

Banking career profile

Valerie White

Valerie White is assistant vice-president and manager of employee relations at U.S. Bancorp, a position she has held since 1982. She advanced to manager just two years after joining the department as a specialist. She first joined U.S. Bancorp in 1975, entering one of the company's management training programs.

Valerie's current position makes use of her educational background and earlier employment in the field of social services. Her first assignments at U.S. Bancorp, however, introduced her to entirely new types of jobs and different challenges. She was an operations and loan officer at two branches of U.S. National Bank, U.S. Bancorp's principal subsidiary.

Valerie is a native of Massachusetts. Because her father was in the U.S. Air Force, Valerie has lived in New York, California, Hawaii and Japan. She earned her degree in sociology at Whitman College in Washington.

After graduating from college in 1974, Valerie moved to Portland with her husband, Bruce. Before joining U.S. Bancorp she held positions in a treatment facility for adolescent girls with problems and an alcohol information and referral center and participated in a therapy program for inmates in maximum security in a penitentiary.

Why the change from social services to the corporate world? "I was ready for a change and new challenges. It took some time, but Vern Chatman of the Urban League (Vern is now retired) convinced me that a Black woman with a liberal arts education and nonfinancial



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work experience could be successful at a bank," explains Valerie. "I had expected to be here only a short time while I decided whether to pursue graduate studies in social work, but I found I really enjoy the challenges and rewards to be found in a corporate environment." She adds that Bancorp is a good company with very supportive management. "I see many opportunities for growth."

Valerie says one of the biggest challenges for her is balancing a demanding career with her family life (she is the mother of two young children) and still having some time left for herself. "When I ask myself why I do it, the answer is that I need and want the stimulation of a career. I take great satisfaction in doing a good job, so doing both jobs well can be doubly rewarding."



Ms. Alene Grice explains the process for gaining employment under the mayor's "Summer Employment for Teens program" to a group of interested job seekers. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Program employs youths

The 1984 Summer Employment for Teens (SET) Program, expected to employ some 650 youth this year, was set into motion last week. SET workers must be City of Portland residents between the ages of 14 to 19. Applications for the program will be available starting May 29th at the 4th floor of The Portland Building at 1120 SW 5th Avenue, the King Neighborhood Facility at 4815 NE 8th Avenue, and the Donald E. Long Home at 1401 NE 68th Avenue. A limited number of applications will be distributed

through the job placement secretaries in the Portland Public High Schools.

SET tasks will include landscape improvement, litter patrols, water meter and hydrant maintenance and assorted other civic improvement projects for the Bureaus of Parks, Water, Public Works and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Wages for all SET jobs will be \$3.35 per hour.

Mayor Frank Ivancie initiated the SET Program three years ago to provide a source of income, work

experience and job reference for Portland youth while improving the appearance of the city.

Noting that teenagers typically suffer the highest rates of unemployment, Mayor Ivancie called the SET Program "an opportunity for teens to establish some solid work experience and to make a solid contribution to their city at the same time."

The SET Program will run from July 5th to August 31st. The phone number for more information on the SET Program is 796-6829.

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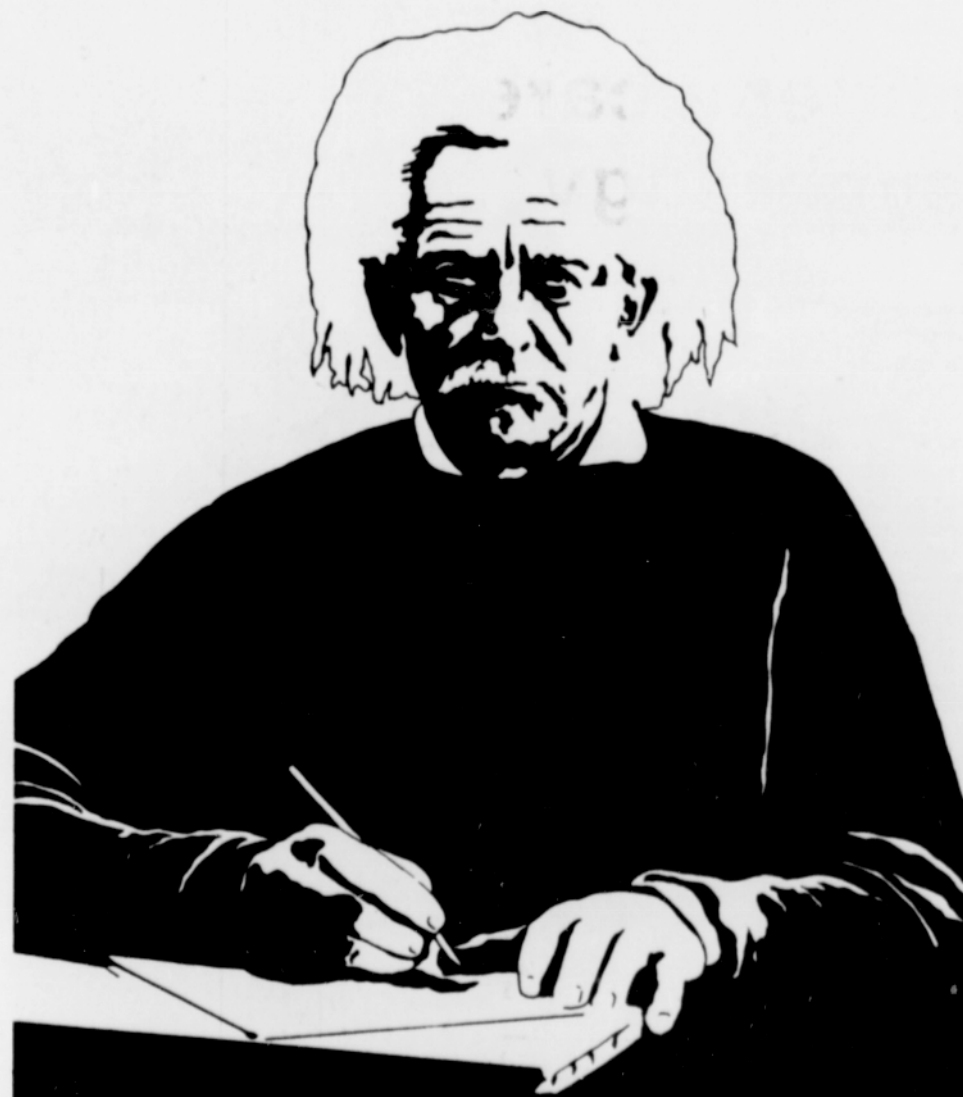
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