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2012

SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, August 18, 2012

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Download a free Viking Fight Song ringtone and share your experience on our timeline at facebook.com/portlandstatefans

Go to pdx.edu Monday to see photos from the ceremony.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A special thank you to those who have volunteered their time to help make the 2012 Portland State University Summer Commencement an enjoyable event for the graduating class members and their guests.

PSU Faculty and Staff

Order of Ceremonies

PROCESSIONAL

MUSIC

Dr. T and His Orchestra

"Pomp and Circumstance"
Edward Elgar

"Hey Look Me Over" from
Wildcat
Cy Coleman

"Happy Days Are Here Again"
Milton Ager

WELCOME

Sona K. Andrews, Ph.D.
*Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Dr. T and His Orchestra
Please join along in singing.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

PRESIDING

Wim Wiewel, Ph.D.
President

STUDENT ADDRESS

Debra Kidney
*Student Representative of the
Class of 2012*

Shangar Meman
*Student Representative of the
Class of 2012*

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Wim Wiewel
Sona K. Andrews

RECESSIONAL

*The audience is requested to remain seated
during the processional and recessional.*

Platform Party

Wim Wiewel, Ph.D.
President

Sona K. Andrews, Ph.D.
*Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

Alan Cabelly, Ph.D.
Presiding Marshal

Veronica Dujon, Ph.D.
*Professor, Sociology
Reader*

Ann Marie Fallon, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor, Director
University Honors Program
Reader*

Carol Mack, Ph.D.
*Vice Provost for Academic
Administration and Planning*

Michele Toppe, M.A.
Dean of Student Life

Recognition of Degree Candidates

Sona K. Andrews, Ph.D.
*Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

Sue Beatty, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jeanne Enders, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Business Administration

Liza Finkel, Ph.D.
*Associate Dean, Graduate School of
Education*

Kris Henning, Ph.D.
*Associate Dean, College of Urban and
Public Affairs*

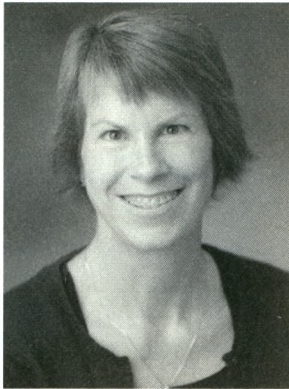
Karin Magaldi, M.F.A.
*Associate Professor, Fine and
Performing Arts*

Renjeng Su, Ph.D.
*Dean, Maseeh College of Engineering and
Computer Science*

Vikki Vandiver, Dr.P.H.
Associate Dean, School of Social Work

Student Speakers

Debra Kidney



DEBRA KIDNEY is graduating with a Master of Science degree in educational leadership and policy, with a specialization in adult education and a certificate in training and development. In addition to earning her master's degree, Ms. Kidney also recently finished a three-week program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Ms. Kidney began her career at Portland State University in 1977 and finished her Bachelor of Science degree in biology in 1984 all while working, getting married, and having two children.

Ms. Kidney currently works as an education coordinator for the American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, a union that represents 1.4 million public employees around the United States and Puerto Rico.

When not working or studying, Ms. Kidney is an avid gardener, a passionate reader, and for the last 15 years has had weekly "walking therapy" sessions with her girlfriends where they power walk, talk, sweat, and solve all family, community and world problems. She and her husband, Dan, have bicycled all over the world on their tandem bicycle, including an epic bicycle trip across the United States in 2008. They are always planning for their next adventure.

Shangar Meman



SHANGAR MEMAN is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. Born in Kurdistan, Iraq, Ms. Meman is the first in her family to attend and graduate college in the United States.

During her tenure at Portland State University, Ms. Meman worked in Senator Jeff Merkley's office and researched law and policy for the Oregon State Legislature's 2011 session.

Ms. Meman currently works at one of the state's top law firms, Gevurtz

Menashe, where she is furthering her knowledge of the American legal system and preparing to attend law school.

Ms. Meman hopes to return to Iraq one day to teach international law. She aspires to help reform Iraq's legal processes to be more democratic.

Ms. Meman is eternally grateful to her mother and father for the sacrifices they have made in their lives and careers, including moving to the United States, so that their children would have better opportunities for success.

Academic Costume

One of the most colorful features of the academic procession is the appearance of graduates, faculty, members of the Oregon University System, and guests of the University in full academic costume. The design of the gown, the color of the tassel on the cap, and the pattern, length, and colors of the hood all have long histories and special significance.

