

# COMMUNITY

(POLICE)

## POLICE: IT GETS BETTER

The Portland Police Bureau's LGBT officers are doing their part to spread the word that it gets better. Their *It Gets Better* video, released in time for June's Portland Pride celebration, features several officers and PPB workers of various orientations and gender identities telling their stories.

"Several months ago, a member of the Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Minorities Roundtable shared an *It Gets Better* video done by the San Francisco Police Depart-

ment," Sgt. Pete Simpson said. "The Portland Police Bureau Communications Unit decided to create one for Portland and the response from the LGBTQ officers was overwhelming."

"I'm extremely proud of the men and women of the Portland Police Bureau who participated in this film," Chief Michael Reese said. "Their honesty and willingness to talk about their lives in a personal and frank way is what makes the film so compelling."

To watch the video: [JustOut.com](http://JustOut.com)



**CELEBRITY NEWS**  
Portland, Oregon, is 'one of the most Canadian cities in America' says singer k.d. lang, who recently moved into Portland's Pearl District from Los Angeles. "I've always felt comfortable here" lang told interviewer Kristi Turnquist of *The Oregonian*. "A perfect city" she said. A long attraction and strong resonance with Portland after years of gigs here was enough for her to just pack up and come — her first choice, actually, when it came time to move on from LA.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY WILL BE DEBUTING A NEW ACADEMIC COURSE FOR STUDENTS THIS FALL TERM DESIGNED TO ENSURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR NEW, TRANSFER AND RETURNING QUEER STUDENTS. THE CLASS IS INTENDED TO HELP QUEER STUDENTS MEET EACH OTHER, FIND SUPPORT, AND LEARN ABOUT IMPORTANT PORTLAND QUEER RESOURCES.



Kimberlee Van Patten

(DRAG)

## MAGNIFIQUE WINNERS

LaFemme Magnifique Plus, Alexis Campbell Starr and LaFemme Magnifique, Kourtnei Capri Duv, were crowned on July 15 at Darcelle XV Showplace. They'll compete September 2 in the International Pageant at the Oregon Convention Center. *Just Out* Publisher Jonathan Kipp, was one of 5 judges who selected the winners. [lafemmemagnifiquepageant.com](http://lafemmemagnifiquepageant.com)

(HEALTH)

## OHSU: LEADER IN LGBT HEALTH

Oregon Health & Science University has been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" for the second year in a row. For its efforts, OHSU is listed in the Healthcare Equality Index 2012 report, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest LGBT organization. OHSU is one of 71 respondents that earned top marks for its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who may face challenges in accessing adequate health care. Facilities awarded this title meet several key indicators for equitable care, including nondiscrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees, a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents, and LGBT health education for key staff. Download a free copy of the report: [hrc.org/hej](http://hrc.org/hej).