Development and Family Sciences

5. OSU Engagement Conference

Please consider this conference and let me know if you need support. Extension dollars may be available.

Announcing Registration for OSU's First Engagement Conference
September 5-6, 2023
CH2M Hill Alumni Center

Registration is open for this inaugural event designed to increase awareness of public engagement and engaged scholarship efforts across the university. The conference will include keynote addresses from Dr. Marisol Morales, Executive Director of the Carnegie Elective Classifications, and Dr. Lorilee Sandmann, Editor of the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*. Conference attendees will hear about Oregon State's public engagement priorities and accomplishments, while learning methods for engagement practice, partnerships, pedagogy and scholarship.

The conference also includes the [OSU Engagement Awards](#), which recognize faculty, staff and community partners for their efforts to develop programs or projects that adhere to the principles of community engagement and engaged scholarship. [Award nominations](#) are due July 17.

See the [conference website](#) for additional information.

Please encourage your faculty and staff colleagues to attend and discover how they can be a part of OSU's vision to become a fully-engaged university. This event is for anyone currently involved in engaged teaching, research or outreach and those curious about doing effective and impactful community engaged work. Contact Associate Vice Provost for Engagement [Marina Denny](#) with questions about the awards or Event Manager [Amanda Bielenberg-Hayes](#) with general conference inquiries.

The OSU Engagement Conference is cosponsored by
the [Office of the Provost](#) and the [Division of Extension and Engagement](#).

6. Extension Annual Conference

Mark your calendars! December 4 to 7, 2023 in Corvallis. More here:

<https://employee.extension.oregonstate.edu/resources/extension-annual-conference>