American universities, unlike those of England and Europe, have adopted a standard code of academic costume. According to the code, the bachelor's gown worn by Portland State University graduating seniors has straight sleeves and is worn closed. Gold, silver, and green cords are worn by honors graduates. The master's gown has long, pointed sleeves with the forearm being seen through a slit at the elbow of the sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has bell-shaped sleeves. Each sleeve carries three bars of velvet. The tassel on the cap indicates by color the college or school conferring the degree.

In addition to the cap and gown, candidates for advanced degrees wear

the academic hood, the traditional garment signifying high scholarly attainment. The doctoral hood carries the colors of the college or school conferring the degree on the outside and PSU's colors of green and white on the inside.

One legend, which deals with the origin of the cap and gown, reveals that a venerable teacher in ancient Greece promised wealthy parents that their sons would be "appropriately dressed" when presented at a banquet honoring the completion of their academic studies. However, when the young men entered the banquet hall dressed in simple sackcloth robes and carrying mortar boards, the mark of common workmen, a startled cry arose from the audience. "Let me explain," said the teacher as he raised his hands for silence. "Your sons are dressed in clothing of the mason, for their destiny is to build. Some will build cities, some will build lives—perhaps one of them may even build an empire. But all will be builders on the solid foundation of knowledge."

Bachelor and Master Degrees Tassel / Hood Color

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Liberal Arts and Sciences | |
| Arts | White |
| Sciences | Gold |
| Business Administration | Drab |
| Education | Light Blue |
| Engineering | Orange |
| Fine and Performing Arts | Brown |
| Music | Pink |
| Social Work | Citron |
| Urban and Public Affairs | Peacock Blue |
| Public Health | Salmon Pink |

Doctoral Degrees Tassel / Hood Color

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Doctor of Philosophy | Dark Blue Hood Gold Tassel |
| Doctor of Education | Light Blue Hood Gold Tassel |

Portland State University

Portland State University serves as a center of opportunity for nearly 30,000 students and a cornerstone for more than 130,000 alumni worldwide. The strength of the University is its world-class faculty, who serve the University and the community through teaching, research, and public service.

Research at Portland State has more than doubled in the past decade, achieving new degrees of excellence through investments such as the \$25 million James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation challenge grant for sustainability. Portland State contributes an annual economic impact of \$1.4 billion to the regional economy.

Located in Portland, one of the nation's most livable cities, the University's innovative approach to education combines academic rigor in the classroom with field-based experiences through internships and

classroom projects with community partners.

The University's 50-acre downtown campus exhibits a commitment to sustainability with many Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings, while many of the over 200 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees incorporate sustainability into the curriculum. PSU's motto, "Let Knowledge Serve the City," inspires the teaching and research of an accomplished faculty whose work and students span the globe.

HISTORY

Portland State University opened in 1946 as the Vanport Extension Center to meet the educational needs of veterans home from World War II. The first campus was a portion of Vanport, a wartime housing project that was

destroyed in 1948 when a dike broke along the Columbia River.

The campus was moved to north Portland in fall 1948, and in 1949 the Oregon Legislature made "Vanport College" permanent. Three years later the campus moved to its present location along downtown Portland's South Park Blocks, occupying the former Lincoln High School building. It was then known as the Day Division of the Portland State Extension Center.

The Legislature created Portland State College as a four-year, degree-granting institution in 1955. Graduate work was added in 1961, doctoral programs began in 1968, and the institution became Portland State University in 1969.

The University has grown from an initial enrollment of 1,410 students in 1946 to become Oregon's largest university.

Vision, Mission, Values, and Priorities

The mission of Portland State University is to enhance the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic qualities of urban life by providing access throughout the life span to a quality liberal education for undergraduates and an appropriate array of professional and graduate programs especially relevant to metropolitan areas. The University conducts research and community service that support a high quality educational environment and reflect issues important to the region. It actively promotes the development of a network of educational institutions to serve the community.

The work of the University is guided by the following five themes:

PROVIDE CIVIC LEADERSHIP THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Lead as a civic partner, deepen our engagement as a critical community asset, demonstrate leadership in regional innovation, serve as an anchor institution in the Metro area.

IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS

Ensure a student experience that results in higher satisfaction, retention, and graduation rates.

ACHIEVE GLOBAL EXCELLENCE

Distinguish the institution nationally and internationally through the accomplishments of its faculty, reputation of its programs, and

preparation of its students for a diverse and global economy.

ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Ease the transition and create more effective pathways for students to move from K-12 to higher education.

EXPAND RESOURCES AND IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS

Expand resources in each of the funding streams (state, private, business partnerships, research, tuition), manage resources effectively, and match investments to strategic priorities.



Congratulations Class of 2012!

You are now a proud member of the PSU Alumni Association
with more than 130,000 members worldwide!

