Oregon State Chapter Education News
May/June 2018

SCHOLAR AWARD

One Oregon nominee received a Scholar Award who will be announced at the Oregon State Convention in June. Thank you to the 24 Oregon Chapters who gave $500 or more to PSA. These laureate chapters will be recognized at the Convention in June.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP (IPS)

IPS trustees are always looking for photographs of chapter activities with IPS recipients to share with our membership. Photographs can be sent to us through Jaime Jensen. (JJensen@peodsm.org). Thank you to the chapters who gave $500 or more to IPS. These Partners in Peace chapters will be recognized at the Oregon State Convention in June.

STAR

STAR Recipients Notified by April 30

Across the state, 37 chapters submitted recommendations for STAR applicants. International notifies the chapter contact and the candidate about her funding status by April 30. Your work to identify, interview and guide these young students on the threshold of their post-secondary education is impressive and gratifying.

PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (PCE)

PCE Webpage updates! The PCE Trustees have been updating the Chapter Recommendation materials to reflect current policies and procedures. The PCE recommendation guide, "Have a PCE Candidate? Get Started Now", has eight steps to help the chapters throughout the recommendation process. Some of the step titles have been changed to be more descriptive. Item #4, "Chart to Determine Recommendation Submission Date", is a great resource. For example, if you have a candidate starting at Oregon State on Sept. 20th, the application dates for PCE would be between May 20th and July 12th. Be sure to check out the improvements!

Also, while on the P.E.O. Website check out the PCE quarterly newsletters for Local Education Chairmen. Just go to "P.E.O. Projects" then Chapter Resources for PCE to find them.
EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND (ELF)

ELF Hopping with Activity

A total of $715,600 was awarded in ELF funding to 46 women for academic programs at a wide range of higher education institutions, from community colleges around Oregon, to post-baccalaureate universities within and beyond the state’s borders. These women were sponsored by 33 PEO chapters around Oregon, an increase of four sponsoring chapters from the previous fiscal year. Nine chapters supported more than one ELF candidate. Twenty ELF recipients repaid their loans for a total of $174,000 during the recently ended fiscal year.

For a fun activity at your next chapter meeting, consider playing the Big ELF Mix-Up, a 28-questions and answers game. It’s a fun way to help your sisters learn more about the ELF project. From the game, we learn the ELF default rate is less than one percent; evidence that chapters are backing committed candidates whose educational attainments permit them to fulfill their financial obligations. This game may be found on the international website under Chapter Resources.

COTTEY COLLEGE

Greeting Sisters! As usual - our College is a campus full of vibrant young women working on all kinds of exciting projects. Some recent news from our school:

- Cottey College was granted full membership into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) on April 17, 2018, at the 77th NAIA National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri. This means that our student athletes can now compete all four years they attend Cottey.
- Our students are coming close to the end of their year. Thank you for all of you who have sent cards, notes, letters and care packages. It’s these thoughtful gifts of encouragement that really make a difference in the experience for our Cottey girls.
- It’s not too soon to start planning for 2018/2019 care packages! Please consider sending a package to Oregon Suite. Care packages can be sent to:

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