

# BACK SCHOOL

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## Portland Christian Schools Offer Minority Scholarships

**P**ortland Christian Schools has announced a scholarship and financial aid program that can pay up to half the cost of a private education for ethnic and minority students.

The school is one of the city's best keep secrets, offering state-accredited classes in outstanding school settings for area children from grade school age to high school. The first day back to school this year is Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The schools were founded in 1947 by a small group of concerned Christian parents who wanted to raise their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Portland Christian Schools started raising funds for the ethnic scholarships this year and are spreading the word on the advantages of a private education.

The success of the drive has made it feasible to award grants to middle and low income families throughout the community. The scholarships also provide educational options for minorities.

The schools have set aside \$105,000 for families with financial needs, \$20,000 of that fund is targeted for ethnic scholarships and \$20,000 is set aside for families with very limited incomes.

For families who qualify, this could pay up to half the cost of tuition.

Lisa Hess, is in charge of Development at Portland Christian. Pastor Steven Holt is a teacher and coach at the school who also serves as a consultant for minority student development.

Holt says ethnic diversity in

## Students Compete in Academic Olympics

Students from the Springdale Job Corps Center in Troutdale, completed in Job Corps' Regional Academic Olympics in Moses Lake, Wash. Aug. 24-26.

The Academic Olympics highlights the success of Job Corps' Academic Education Program and demonstrates Job Corps' commitment to provide quality academic preparation. Students competed in math, social studies, language arts, science and current events. The winning team will travel to Washington, D.C. for the national competition in October.

The Troutdale team consists of Candance Kelly, Brian Bradford, Joan Kugler, Laura Crawford and Isaac Osten.



Pastor Steven Holt of Portland Christian Schools is a consultant for minority student development and Lisa Hess serves as development officer for the private schools.

schools help students in their upcoming years understand how to interact with others.

As a school representative, he makes presentations for student development and fund raising efforts to individuals and groups in Oregon and Washington.

A parent himself, with three children enrolled at Portland Christian, he is a member of the Portland Christian Schools Society. He graduated from Warner Pacific College in Portland and will be teaching Christian Perspectives on Society and Government this year. He has

coached 7th grade basketball and will be coaching basketball again this year.

The Portland Christian Royals won the Oregon Class AA Basketball tournament in 1992. Because of increasing enrollment the high school moves to AAA ranking this year. Last year, Portland Christian ranked third in the state. The school has three gyms.

In 1992, Portland Christian was awarded a M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust grant which allowed them to remodel three science labs with state

of the art equipment.

Portland Christian also has a computer lab where students learn how to make computer boards and other equipment.

Daniel Cole is superintendent for Portland Christian Schools.

Portland Christian Elementary School is at 11845 S.E. Market St.; Portland Christian Junior and Senior High School is at 12456 N.E. Brazeo St. (503) 256-3540; and Clark County Christian School (including Luv N' Fun Child Care and Busy Bee Pre-School) is at 7915 N.E. Burton Road in Vancouver. (206) 892-5640.

## Atkinson Voted To PCC Board Chair

Portland Community College Board Member Marcia Atkinson has been elected to chair the PCC board of directors for the 1994-95 school year. Board member Keith Skelton has been elected the new vice chair.

Atkinson represents Zone 6 of the college district, which is composed of portions of Beaverton, Aloha and Northwest and Southwest Portland. Her interest in PCC comes from her experience as a community college student and instructor.

Atkinson formally taught business management at PCC. She is the owner of HR Group, a management services firm that provides human resource, consulting and contracted services to organizations. She also has worked at Sequent Computer Systems, Intel Corp. and Frito Lay.

Skelton, a retired attorney, represents Zone 3, which includes part of Southeast Portland. He has previously served as both chair and vice



Marcia Atkinson

chair. Most recently, he was instrumental in the creation of the nation's first community college liaison in the U.S. Department of Education, with congressional sponsorship from Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield.

Skelton and his wife, Betty Roberts, live in the Mt. Scott area of Portland.

## PCC Starts Fall Term Sept. 19

Portland Community College begins a new academic year, Monday, Sept. 19. This fall, students will be able to register for classes either by phone or in person.

The increased use of phone registration will help simplify the registration process and make it easier for students to register, said Jeanine Lofton-Hendrix, manager of Registration Services.

"Phone registration is up and going. There are 12 operators and 16 holding lines to accommodate fall term registration," she said. Lofton-Hendrix advised students to check PCC's fall schedule beginning on page 6 for new ways to register by phone.

Fax and mail registration is now discontinued. The increase use of telephone registration to touch-tone registration, expected for full implementation fall term 1995.

"We are planning to fully convert to touch-tone registration by next fall," Lofton-Hendrix said. "We will have 96 lines for the touch-tone process. It will make it so easy."

Open registration - registration for new and returning students who do not have a registration appointment begins Tuesday, Sept. 13 and will run through Friday, Sept. 23. However, there are still some available appointment times for new students. Lofton-Hendrix said. Students can phone the registration office at 244-6111, ext. 4484, for their appointment.

Registration Services have extended the registration period this fall and students can now register throughout the term for classes which start later in the term or to drop or add classes.