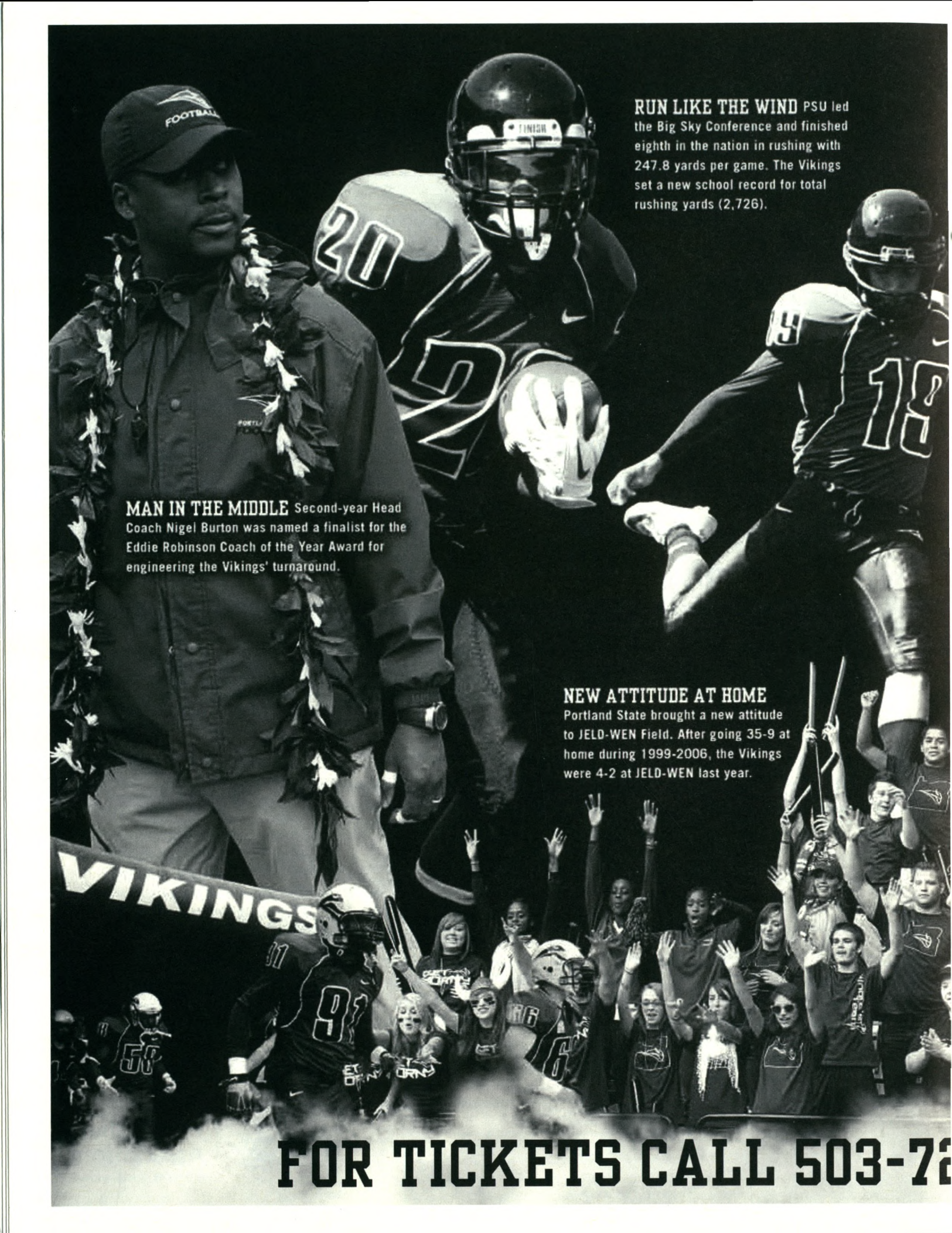
You're going places, but we're always here to help you
in your transition from student to alumnus, to keep you
connected to campus resources and events, and to serve
as your link to PSU no matter where you are in the world.

Please visit www.pdx.edu/alumni for more information
or stop by and see us at the Simon Benson House!



**PSU Alumni
Association**

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY



RUN LIKE THE WIND PSU led the Big Sky Conference and finished eighth in the nation in rushing with 247.8 yards per game. The Vikings set a new school record for total rushing yards (2,726).

MAN IN THE MIDDLE Second-year Head Coach Nigel Burton was named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award for engineering the Vikings' turnaround.

NEW ATTITUDE AT HOME

Portland State brought a new attitude to JELD-WEN Field. After going 35-9 at home during 1999-2006, the Vikings were 4-2 at JELD-WEN last year.

