

# PCC Unveils 50 Diamonds That Sparkle *continued from page 11*

Society (which PCC has an exhibit through May 24), PCC staff, local leaders and past employees celebrated the alumni, who will be honored throughout the spring.

Ken Berry is one of the 50 Diamond Alums and served as keynote speaker. Berry worked at KGW radio as a disc jockey in the 1960s while taking classes at PCC's then new Sylvania Campus. He graduated from University of Oregon's Teacher Corps Program and spent the majority of his 40-year educational career serving as a reading specialist, teacher or principal for such Portland Public Schools as Adams, Benson, Cleveland, Jefferson and Franklin high schools, in addition to Clinton Street, Whitaker Elementary, Meek, Irvington and Ockley Green schools.

Even though Berry was being thanked by PCC, Berry was much more thankful to the college.

"I'm grateful to PCC," he said. "Thank you, PCC, for helping me and thousands of students to acquire the educational skills necessary to become productive citizens in this world and impacting my life forever."

For more on the Diamond Anniversary visit: <http://opportunity.pcc.edu/>

## 2012 Diamond Alums:

**Southeast Portland:** Alesha Adamson (Co-founder of Pronoia Health LLC), Geof Garner (Program director of Alternative Pathways at Multnomah Education Service District), Shay James (Principal at Franklin High School), Kheoshi Taylor-Mayes (Case manager

for youth and families), Solomon Trimble (Youth engagement specialist with Native American Rehabilitation Association of the NW), Christina Unga (Executive Director of ChildRoots Center for Young Children), Mara Windstar (Founder of Paws to Freedom) **Milwaukie/Clackamas:** Josette Beach (PCC Dental Program Director and coordinates service trips abroad for dental hygiene students), Neil Clevenger (Reach & Treat Paramedic at American Medical Response), Jonathan Smith (Retired deputy chief at Clackamas County Fire), Olivia Yeung (Mentor Program Coordinator at Marylhurst University), Julie Parrish (Oregon State Representative Tualatin/West Linn)

**North Portland:** Ken Berry (Retired Portland Public Schools Administrator and executive director of World Arts Foundation, Inc.), Samuel Brooks (Executive Director of Brooks Staffing), Margaret Carter (Former state senator and representative; deputy director at Oregon Department of Human Services), Heidi Durrow (Author of bestselling novel "The Girl Who Fell from the Sky"), Shaheed Haamid (Retired licensed social worker and certified alcohol & drug counselor), Kanaan Kanaan (Middle East student advisor and retention specialist at Portland State), Jason Lim (Marketing manager at The Asian Reporter and co-founder of JustPortland), Sharon Maxwell-Hendricks (Owner/CEO at Boanerges Group LLC), Rebecca Skloot (Author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"), Connie Whipple (Drug, alcohol and vocational rehabilitation counselor), James Scot McDonald (retired nurse

at Kaiser Permanente and volunteer for Cascade AIDS Project)

**Beaverton:** Prentice Davis (Senior Manager at Gateway to College National Network), Hadi Nouredine (Dentist and president of Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon).

**Hillsboro:** Andy Duyck (Chairman, of the Washington County Board of Commissioners), Deanna Palm (President of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and member of PCC Board), Jeff Van Raden (Owner of Columbia Industries and president of PCC Foundation board), Isaac Elting-McGuire (Building Inspector for City of Hillsboro Building Department)

