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#### PCC **Announces** Chair Of PCC **Board**

Dana Anderson, a member of the Portland Community College Board of Directors since 1985, was elected to chair the board for the 1992-93 year at the directors' July meeting.

Anderson represents Zone 4 of the PCC district, an area which includes portions of northeast Portland. Zone 4 is one of seven seats in the five-county, 1,500-square-mile PCC district.

Anderson, first elected to the PCC board of directors in 1985 and again in 1989, most recently served as 1991-92 vice-chair of the PCC board.

Active in state-wide community college affairs, she is president of the Oregon Community College Association, a professional association of community college board members and presidents. Anderson also serves on the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and has had experience on several statelevel boards and commissions.

A graduate of Lewis and Clark College, she has a grown son and is married to Duane Anderson.

Assuming duties as vice-chair is Harold Williams, who represents Zone 2, a district composed of portions of north and northeast Portland and Columbia County. Williams is president of CH2A Associates, a contracting firm.

He is active in northeast community affairs and is past chair of the Coalition of Black Men and is a member of the Urban League of Portland. Williams received bachelor's and master's degree from Portland State University. He lives in northeast Portland and has three children. Williams was elected to represent Zone 2 in 1991.

#### Students Score Higher on Most Tests Oregon students scored higher this umped from 25 to 35 percent. The number of eighth graders scoring be-

year on most state math, reading, and writing tests, according to the Oregon Department of Education's second annual assessment. Students in grades 3.5,8, and 11 were tested in reading and math for the second straight year and in health for the first time. Third and eighth graders also took writing tests.

"We're making progress," said State School Supt. Norma Paulus, "with significant gains in reading in grade 3 and math and wrting in grades 3 and 8."

Like last year, the are of most concern is elevnth grade math. "although the scores improved slightly, we're still concerned that 30 percent of our high scholls have daily math lessons, while many eleventh graders have

"While it is easy to focus on average scores," said Paulus, "our goal is to more all children up the skill ladeder. We expect every child to suceed, and these results show that they are climbing up the ladder."

For instance, the number of third graders scoring below grade level in reading droped from 14 to 9 percent and the number scoring above grade level low grade level in math dropped from 25 to 14 percent and the number scoring above grade level increased from 13 to 19 precent.

Writing results were impressive with scores increasing in five of the six writing traits. "Students are showing a stronger ability to organize their thought and communicate clearly with a distinct personal style," said Paulus.

"More time has been spent in elementary school on actual writing instead of filling in the blanks," she added, "and it is paying off."

Results of the health tests show few students scored above grade level expectations. One-third of third graders scored below grade level. "This tells us that health needs addditional attention in the primary grades," Paulus

"In the last decade of budget reductions, health and physical education programs have often beeen the first to go. These short-term solutions will have long-term consequences to the health and welfare of our society. Our assessment makes it clear that our

children are not getting enough information about nutrition and elemaentary health care. We're becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of orgainzed physical activity for our younger children in particular."

The assessment included survey questions about student behavor. Results show that many students are not getting enough nutritious food, sleep

and exercise. For instance: -34 percent of eighth graders skipped breakfast at least three times a

-61 percent of eleventh graders got 7 or fewer hours of sleep on a typical -41 percent of elventh graders only

follow a regular exercise program some-Paulus said the assesment is a criti-

cal part of the education reform program. "As we move ahead to improve our school, we need this kind of baseline data to chart our growth.' "I applaud the improvements we

see in this year's results," said Paulus. "They are laregly due to the efforts of Oregon's teachers who are serious about curriculum reform."

#### Portland Teen To Compete For Boys & Girls Clubs Of America's National Youth Of The Year Title

Julie Skidmore, age 18, a member of the Portland Boys & Girls Clubs, has been selected as one of five finalists in Boys & Girls Club of America's 1992-93 National Youth of the Year program, sponsored by Reader's Digest Associa-

A recent graduate of Wilson High School, Skidmore will represent the Pacific Region at the national finals to be held in Washington, D.C., September 21-23. The National Youth of the served as advertising spokesperson and Year will be installed by President Bush, honorary chairman of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, at a White House

Ceremony on September 23.

Skidmore has been a member of the Sellwood-Moreland Boys & Girls Club, a unit of the Portland Boys & Girls Club, for two years and serves as a leader and role model for fellow Club Members. At the Club, Skidmore

leader of rally workshops and calligraphy class.

'The understanding, sense of belonging and support the Club staff has given me made the difference in my life," says Skidmore. "I believe that it is my calling to help other at the Boys

& Girls Club has done for me."

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