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Sherm Bloomer assumed the leadership of the College of Science in 2000. A respected geologist with 22 years of teaching undergraduate and graduate students, he holds a B.S. in Geology from Rice University and a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences from the University of California at San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Among his priorities as dean are

- Ensuring a collaborative, interdisciplinary environment for faculty. The future of the OSU College of Science lies in our people, in continuing identifying and developing outstanding researchers and teachers who understand the value of translating their work to others.
- Providing access to a high quality education in science and mathematics for Oregon's best and brightest students.
- Enhancement of facilities that encourage continued excellence in teaching and research and that bring and keep the best students and faculty members at OSU
- Partnering with teachers, administrators and private partners to promote science and mathematics education in Oregon's K-12 system and to diversify and expand the scientific workforce for the next generation.