



Focus on Students: Welcome to Evergreen!



Evergreen will welcome more than 900 new students and their families to our community as part of orientation on Tuesday, September 19. A large interdisciplinary team worked all year to improve the orientation experience for this fall. From the moment new students arrive, they will #DigDeep for **themselves** (learning about campus resources and success skills), **their community** (more than 600 students will participate in giving back through community service projects), **this place** (exploring the campus, beach, and forest), and **their education** (engaging with the common read, keynote panel, and student/faculty workshops). Please check out [the schedule](#) to find opportunities for you to participate throughout the week. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend any of the orientation events.

We have many opportunities for staff, faculty, and student leaders to engage with incoming students and personally welcome them to campus. Because orientation has such an impact on student success and retention, it's more important than ever for everyone in our community to pitch in, #DigDeep, and support *Welcome to Evergreen!*

[SIGN UP TO HELP SUPPORT OUR NEW STUDENTS](#)

Contributors: Jadon Berry, New Student Programs & Jaymie Lacina, Residential and Dining Services

Developing a Strong Community

Welcome to the first issue of *Evergreen Forward*, which will feature campus news briefs for and by staff and faculty at Evergreen. Our goal is to publish every two weeks during the academic year. I hope it will be a useful additional source of information as we improve cross-campus communication and welcome newcomers to campus.

Engagement and renewal are on my mind, after a summer of work to improve campus safety and security, advance equity and inclusion, and manage enrollment and budget issues. My conversations with students and their families, faculty and staff, the Legislature, local officials, media and the extended Evergreen community over the past few months have proven valuable in deepening my understanding for what the community seeks and needs for the year ahead. Thank you for the many suggestions you have expressed to me and for your dedication to making the success of our students Evergreen's first priority.



Do you have a story you think we should tell? Is there a new program or initiative the campus should know about or a colleague who deserves recognition? Contact *Evergreen Forward* Editor Nikki McCoy at campusnews@evergreen.edu.

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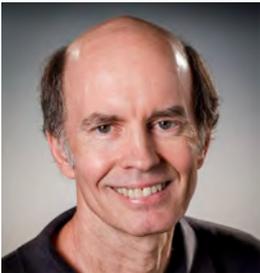
Some of Our New Leadership at Evergreen



Jennifer Drake is the new Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs. "The college is well-positioned to evolve and model bold and innovative approaches in higher education's changing landscape. I'm really looking forward to the possibilities," she states.



Chassity Holliman-Douglas is the new Vice President & Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion. "Together we will work diligently to build a place where everyone at Evergreen feels, and most importantly believes, that they belong," she says.



Larry Geri is a new Curriculum Dean and long-time member of the MPA program faculty. He will work with faculty and staff to craft an exciting and innovative curriculum and aims to enhance the transparency of the curriculum for our current and prospective students.



George Freeman is a new Curriculum Dean of Evening and Weekend Studies (EWS). He has served the college for the past 26 years as faculty, and with Academic Advising and Admissions. He looks forward to engaging with the college community, especially students, to help shape the vision and mission of EWS.

ON THE HORIZON

Gather for food and fun!

The **ALL-CAMPUS CLAM BAKE**

Thursday, September 28
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Red Square



Calendar

Sept. 13-14: Academic retreat

Sept. 19 -24: New student orientation

Sept. 25: Fall quarter begins

Sept. 28: All-campus clam bake

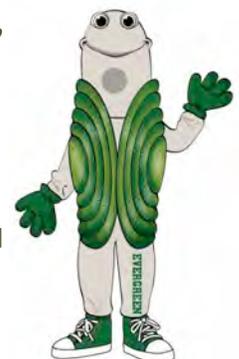
Evergreen staff helping to make orientation a welcoming experience.



Welcome Back, Speedy!

Speedy the Geoduck mascot will be back this fall. Look for the friendly mascot at upcoming campus and sports events.

Go Geoducks!



DID YOU KNOW?

Expanding Indigenous Arts on Campus

Nestled behind the Longhouse, the new Fiber Arts Studio is taking shape. The 1,800-square-foot weaving studio is slated to be completed in November. The final project will include carvings by Salish and Maori carvers, visually depicting the long-standing partnership between the indigenous weavers of the Pacific Coast and New Zealand.



View of the Fiber Arts Studio northeast façade from the Carving Studio, August 30, 2017.

Contributor: Jeanne Rynne, Associate Vice President of Facilities

Support for Students and Faculty Grows

The 2017 [Art of Giving Gala](#) and fundraising event in support of scholarships was our most successful ever, and individual and private support of the college was extraordinary. Most importantly, **generous gifts have made the achievements of so many students and faculty members possible**, contributing significantly to Evergreen's unique and innovative teaching environment. We're especially pleased to report that in June, we received significantly more donations than the previous year.

Success in Numbers

3.7 million dollars given by donors in 2016-17

312 scholarships awarded in 2016-17

221 students received foundation scholarships in 2016-17

124 faculty grants awarded over 10 years, amounting to \$500k

As an Advancement team, we are proud of our work with donors who made gifts to support the Light Lounge in the Library, the Trans & Queer Center, the Longhouse, an expanded Day of Presence, and many other campus initiatives.

Thanks to partners across campus for collaborating with Advancement to ensure that donors can give to foster student success at Evergreen.

Contributor: Amanda Walker Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director, The Evergreen State College Foundation

TELLING EVERGREEN'S STORIES



Check out this new video highlighting the Evergreen student experience. Feel free to share!

[Evergreen is the No. 3 best master's college or university in the country](#), according to the *Washington Monthly*, which has just released an annual College Guide and rankings of national universities based on their contribution to the country. (Note: master's college means we offer both undergraduate and master's-level programming.)

Plus! *The Princeton Review* named Evergreen as one of the Best 382 Colleges and Best Regional Colleges for 2018. Evergreen is one of 38 Best Buy colleges in the country in the 2018 *Fiske Guide to College*.

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