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The VPSL Column: Special Guest Edition

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Greetings!

In many portions of the northern hemisphere, fall is recognized as a time to celebrate the hard work of spring and summer and the resulting harvest. As the season changes and we begin to recognize the telltale signs of a Pacific Northwest Autumn, it is a great time to reflect upon our own hard work and celebrate. Whether it's taking the time to [get outdoors](#) and enjoy the fall splendor or enjoying a small gathering with friends over a hot beverage in the crisp air, I encourage you to find your joy as the rigors of the academic semester take hold.

This month, we celebrate the [inauguration of Dr. Robin Holmes-Sullivan as our 26th President](#). There are many ways to join the festivities, but I'd like to invite you specifically to partake in two activities. On Saturday, October 22, all L&C students are invited to the [Student Inauguration Party](#), a game-filled night at Punch Bowl Social in the heart of downtown Portland to celebrate the inauguration of President Holmes-Sullivan. Food and nonalcoholic beverages will be provided, and there will be a range of fun activities available from bowling, ping pong, arcade games, giant scrabble, foosball, cornhole, and karaoke! Limited transportation is available, [so register today](#)! As part of the inauguration, the Center for Social Change and Community Involvement is also hosting a [campus-wide food drive for the Oregon Food Bank](#). I hope you'll join me in participating in both.

This month, we also celebrate the completion of Phase 2 of the student center remodel. Most student organization spaces, several new meeting rooms, and some offices will open in the coming days and weeks. The remaining portions of the remodel are still on track to be completed in time for the Spring semester. Be on the lookout for communications from the [Campus Activities Board](#) and [Student Engagement](#), as our new Student Center comes to life!

Together, I look forward to celebrating all the hard work we put in to make our campus community the vibrant and inclusive space we want it to be.

Best,

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