

Education

Underrepresented Minority Graduates Recognized

More than 40 high-achieving, underrepresented minorities who are graduating from Portland State University this year gained special recognition May 21 during a scholarship reception held at the Multicultural Center, in PSU's Smith Center.

The 44 graduates all had previously received Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarships. This scholarship program awards tuition and fee waivers to meritorious students of African American, Hispanic American, and Native American/Alaskan Native heritage. Scholarships are awarded at the freshman and junior level, as well as a few at the graduate level. Students must maintain 12 credit hours of classes and a 2.0 grade point average throughout their freshman and sophomore years, and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average and 12 credit hours through their senior year.

"We've gone through a long period of schooling. We have a duty--a responsibility--to go back into our communities and be role models,"



Seven of more than 40 Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program graduates from Portland State University. Back Row (from left): Leah Lewis, Lashunda Dotie, Linda Terwilliger, Aisha Irving, Cesar Diaz. Front Row (from left): Pedro Satey, Marylou Fahnholz. (PSU photo by Brian White)

said keynote speaker Cesar Diaz, a PSU history and political science major who graduated from the Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program in winter 1996. "We must remember to go back into our community centers, our elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. We must talk to the kids and help them go to and stay in college. They need people to say, 'We've got faith in you.'"

Diaz, who is pursuing a journalism career, recently received a bachelor's degree in history from Portland State. At PSU, he was co-coordinator of La RAZA Student Union and a three-year member of the Multicultural Center Advisory Board. He grew up in a small Oregon logging community in which he, his mother and brother were the only persons of color.

Diaz urged 27 new UMASP scholarship recipients attending the reception to become active in university life through a student ethnic club. He encouraged them to take advantage

of the resources UMASP provides, such as priority class registration, academic and individual counseling, peer advising and social activities.

Also recognized at the event were four underrepresented minority graduates who completed the Portland Teachers Program. The program focuses on qualifying students who plan to teach elementary or secondary school students.

Janine Allen, PSU voice provost and dean of enrollment and student services, told the graduates that they face the remaining challenge of helping those around them who are struggling in school.

"Most of us really achieve goals without support and encouragement from each other," Allen said. "You need to give to the people struggling around you what you were given."

For more information about either the Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program or the Portland Teachers Program at PSU, call Narce Rodriguez at 725-4457.

Spelling Camps Offered

The Riggs Institute, a non-profit literacy organization with international offices in Beaverton, has a local Language opening, Curriculum and Marylhurst College Research Center.

Nine metro-area spelling camps (begin July 8), teacher/parent training classes (begin June 17), private tutoring (in place) and a 3-day August conference are scheduled.

The Center's classrooms, "cadillac" bookstore and reading and learning disorders research facilities are located in Aquinas Hall. For more information and registration forms, please call 699-8288 or 646-9459 or see their extensive web site at: <http://www.riggsinst.org>

The Institute's founder-director

Myrna McCulloch, said, "We teach The Writing Road to Reading, an Orton-based program uses multi-sensory and direct instructional techniques to address all 'learning styles.' This includes correct English spelling patterns taught 'explicitly' through dictation, 28 rules of orthography, along with specialized handwriting techniques all of which can correct common learning disorders such as letter reversals, phonological awareness and attention deficits, etc."

Ms. McCulloch added that many whole language teachers teach these developmental subskills to insure that their students' print skills will quickly match their verbal, vocabulary and comprehension abilities.

The Center will also house a reading research library including the complete special education research library of Dr. Hilde L. Mosse, former head psychiatrist for the New York City schools.

Psychiatrist Mosse's work in teaching 1000 of her disabled and disturbed patients to read has been nationally and locally applauded by such notables as the late Dr. William Cruickshank, Professor Emeritus of Child and Family Health, Psychology and Education, University of Michigan, and by one of Oregon's own noted educators, Dr. Barbara Bateman, Professor Emeritus of Reading, Learning Disabilities and Law at the University of Oregon.

Bring The World To Greater Portland

Carol Blantner is bringing the world to the Greater Portland area-one international teenager at a time.

Carol is a volunteer area representative for Asse International Student Exchange, a non-profit, public benefit organization. The primary goal of Asse is to contribute to international understanding by enabling foreign students to learn about the United States through active participation in family, school, and community life.

Carol will be interviewing families in the greater Portland area to host exceptional high school students from France, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, Italy, Great Britain, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Czech and Slovak Republics, Poland, Japan, Brazil, Thailand, Mexico, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Again this year, Asse is proud to include students from the Republics of the former Soviet Union to its international roster.

The students stay with volunteer host families for an academic year and arrive with comprehensive insurance and their own spending money.

Carol Blantner knows the Greater Portland area is a great place for a curious foreign student's to learn about life in the United States! Please call Carol at 503/636-5209 For more information on becoming an Asse host family or call 1-800-733-2773.

