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## Faculty and Staff Convocation

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Program – Viking Pavilion Arena Floor

Reception – Viking Pavilion East Patio

### *Honor Song Performance*

Four Directions Group – Led by Harold Paul

### *Musical Performance*

Park Ave Combo – Song Title: *It Could Happen to You*

### *Convocation and New Leadership Welcome*

Rahmat Shoureshi, President

- **Mark McLellan**, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies
- **Susan Jeffords**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- **Richard Corsi**, Dean, Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science

### *Introduction of the Research Faculty Excellence Award Recipient Video*

Mark McLellan, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

- **Dara Shifrer**, Assistant Professor, Sociology—Junior Faculty Research Excellence Award
- **Robert Strongin**, Professor, Chemistry—Senior Faculty Research Excellence Award
- **Melissa Lucash**, Research Assistant Professor, Geography—Research Faculty Research Excellence Award

### *Faculty Senate Welcome*

Thomas Lockett, Presiding Officer, Faculty Senate, and Associate Professor, History

### *Introduction of the Foundation Excellence Award Recipient Video*

Bill Boldt, President and Chief Executive Officer, Portland State University Foundation

- **Jean Rockford Aguilar-Valdez**, Professor, Department of Biology—PSU Foundation Faculty Philanthropic Leadership Award
- **Sybil Kelley**, Assistant Professor, Science Education & Sustainable Systems—PSU Foundation Faculty Philanthropic Leadership Award
- **Angela Jackson**, Director, Research and Graduate Studies—PSU Foundation Philanthropic Cultivation Award

### *Introduction of the Excellence Award Recipient Video*

Susan Jeffords, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

- **Andrew Fountain**, Professor, Geology—Branford Price Millar Award
- **Linda A. George**, Professor, Environmental Science and Management—George C. Hoffmann Award for Faculty Excellence
- **Robert Schroder**, Librarian & Coordinator of Information Literacy—Kenneth W. and Elsie W. Butler Award for Library Faculty Service
- **Christina Luther**, Director, Office of International Student & Scholar Services—Mary H. Cumpston Award for Service to Students

*Acknowledgement of New Faculty and Staff and Faculty Who Have Received Promotion and Tenure*

Susan Jeffords, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

*Musical Performance*

The Green Note – Song Title: *Valerie* – *Amy Winehouse*

*Introduction of the Adjunct Excellence Award Recipient Video*

Susan Jeffords, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

- **Staci B. Martin**, Adjunct Instructor, School of Social Work—Adjunct Excellence Award for Instruction
- **Marilyn Rampersad Mackiewicz**, Research Assistant Professor, Chemistry—Adjunct Excellence Award for Research

*President's State of the Union: Student Success at PSU*

Rahmat Shoureshi, President

*Musical Performance*

Park Ave Combo – Song Title: *Open Your Eyes*

***Greet new and returning colleagues at a reception following the program.***

***Musical Performances Provided By***

**Park Ave Combo – Mentor: George Colligan**

Quinn Walker, trumpet  
Wyck Malloy, tenor sax  
Nicole McCabe alto sax  
Perry Thoorsell, bass  
Wes Georgiev, piano  
Andres Moreno, drums  
Heather Sessler, voice  
Danielle Barker, voice

**The Green Note, Portland State University's A Cappella Ensemble**

Lilli Colven  
Emma Rosenberg  
Aimee Altamirano  
Mia Keeler  
Maggie Conroy  
Alden Girsch  
Michael Walker  
Kendall Berry  
Daniel Nyounai-Herrera  
Jeremy Custodio

***Reception Performers***

**PSU Scholarship String Quartet – Mentor: Hamilton Cheifetz**

Shion Yamakawa, violin  
Eugene Howe, violin  
Keely McMurry, viola  
Cecelia Monroe, cello