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Students Earn College Scholarships



Scholarship winners Shanique Young (left) of Benson High School and Eliza Capuia of Jefferson High.

Three area students have received Howard Vollum Scholarships to attend college and pursue careers in math, engineering or science.

The recipients are active in the Portland Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program. Portland MESA, a program of Portland

State University's School of Engineering and Applied Science, encourages area middle and high school students from all ethnic backgrounds

to pursue advanced education in math, engineering or science through a series of workshops, field trips and scholarship opportunities.

This year's Vollum Scholarship winners are Shanique Young of Benson High School, Eliza Capuia of Jefferson High School and Aaron Marsh of Grant High School. They received their scholarships at MESA's 9th Annual Awards Ceremony, held at PSU June 9.

Each of the one-year scholarships is for \$2,000 and is renewable. Scholarships funds are provided by a special grant from Tektronix, Inc.

Young, 18, will attend the University of Portland next fall. She will pursue a chemistry degree and hopes to become an environmental chemist or engineer. Young is the daughter of Orlando and Everline Young, 637 N.E. Eighth Ave., Portland.

Capuia, 20, will pursue a career in medicine and medical lab work, and will attend PSU this fall. She is the daughter of Estevao and Julieta Capuia of 5037 N.E. 9th Ave., Portland.

Marsh, 18, is heading to Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Penn., this August. He plans to study

in the sciences and in international relations. Marsh, the son of Bill and Corliss Marsh, of 2814 N.E. 40th Ave., has a variety of interests including aviation, military history and theater arts. He currently is a 100-hour private pilot.

Also at the June 9 MESA awards ceremony, 20-year-old Mai Trang of

Portland received a \$1,000 Chevron Scholarship. Trang recently received a two-year associate degree in science from Portland Community College. She plans to attend Oregon State University this fall to pursue a degree in industrial engineering. She is the daughter of Mai Chanh and Vicki Nott, 1235 S.E. 15th Ave., Portland.

Minority Students Graduate To Successful Careers

A nine-year program encouraging minorities to enter engineering, math and science careers is paying off, and it has four successful college graduates to prove it. Four Howard Vollum Scholarship recipients who completed the Portland Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program several years ago while in high school recently graduated from four-year universities to embark on careers in engineering, computer science, medicine and industrial technology.

The graduates are Yolanda Blume (Benson High school, 1988) who graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. with a major in computer systems engineering; Pamela Clegg (Whitaker Middle School, Jefferson High School, 1990) who earned a degree in industrial technology from Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss.; Aisa Benjamin (Tubman

Middle School, Benson High School, 1990), a biology/pre-medicine major from Jackson State; and Bosco Kante (Grant High School, 1989), who graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California.

This month, Blume starts her new job as a computer software engineer with Hewlett-Packard's Computer Integrated Manufacturing Division plant in Vancouver. Clegg will work at Intel Corp. in Hillsboro. Benjamin, who entered the MESA program in 1985, plans to attend medical school eventually. Kante, a two-year MESA participant, plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration in a few years, but for now he'll keep busy by operating his own music production business in Los Angeles.

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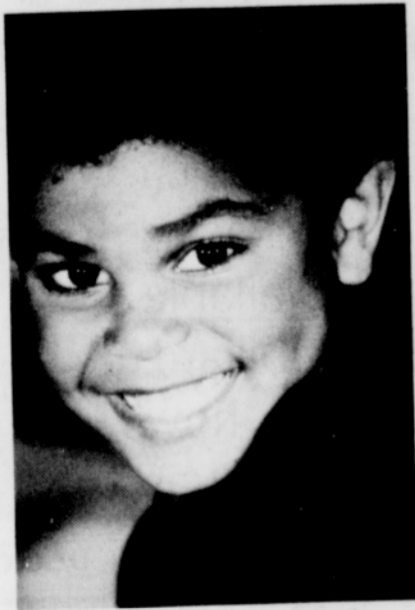


Portland MESA college grads and former scholarship winners: (L to R) Alisa Benjamin; Yolanda Blume; Pamela Clegg; Bosco Kante

ages area middle and high school students from all ethnic backgrounds to pursue advanced education in math or science through after-school and weekend workshops, field trips and

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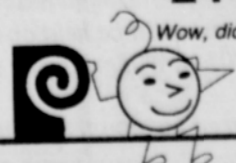
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