

Pink Boots Society Announces Portland State University Business of Craft Brewing Scholarship Recipient



The [Pink Boots Society](#) is proud to announce that Colleen Kuehl has been selected as the recipient of the [Portland State University \(PSU\) Business of Craft Brewing Scholarship](#). Colleen is co-owner of the forthcoming Wander Brewing, a 20-bbl system, in Bellingham, WA.

The PBS Scholarship Selection Committee (SSC) is made up of five very experienced women beer professionals who hold positions as brewers, educators and writers. The committee commented on their selected of Colleen saying, “Her drive and motivation really stood out. It was a strong group of candidates.” They were impressed with her experience overseas and her sense of community and, “can see her really maximizing the class and doing great things with it.”

Colleen’s story started four years ago when her and her husband made a drastic decision - they uprooted their comfortable life in San Francisco, CA and embarked on a year-long journey around the globe. During their travels they talked extensively about their future and experienced beer throughout the world - sampling nearly 300 beers in over 30 countries and touring 26 breweries in 11 different countries.

Upon returning to the U.S. they settled in Washington State where their future plans continued to take shape, including an upgrade to Colleen’s homebrewing system in their garage and her husband taking a position with Hillard’s Beer in Seattle. After six months they settled on the location for their brewery, signed a lease on the space and are anticipating delivery of their brewing system later this month (January 2014).

In addition to tuition for this course, Colleen will receive a pair of [pink steel-toe rubber boots](#) when she fulfills the Pay It Forward requirement associated with the scholarship. She says, “I hope to share my knowledge from this course with others, to be an advocate and one day if I am lucky, a mentor to new women in the brewing world.”

