



## Focus on the EOU-PCC Partnership

### Daniel Gates—Portland Community College and Eastern Oregon University Fire Student

Daniel grew up in Warrenton, Oregon, graduating from high school in 2002. He received a scholarship to play baseball at Lower Columbia College, where he spent two years as a pitcher while completing his general education associate degree. Following graduation, he joined the Oregon Air National Guard, and continues to serve his country with this organization.

His interest in the fire service stems from key attributes of his personality: involvement in community service, physically active, pursues challenges and goals, and passion for working as a team player. His ultimate career goal is to become a fire officer, dedicating his life and career to the emergency services and his community.

Daniel is currently working on both an AAS and a BS degree, and hopes to complete both by spring term, 2010. This term, he is taking two classes from PCC, and seven from EOU. With a heavy course load, including many online classes, Daniel finds it important to be motivated, organized and dedicated to learning the material on his own. As part of the AAS program, he is participating as a full-time intern firefighter with Clark County Fire and Rescue in Battleground, Washington.

Even with a busy schedule, Daniel finds time to volunteer with organizations such as Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division, Historic Belmont Fire Museum, and SOLV. He has been happily married for 1 & 1/2 years. He enjoys concerts, hiking, swimming and snowboarding.



Did you know that Lower Division courses required for the FSA degree are available online through Portland Community College? More information is available at the

[PCC Fire Protection Technology Website](#)

Ed Lindsey is the Department Chair for the PCC Fire Protection Technology Program; he has served in this position since 1989. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Portland State University. His background includes serving as a Training Officer and Pararescue Specialist in the United States Air Force. Ed teaches for EOU as well as promoting the FSA program and classes.

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