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The VPSL Column

Dear Students,

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing fall break. The next couple of weeks are quite exciting with two major campus-wide events: Homecoming and Family Weekend, and the inauguration of our 26th President, Dr. Robin Holmes-Sullivan!

Both of these events give us opportunities to come together and celebrate our community. Especially after the isolation of the early COVID times, being physically together in shared space is so important as a way to feel connected to each other and to this place. In that spirit, I encourage you to attend [Homecoming and Family Weekend](#), October 14-16, 2022. I do hope to see you, your friends and families throughout Homecoming activities and the various athletic games to support our coaches and student-athletes. Homecoming [football](#) game this coming Saturday afternoon against Willamette University. It's free with your L&C ID, and you don't need to know anything about football to appreciate beautiful fall weather, the excitement of a crowd—and the joy of a win (should things go our way—the team is doing great this year!). I'm also super excited to watch Soccer, Cross Country, and Volleyball this weekend. Come join me and cheer on your student-athlete classmates!

The following week, on Friday, October 21, we will celebrate the formal [inauguration of President Robin Holmes-Sullivan](#). The inauguration of a college president is quite an experience: colorful regalia worn by the faculty, delegates, campus leaders; beautiful music made by students, faculty, and staff; and a chance for Robin to share the vision she has as the leader of our institution. Plus a chance to party, with a special event just for students at Punch Bowl Social, on Saturday, October 22. RSVP for both [the ceremony](#) and [the party](#) and come together to lift up and celebrate our new president, who has centered students in her work for her entire career.

Lastly, I want to take the time to reshare [this story from The Source](#) about TriMet's consideration of eliminating routes 38 and 39. These bus lines will deeply impact the transportation connections that our campus community members—students, staff, faculty, alumni, families, visitors—need to make to and from the campus. No matter how frequently or infrequently one rides, these are still important arteries that connect our campus to the surrounding communities and the city of Portland. I encourage each of you to take the time to [fill out TriMet's survey](#) and share your thoughts.

Once again, please come visit me at my [office and campus hours](#) to say hi and let me know how I and members of the Student Life team can support you. Hours will also be posted on the <lc_vpsl> twitter and instagram accounts.

Thank you,

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