

Tubman School Honored

Three years ago Dr. Prophet brought Renee Wilkerson-Anderson to Portland to coordinate and administer the MESA program. MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) is an after-school activity designed to attract minority students and to develop an interest in academic achievement in mathematics and science. The activities are supported by Portland State University and businesses in the metropolitan area.

At the annual awards banquet, on June 2, at the Smith Center, PSU, Harriet Tubman Middle School was honored as having the most outstanding MESA program. It's three Harriet Tubman teacher coordinators Ken Krause

(science), Gary Starr (mathematics), and Melanie Ramsey (science).



Paul E. Coakley

have successfully involved over 60 students in the after-school activities, tutorial program, and weekend field trips.

The success of the program comes from the administrative support given by Paul E. Coakley, principal of Harriet Tubman. On April 2, 1988 at the Scottish Rite Temple, the Portland Masons honored him as most outstanding Principal of the Year. His philosophy of, "if it's good for kids we'll do everything we can to support it", rings true not only for MESA but for the many other after-school programs he has supported.

Teachers along with his administrative staff could be found

working with as many as 180 students in after-school activities. The many hours of volunteer time by these dedicated staff members have helped to provide students with a sense of belonging in a troublesome time for many of our youth.

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