WHAT'S NEW IN RO?

Join us on August 20th, 10:00-11:30AM, to honor Cindy Sagers’ service to OSU. Located on Founders Loge Level of Reser Stadium.

A quick glimpse of updates you should be aware of:

1. **PERSONNEL CHANGES**
   - Jessica Thurner-Byers accepted a new position as Business Analyst within the Research Office, 8/26/18 last day
   - Chris Young has accepted a new position as Associate Director in Enterprise Computing, 9/3/18 last day
   - Nicole Wolf accepted a new position in the school of Psychology, 9/3/18 last day
   - Cindy Sagers has accepted a position at ASU, 9/19/18 last day

2. **POLICY UPDATES**
   The relocation policy has been updated, as of July 1, 2018, to use the amount stated in offer letter as an allowance instead of requiring receipts. Find out more here: https://fa.oregonstate.edu/fis-manual/400-expenditures/415-relocation-allowance

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   - OCCD Office will be closing at 3:00pm today (August 17th) for an offsite staff get together.
   - Research Office will be closed 9:45-11:45 am on Monday (August 20th)
   - Nominations for the Interim Vice President for Research are due by August 20, 2018 to Jennifer.Almquist@oregonstate.edu

4. **OFFICE NEWS**
   - RO teams up with ODFW and Oregon Coast Aquarium- OSU and Oregon Coast Aquarium scientific divers join forces to help ODFW install and service a long-term seafloor monitoring station in the Cascade Head Marine Reserve. The station will monitor various environmental parameters over time, and correlate that data with ecological changes within the marine reserve. Divers and instruments were deployed from the R/V Kalipi, with the RO’s Taylor Eaton at the helm!

5. **REMINDERS**
   - Parking Pass updates: Due to changes in federal tax law enacted through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the university’s program for purchasing parking permits via payroll deduction will be modified effective with the sale of 2018-19 permits. Staff can begin securing permits Tuesday, August 14th at 8:00am. http://transportation.oregonstate.edu/parking/parking-permits

6. **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**
   - Sara Begley is the new HR Liaison for the Research Office. Here are four facts about Sara:
     1. Sara’s favorite animal is an elephant!
     2. Her dream vacation would be to travel to Maldives.
     3. She’s originally from southern California.
     4. She can be found watching Netflix or Hulu on the weekends

7. **REFRESHER**
   - Do you have upcoming travel? Review the travel fact sheets to prepare before you leave. For any questions contact RO.Travel@oregonstate.edu

8. **LEARN SOMETHING NEW**
   - This TedTalk discusses how we need to work to see the positive in the world. Follow the link to learn more: https://www.ted.com/talks/alison_ledgerwood_a_simple_trick_to_improve_positive_thinking

If there are any announcements or requests that you have for the next update, please contact: sara.begley@oregonstate.edu