FOR TICKETS CALL 503-722

OUR TOWN YOUR TEAM

OREGONIANS Over one-third of the 2012 Portland State Viking Football team hails from Oregon.

KICK IT Junior All-American Kicker Zach Brown ended up as the nation's top field goal kicker, making 24 of 27 kicks (2.18 per game), and breaking his own Portland State record.

2012 VIKINGS HOME SCHEDULE

[ALL HOME GAMES PLAYED AT JELD-WEN FIELD]

SEPTEMBER 1
VS. CARROLL

SEPTEMBER 22
VS. SOUTHERN UTAH

OCTOBER 6
VS. IDAHO STATE

NOVEMBER 3
VS. NORTHERN COLORADO

NOVEMBER 17
VS. EWU

AWARDED The Vikings won eight Big Sky Conference Player of the Week Awards. Only one time has PSU won more Big Sky Player of the Week honors in a single season (9, 2000).

25-3307 OR VISIT GOVIKS.COM



Students helping students

2012 SENIOR GIFT CAMPAIGN

WHY DO PEOPLE DONATE TO PSU?

FOR PORTLAND

We live out our motto, "Let Knowledge
Serve the City."

TO GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE

Donations help other students realize
their dream of a college degree.

TO SHOW GRATITUDE

Many PSU alums feel incredibly grateful
for the support they received, and they're
paying it forward by giving back to
current students.

TO BECOME SUSTAINING MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

For gifts as small as \$10 per year, all
alumni can access the Student Rec Center
and the Millar Library (small fees apply).

WHAT IS THE SENIOR GIFT CAMPAIGN?

♥ ***Seniors give back to PSU
to help future students.*** ♥

RESULTS OF OTHER SGC

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|-------------|----------|
| ♥ 2011..... | \$9,139 |
| ♥ 2010..... | \$13,106 |
| ♥ 2009..... | \$11,886 |
| ♥ 2008..... | \$6,820 |

You choose where your gift goes.
Most seniors give to the Financial Need Scholarship.

What will the ***Class of 2012*** accomplish?

EVERY GIFT COUNTS

- ♥ Whether you give \$50, \$20.12 or \$10
it all helps another PSU student.
- ♥ If every 2012 senior made even a small gift,
our impact could be huge.

***how to make* YOUR GIFT**

- ♥ Write a check to the PSU Foundation
- ♥ Give online by going to
pdx.edu/giving/senior-gift-campaign
or scan this QR code





NEW STUDENT HOUSING COMING FALL 2012

congratulations GRADUATES

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Congrats GRADS!

Hey **PSU** *Alums!*

Did you know that you are eligible for membership at the Rec Center once you become a sustaining member of the Alumni Association?

Rec Center Membership

> only **\$35**
per month

CAMPUS **REC**

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FISHERMAN'S OATH

I am a fisherman for life.
I will always be a fisherman.
It's not something I do,
it is who I am.

Fishing is not an escape.
It is where I belong,
where I'm supposed to be.
It is not a place,
but a lifelong journey.

It is a passage my father showed me,
and I will show others.
When you understand all of this,
you will know me,
and we will fish together.

—Your Pleasure Is Our Business!

*Gerry & Kathy Kingen
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Happy Hour Bar
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503.288.4444
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Relive your memories!

Order your commencement DVD by contacting the PSU Box Office at 503-725-3307. DVDs are \$32 and will be available approximately two weeks after today's ceremony. The DVD contains the entire commencement ceremony including footage of each student as they cross the stage.

The PSU Box Office is located in the lobby of Smith Memorial Student Union, 1800 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon.

For more information visit www.pdx.edu/commencement



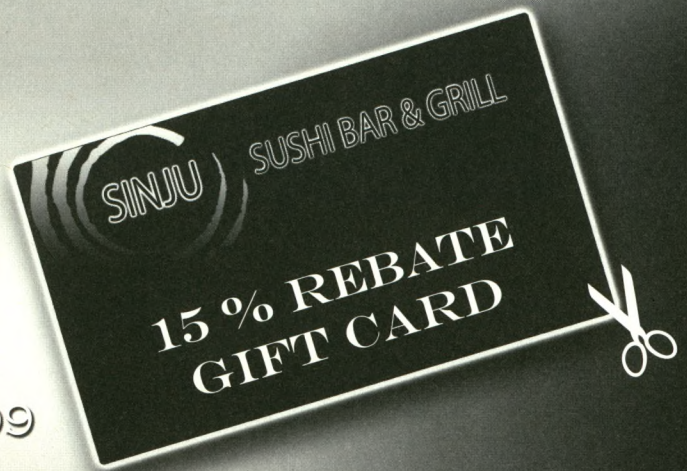
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