

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Meet Roosevelt High School's two new Vice Principals

Dr. Keylah Boyer and Mr. Dan Malone will be Roosevelt's new Vice Principals. Principal Filip Hristić said, "I am absolutely thrilled to have them on our team. As you can see from their introductions below, Keylah Boyer and Dan Malone have considerable experience and expertise in leading organizations, supporting students and families, and collaborating with teachers. They are both familiar with our school community and purposefully chose to return to Roosevelt.

Please join me in welcoming them."

**Dr. Keylah Boyer:**

I am proud to be a part of the Roosevelt team for the upcoming school year! In 2012, my nephew graduated from here so I know firsthand the dedication that staff consistently demonstrate with students and families.

Here's a little information about me that you may find helpful....

I am a lifelong resident of North and Northeast Portland and grew



up in a blended family. My parents and grandparents instilled a love for social justice in me at an early age. It is this love that has continued to drive the work that I have done in education over the years.

During my junior and senior year in high school, I tutored with my mom and that was when I decided that I could make an impact in the lives of students.

It is definitely wonderful to be back in North Portland where I started my teaching career 16 years ago at Astor School. While at Astor I served as the building TAG Coordinator and volunteered to coach the Drill Team. After leaving I went on to teach 6th and 7th grade Language Arts at Self Enhancement Academy, a charter school. On a regular basis, I was able to collaborate with other content area teachers that proved to be beneficial for our students.

My next role in education was as a director and full time professor in the College of Education at Concordia University. During my time at Concordia, I supervised student teachers, worked to revise the curriculum with my faculty, and taught classes including the required equity course for students. Additionally, I served on a number of faculty committees and participated in student recruitment events with families.

Throughout my career, I have enjoyed having the ability to work collaboratively with community organizations, school districts, and most recently with Faubion PK-8 School on the 3 to PhD Initiative.

The 3 to PhD initiative is a visionary partnership between Faubion PK-8 School, Portland Public School District, Trillium Family Services, Concordia University and a growing list of community organizations. Ultimately the result of this partnership will be the rebuilding of Faubion PK-8 School

in which the College of Education will be located. Through this in depth collaboration, I have realized the need to ensure that from an early age students are exposed to a culture of college.

During the 2012/2013 school year I conducted my dissertation research at Roosevelt that was focused on improving college access and career readiness, I had the opportunity to observe firsthand the academic and social support to adequately prepare students for their postsecondary opportunities.

I look forward to meeting each of you this year and working together to make it an amazing school year! Go Rough Riders!

**Mr. Dan Malone:**

I am honored to be named as vice principal of Roosevelt High School for the 2015-16 academic year.

Some say you can never go home; I am very excited to say that I am an exception to the phrase, having spent the first 23 years as an educator at 6941 N Central. I am a Roughrider at heart and look forward to a return to my roots.

My association with the school goes back to my first education class at the University of Portland and was interrupted for the past 11 years while I served as an administrator at Newberg High School.

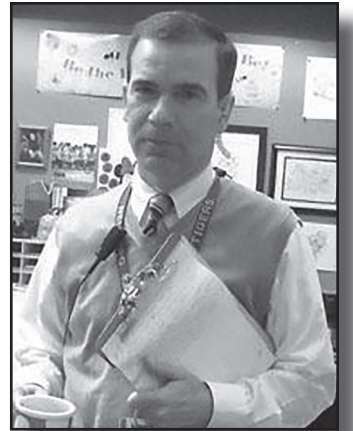
For those who don't know me, I began my teaching career as an English teacher, later adding government, Economics and Freshman Survey to my resume. I was one of the first members of the team that created Roosevelt Renaissance 2000 to our campus and helped make it a nationally renowned program. In addition to my teaching duties, I served as head coach in Track and Field (20 seasons), Men's soccer (16 seasons), Cross Country (6 seasons) and Men's Golf (2 seasons) as well as spending two years as assistant AD during my first stint. In that time I had the privilege of working with students who have gone on to do great things, including a couple of current staff members at RHS. I am sure that some of you parents had me in class and it will be great to reconnect with you.

I am passionate about making sure our students have the equitable opportunities that every student in the PPS system has. I am adamant that people in positions of

decision making keep our kids at the forefront of their minds when curriculum, financial and staffing decisions are made.

Lastly, it will be great to work with Mr. Hristic again. We both served as small school principals at Newberg and I know he is a hard-working and dedicated educator who want the best for our school community. I believe our team will do great things in the coming year while dodging construction workers!

Again, I look forward to getting started!



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**City funds North Po watershed**

Environmental stewardship and education are the goals of two north Portland projects this summer funded by Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) grants. The Portland City Council approved CWSP grants totaling \$100,000 to 13 community groups for watershed health projects. CWSP provides grants of up to \$10,000 to engage volunteers in stormwater management and watershed restoration projects. This year's CWSP grant projects include:

- \* \$6,200 to continue the Linnton Neighborhood Association's work with Portland Parks & Recreation and the neighborhood on a restoration, outreach and pollution reduction project for Linnton Creek in Forest Park. The project will remove invasive vegetation, restore native plants, and install an interpretive sign and a plastic bag dispenser to encourage dog owners to pick up after their pets to reduce pollution in the creek.
- \* \$8,600 to the Columbia Slough

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