

Family Living

Local grads honored Sunday African American baccalaureate

"When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion."

In the spirit of Umoja, The Bridge Builders and the YMCA Black Achievers Program is calling on the entire community to help honor, recognize and uplift the African American high school graduates from the Portland metropolitan area.

All area residents are invited to attend The First Annual Black Baccalaureate on Sunday, June 1 at 7:30 PM in the University of Portland Chiles Center.

During this spiritual event, each participating senior will have their name announced along with their accomplishments and future plans.

Musical selections will be rendered by the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Chosen Generation Choir and the keynote address is being delivered by former Portland Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Prophet.

Please join The Black Achievers, The prospective Gents Club of The Bridge Builders "Rites of Passage" program and the Class of 1997 as we move toward unity and community at The Black Baccalaureate.

Your presence will be a testimony to the African American graduates that the community is pleased with what they have accomplished thus far.

For more information, contact Fawn McDaniel-Hudson at 221-5343.



Heather Marshall, Benson High School

National Honor society secretary Heather is an enthusiastic member of Benson Band, Clarinet Quartet and Health Occupations Students of America at school. Heather intends on attending a four-year school to focus on science.



Alexis Uwagbae, Grant High School

Alexis' zest for student government and travel has played an important role in her decision to study economics and international relations at the University of Oregon this fall. Alexis is also student body secretary.



Adrian Williams, Lincoln High School

Adrian's various hobbies include art, photography and cycling. She has been very active in sports throughout high school, both in cross-country running and as a nationally ranked pole-vaulter. Adrian was an exchange student in Thailand.



Erin Marshall, Marshall High School

A standout volleyball player, Erin also enjoys writing, stained-glass art and volunteering in her leisure time. Both student body president and National Honor Society president, Erin plans to enter University of Oregon in the fall.



Kerry Lee, St. Mary's Academy

Kerry's love for swimming has had a strong influence on her interests. She is captain of the varsity swim team and St. Joseph's CYO swim team coach. Kerry's love for the water aptly complements her choice to pursue a career in marine animal care.



Stacey Thonstad, Wilson High School

Student Body Treasurer Stacey is also captain of the varsity swim team, Model United Nations treasurer and a member of the soccer team. Stacy was the People to People ambassador to Great Britain and Ireland.



Danielle Gritzmacher, Central Catholic

Danielle likes to spend her free time doing a variety of activities, such as running, writing poetry, snowboarding, water-skiing and photography. Her scholastic achievements include participation in student ministry, peer mediators and work as a Ram Ambassador.



Robyn Brently, Cleveland High School

Dance club member for four years, Robyn has also been a member of the softball team, a capella choir and Clevelandaires. This fall's student body president, Robyn spends her free time drawing, painting, hiking, camping and writing.

Rose Court Members

The eight Rose Court members above were misidentified in last week's edition. We most sincerely regret the error. All 14 members of the court participate in the Queen's Coronation event on Thursday, the traditional kickoff to the annual Rose Festival.

The Distinguished Youth Program 1997

Salutes:

Eskender Said

African American Valedictorian of Jefferson High School

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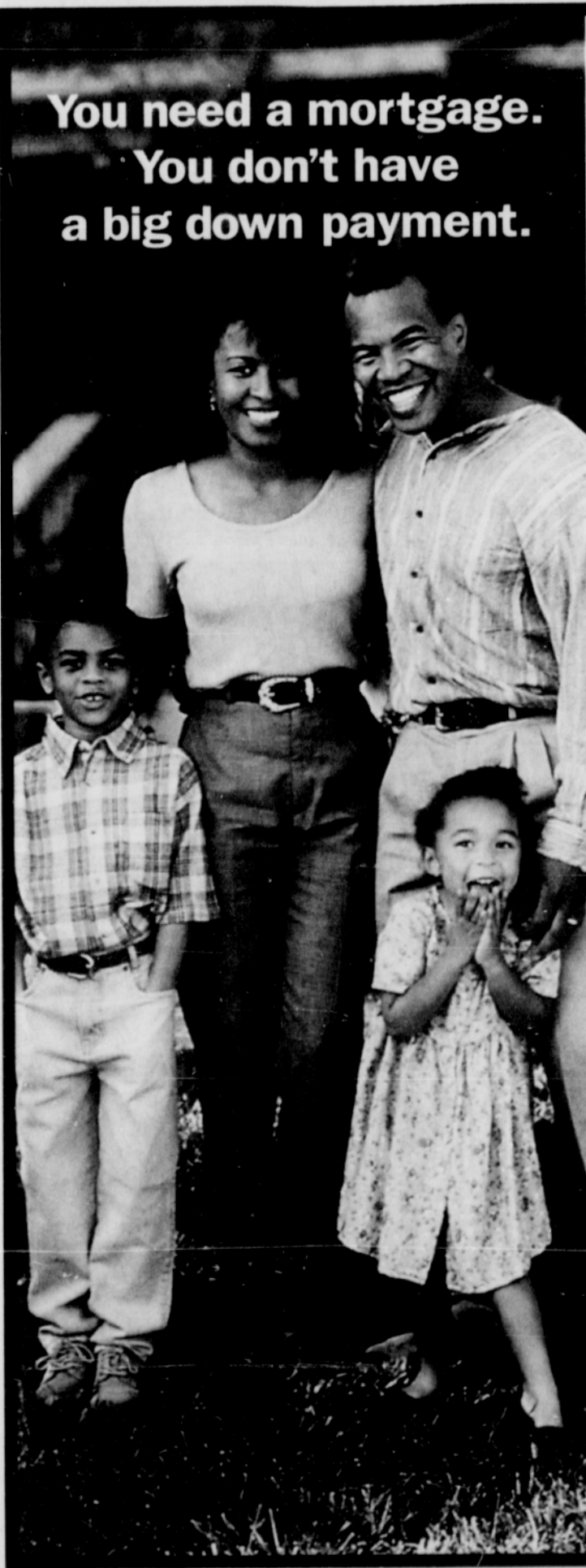
the following Academic Leaders in Multnomah /Clark County High Schools:

- Miss Danica Williams - Jefferson
- Miss Amonique Brown - Benson
- Miss Kiera Garman - Grant
- Miss Humu Kim Jabbie - Roosevelt
- Miss Adia Isabelle - Marshall
- Miss Adrienne Gunn - Cleveland
- Miss Adrea Lawrence - Wilson
- Miss Nichole Mills - Franklin
- Miss Kumba Yambasu - Lincoln
- Miss Marquette Ivons - Madison
- Miss. Camille Walker - Barlow

- Benson - Mr. Zachary Jones
- Grant - Mr. Deanthony Hale
- Madison - Mr. Alex Coffee
- Lincoln - Mr. Amon Millner
- Marshall - Mr. Peter Clarke
- Roosevelt - Mr. Latron Chisley
- Cleveland - Mr. Benian Nusser
- Franklin - Mr. Jason Ford
- Wilson - Mr. Waweru Gatimu
- Barlow - Mr. Tracey Chapman
- Evergreen - Mr. Jason Martin

The students listed above are the highest ranking African American Seniors from their local high schools.

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