**Vernonia:** Tera Roberts (Family nurse practitioner and public health nurse)

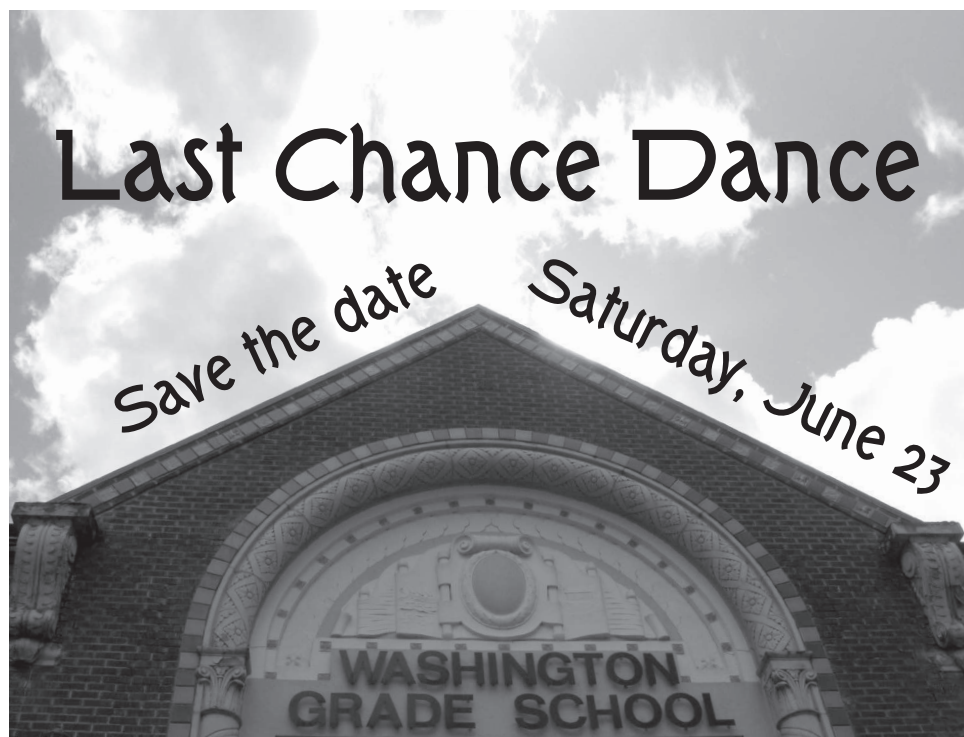
**Northwest/South/Downtown Portland:** Michael Bartlett (Art Director at The Maris Agency), Betty Kendall (Retired automotive instructor; founded Association for Women in Automotive), Anh Le (Executive Legal Assistant to the Dean at Lewis and Clark Law School), Mark Noonan (Social Media Manager at Elders in Action), Tom Potter (Former mayor of Portland; former chief of Portland Police Bureau), Sally Brounstein (Nurse at Providence Portland Medical Center; instructor for CLIMB Health Professionals), Cau Chung (Bond Accounting Manager at PCC), Karen Gaffney (President/founder of the Karen Gaffney Foundation), Linda Gerber (Sylvania Campus President at PCC), Brett Hall (Attorney at Wayne Mackeson Law Office; coach of Sunset

High School mock trial team), Randy Leonard (Portland City Commissioner)

**Outside Area:** Justin Bean (Marketing Manager at Streetline Inc.), Koni Denham (Assistant Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Western New England University), Sarah Jeanne Lombardo (Crisis counselor at Bay Area Women Against Rape), Bevin McNamara (Sign language interpreter and founder of "Deaf Beat" at the Oregon School for the Deaf), Aaron Shukla (Associate professor & director of the Ophthalmic Technician Program at St. Catherine University), Nishiki Tayui (Assistant professor of Art at University of North Dakota), Katherine Farrell (Owner of Hubbard Family Dental), Roberto Jimenez (Executive Director of Farmworker Housing Development Corporation in Woodburn), Mary Savage (Regional Director of Diagnostic Imaging for Providence and former PCC Foundation board member)

## 50th Anniversary:

In 50 years, Portland Community College has educated more than 1.3 million people and this year is giving back to the community in a big way to say "Thank you" for its half century of support. All year long, in honor of PCC's 50th anniversary, the college has pledged to donate 50,000 hours of service to the community. PCC will partner with local community service efforts throughout the year to achieve its 50,000-hour goal as well as showcase and celebrate programs and individuals that symbolize PCC's spirit of opportunity.



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# Vernonia Students of the Month

## March 2012

Grace Costley, Grade 5



Grace has been an exemplary student and self manager who is a great listener and hard worker. During fifth grade study of the Revolutionary War, Grace showed creativity, initiative and team work on several projects. Grace sets a great example for other students by always being kind and considerate. She always chooses to do what is right. Grace says her favorite subject in school is reading. She is involved in Girl Scouts, plays soccer and raises chickens for 4-H. She is involved in a composting program and helps her mom with the community garden. In her free time Grace says she likes to make beaded jewelry and draw.

Payton Wolf, Grade 7

Payton is an amazing young lady who excels in all that she does. According to teachers she is a terrific student, who is a complete joy to teach. Payton is well liked by her peers and her teachers and always has a smile on her face. She is a kind and generous person who is loaded with potential to do just about anything that she sets her heart and mind to. Payton says she enjoys sports and plays volleyball, basketball and softball. She says here favorite classes are P.E. and



Language Arts.

Shyla Tungwenuk, Grade 12



Shyla has done an excellent job this year. She played varsity volleyball, did varsity football stats, played varsity basketball, and is doing stats for the baseball team. She is carrying a 4.0 her senior year and is Office Support during the afternoons in the VHS office. "She is very supportive and knowledgeable and makes my life much easier," says VHS Secretary Kathi Fetch. Shyla just joined a women's rugby club in Scappoose. Shyla plans to attend PCC next year and hopes to go into the medical field.

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