1996 Young Artists Competition Winners Announced

Three winners have been selected for this year's Mrs. Henry L. Corbett, Sr. Young Artists Competition, designed to identify and encourage young instrumentalists and pianists aspiring to careers in music. The competition, sponsored by the Oregon Symphony Women's Association, was held on Saturday, May 4, in Lewis & Clark College's Evans Auditorium.

Out of 17 contestants, Lamont Tang won first place with his performance of Henri Vieuxtemps' Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Minor. He will be awarded a prize of \$400 and may

Spring Electron Run. Four Oregon high schools took home trophies for top season finishes at the final PGE Electron Run, Saturday. Philomath High School took home the first place season trophy. North Marlon High School placed second overall; South Salem High School placed third, and McNary High School fourth.

Twenty-nine vehicles from 16 schools competed in PGE Electron Run events this year. Saturday's event was the sixth and final race of the season.

From here, the teams can enter PGE's Northwest Invitational Electric Vehicle Race at the Portland International Raceway on Saturday, June 15.

To go the distance, the cars had to be lightweight and aerodynamic. The cars can travel up to speeds of 40 miles per hour during the race.

be asked to perform as a soloist with the Oregon Symphony in the "Music for Youth" series. Tang is a 16-year-old junior in Lincoln High School's International Baccalaureate Program who has played the violin for 12 years. Sidlin has described his playing as possessing "splendid technical control... assertive, yet expressive... enormously musical."

Violinist Emily Norton of Newburg High School won the \$300 second prize with her performance of Saint-Saens' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso; Norton was also the second place winner in 1994. Arthur Sato of Beaverton High School won the third place prize of \$100 with a performance of the Oboe Concerto by Vaughn Williams.

New & used books on
Business, Music, &
African-American Studies

POWELL'S
CITY OF BOOKS

9 AM - 11 PM Monday through Saturday
9 AM - 9 PM Sundays
Used books bought every day till 8:30 PM
On the #20 Bus line • One hour free parking
1005 West Burnside Street
228-4651

State Treasurer To Help School Children Save Money

State Treasurer Jim Hill will announce Oregon's participation in the SAVE FOR AMERICA School Savings program in a statewide ED-NET broadcast, Thursday, May 23 at 3:00 p.m. The SAVE FOR AMERICA program teaches K-6th graders, through innovative banking software, the value of saving money and the importance of financial security. The program also teaches real-life savings goals and develops strong savings habits.

"The SAVE FOR AMERICA program is a fun and effective tool all educators can use to teach Oregon school children the value of financial responsibility and allow them to benefit from their greatest financial asset--time," Hill said. "There is

no greater gift that we can give our children than the gift of financial security. I am convinced that the children who develop strong savings habits today will have the freedom to achieve more of their goals in the future."

"I am very excited about this program because I truly believe it can make a positive difference in the lives of Oregon's young people," Hill said. "With the cooperation of Oregon's elementary schools, parents, local banks and teachers, we can give our children the knowledge and encouragement they need to become financially secure."

The SAVE FOR AMERICA School Savings program is currently implemented in 4000 schools in 44 states, with the cooperation of 200 banks. This pro-

gram marks the first time in 25 years that U.S. Savings Bonds will be available to children at school. Once a week, elementary students can bring their money to school on BANK DAY and make a deposit to their account using the school's computer equipped with SAVE FOR AMERICA software. The deposit is then entered into the student's bank account and may be used to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds. With each deposit a student receives a computer-generated receipt and a sticker reminding them to save again.

The SAVE FOR AMERICA program has been endorsed by the Oregon School Employees Association, the Oregon Bankers Association and the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators.

Advertise In

The
Portland
Observer

Call 503-288-0033

The
AUTO ADVANTAGE

AUTO BROKER Inc.

6717 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR 97213

In business for the past 7 years, The Auto Advantage provides both new and used automobiles of your choice. Cars can be purchased or leased.

The "advantage" of our brokerage is a professional service, fairness in pricing and straight-forward dealing in finding the car you want.

In addition, most sales generated at The Auto Advantage are referrals from satisfied customers.

We are honest and dependable, and will work to save you money.

Hours are 8am to 6pm Monday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm Sunday.

Call (503) 281-9818

Make Your Summer Count At PCC Cascade!

- ◆ Get a year's worth of credits in just a few short weeks this summer in PCC's concentrated courses.
- ◆ Or get a jump start on next year. When you take just one or two classes, you'll spend up to a half-day on campus - the rest of the day is yours!
- ◆ Work on reading, writing or math skills to prepare for fall.
- ◆ Take classes to qualify for entry into one of the Health Professions programs.
- ◆ Business, computer or education programs boost your marketable skills.

The PCC Cascade Campus offers a quality, supportive environment, and classes that increase your chances for success in today's changing job market.

Take Charge Of Your Future Today!
977-5222

Cascade Campus
705 N. Killingsworth St.

Summer Term Starts June 17.



Portland
Community
College