Tuition is \$30 per credit. There is a \$5 student activity fee for students taking six or more credits, \$2 for one to five credits.

Payment or financial arrangements need to be made by Oct. 3, either by mail, by phone using a credit card, or in person. Each campus business office will have a tuition payment drop box.

Sally Wood, manager of Business Offices, reminds students to

be sure and notify the business office if their plans change and they intend to drop a class after they registered. Otherwise, the student is obligated for the charges.

"Students need to cancel the class at the business office during the refund period in order to get the charges reversed," said Wood.

Parking permits for fall term can be purchased at campus traffic and parking offices. Students will need permits for their vehicles by Monday, Sept. 26 in order to park at PCC between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Students who take classes off-campus do not need to purchase a parking permit. The parking fees vary, based on the number of hours per week on campus, and range from \$25 for full-time students to free for a car pool of three or more persons.

The free PCC shuttle bus will resume operation the first day of fall term, Sept. 19. Shuttle schedules are available at campus information centers and at traffic and parking offices. The college has added several more routes, one a direct route from the downtown transit mall to Rock Creek Campus in Washington County.

PCC is undergoing several building construction and remodeling projects, made possible by voter approval of a 1992 bond levy. Despite the construction, school officials say the business of teaching will be in full swing fall term.

At the Cascade Campus, the new library and cafeteria remodeling projects will be ready for the start of fall term. Early next year, the classroom addition in the student center is expected to be ready.

At Sylvia Campus, remodeling projects are underway in the CC building to provide better services for students. It will create an entrance to the building from the new plaza and group similar student services together such as registration and the business office, and admissions and testing; move tutoring centers to the CC building; and create a faculty advising area in the space that had been occupied by the bookstore.

## Literacy Program Seeks Volunteers

The Portland Community College Volunteer Tutor Literacy program is looking for volunteers. To learn more about the volunteer literacy program, please attend orientation sessions, scheduled on Sylvania and at Rock Creek Campuses in Washington County.

The Sylvania Campus orientation is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, 9am to noon in the Cedar Room, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave. The Rock Creek orientation is set for Thurs-

day, Sept. 15, from 6 to 9pm in the Town Hall, Building 2, 17705 N.W. Springville Road.

The orientations are an opportunity to learn about the volunteer literacy tutoring program at PCC and to register for the Saturday workshops on Sept. 17 and 24, held at Rock Creek Campus.

Please call the Volunteer Literacy Tutor Program at 244-6111, ext. 4148 or leave a voice mail message at 244-6111, ext. 3700.

## Freedom Schools 94: Youth Working To Save Our Children

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

**For many college students summer vacation signals a break from classes, work, and community service. But this summer, hundreds of black college students will devote their time to service in their hometowns.**

They are part of the Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN) which recruits and trains college students from across the country to work as servant leaders to provide a safe, fun, and nurturing learning environment for disadvantaged children during the summer.

After two weeks of rigorous

training through the Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute at Knoxville College, 200 students will run Freedom Schools at 17 sites across the country combining child feeding programs with academic and cultural enrichment, recreation, and child advocacy. The intensive training leaves students exhilarated, inspired, and motivated by all they have learned and gives them an opportunity to discover a sense of purpose. It is this sense of purpose, which will empower them to work effectively to reclaim our communities and educate our children.

Lisa Sullivan, field director for the Black Student Leadership network, once told the stu-

dents participating in the Institute, "It's not just going to be a summer thing. You're making a commitment to a social movement in this country, a movement led, energized, and directed by African American youth."

Summer can be a difficult time for children who are not involved in some type of recreational or culturally enriching activity. Having young role models and a safe and nurturing learning environment will make the difference in hundreds of children's lives and keep many of them out of the way of potential dangers.

Recalling the 1960s Mississippi Freedom Schools, which reached out to black youth

in disadvantaged areas, this year's schools will offer 5 to 18-year-olds a sense of their history and traditions, keep them academically active, and increase their expressive abilities and self-esteem.

Founded in 1992, the Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute was named in honor of Ella Baker, an inspiration to thousands of young participants in the Civil Rights Movement. Today her legacy and the legacy of that movement lives on through the works of this new generation of student leaders on behalf of children and families.

The BSLN and the Ella Baker Child Policy training Institute recognizes the important role college-

age youth can play in bringing about social change and also seeks to encourage intergenerational leadership enabling young people to benefit from the wisdom and experience of mentors who are, in turn, inspired by the passion and purpose of the young. This program provides our community with a great example of how we can work together to unite ourselves on behalf of our children.

I am very proud of the college students who are working so hard to improve the quality of life for children. Their determination constantly reminds me that they are committed, caring, and eager to make a difference.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Freedom School in your community in 1995, write Steve White,

Director, Black Student Leadership Network, 25 E. Street, NW Washington, DC, 20001.

We all should be inspired by our young leaders who are continuing a legacy and using the lessons of history to build bridges over troubled economic and social waters--bridges that will lead to increased self-esteem and ultimately and increased sense of pride in our rich African American heritage.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's defense Fund and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, Head Start, Fair Start, and a Safe Start. For additional information, please call 1-800-ASK-BCCC.