

State Government Funds Pilot Project To Help Minority Businesses

Under a special pilot project funded through Oregon Economic Development, the Oregon Business Network will soon be implementing a "Business Coaching" service for qualifying minority business owners.

The five month program will select 10-12 minority businesses or individuals that want to be in business for a special "up close and personal" consulting. A special team of long time business owners have been assembled for this project which include, Dr. Roger Crabbs, publisher of Travelhost Magazine, Alan J. Zell, of Attitudes For Selling, Harold Wil-

liams, President of CH2A & Associates, Peggy Ross, President of Ross Business Development and Roy Jay, Executive Director of Oregon Business Network and President of Roy Jay Enterprises.

Selected applicants will also be provided with specialized consulting through Portland Community College's Small Business Development Center in Portland, headed by Tom Niland.

"This will be an opportunity for selected businesses to receive one-on-one business consulting in areas such as advertising, marketing, business networking, cus-

tomers service, management, production and finance.

We also intend to help subsidize some of the costs of certain expenses for the participating candidates that will be selected for this project" says Jay.

Minority business, professionals or home based businesses who are interested in applying for this unique opportunity for Free business coaching/counseling should contact Oregon Business Network at 244-5794, Ext. 6601, anytime 24 hours a day. Final selection will be made by March 2nd.

Personal Guidance to Students of Color applying for admission

Higher education is a wise investment for students of color, says Washington State University administrator Steve Nakata.

"Earning a college degree is an investment of time, effort and money. WSU is committed to being accessible to all who desire a quality education. The university assists students of color in applying for admission, financial aid and scholarships," said Nakata, interim director of WSU Multicultural Student Services.

WSU's commitment is "not only to attract good students, but to help students of color thrive, earn their degrees and be successful in their chosen professions," said Nakata, himself a WSU graduate.

The Student Mentor Program and student centers for African American, Asian Pacific American, Chicano/Latino and Native American are indicators of WSU's commitment.

Among WSU students is Cathy Domaon, an Asian Pacific American, from Seattle. The daughter of Dimitri and Angela Domaon, Seattle, she is a business major and a 1996 graduate of Seattle's Blanchet High School. "Through my student group--the Filipino American Student Association--I can find the

motivation and encouragement to succeed academically and socially at WSU," she said.

Another WSU student is Ericka Garza, a Chicano/Latino, from Connell. She is a communications major, the daughter of Luis Rei and Sylvia Garza, Connell, and a 1995 graduate of Connell High School. She said, "At WSU, you get to know your professors and even the administrators. This leads to a lot of opportunities."

Russell McCloud, a member of the Yakama Indian Nation, is a WSU forestry management major from Toppenish. A 1996 graduate of Wapato High School, he is the son of Kenny and Mary McCloud of Toppenish. Said McCloud, "My goal was to attend a major university, and WSU has what I was looking for."

Luke Ye, who is African American/Asian Pacific American, is a WSU criminal justice major from Tacoma and a 1993 graduate of Tacoma's Lincoln High School. "I have leadership inside me, and WSU has gotten it to come out," said Ye, formerly known as Raymond Womack Jr. He is the son of Raymond and Mincha Womack.

Using the phrase "WSU...taking

you anywhere you want to go!" the university is speaking of the strength of a WSU education, said Nakata. "The fact that a recent survey of our graduates showed 93.2 percent of them would attend WSU again speaks well of the student experience as well as the success of students once they graduate and go into a variety of professions across the state, throughout the nation and around the world."

In the past academic year, 1996-1997, WSU awarded \$95 million in financial aid. The university offers students of color Multicultural Scholarships ranging from \$1,750 to \$3,500. February 1 is the priority deadline to apply for these and other scholarships at WSU.

Students of color interested in learning more about WSU Multicultural Scholarships may contact WSU Admissions, toll free, at 1-888-Go-To-WSU (888-468-6978) or by e-mail at <admiss@wsu.edu>. WSU Multicultural Student Services can be contacted at (509) 335-7852 or by e-mail at <nakata@wsu.edu>. The WSU web site is <http://www.wsu.edu> and through it the sites for Admissions and Multicultural Student Services can be found.

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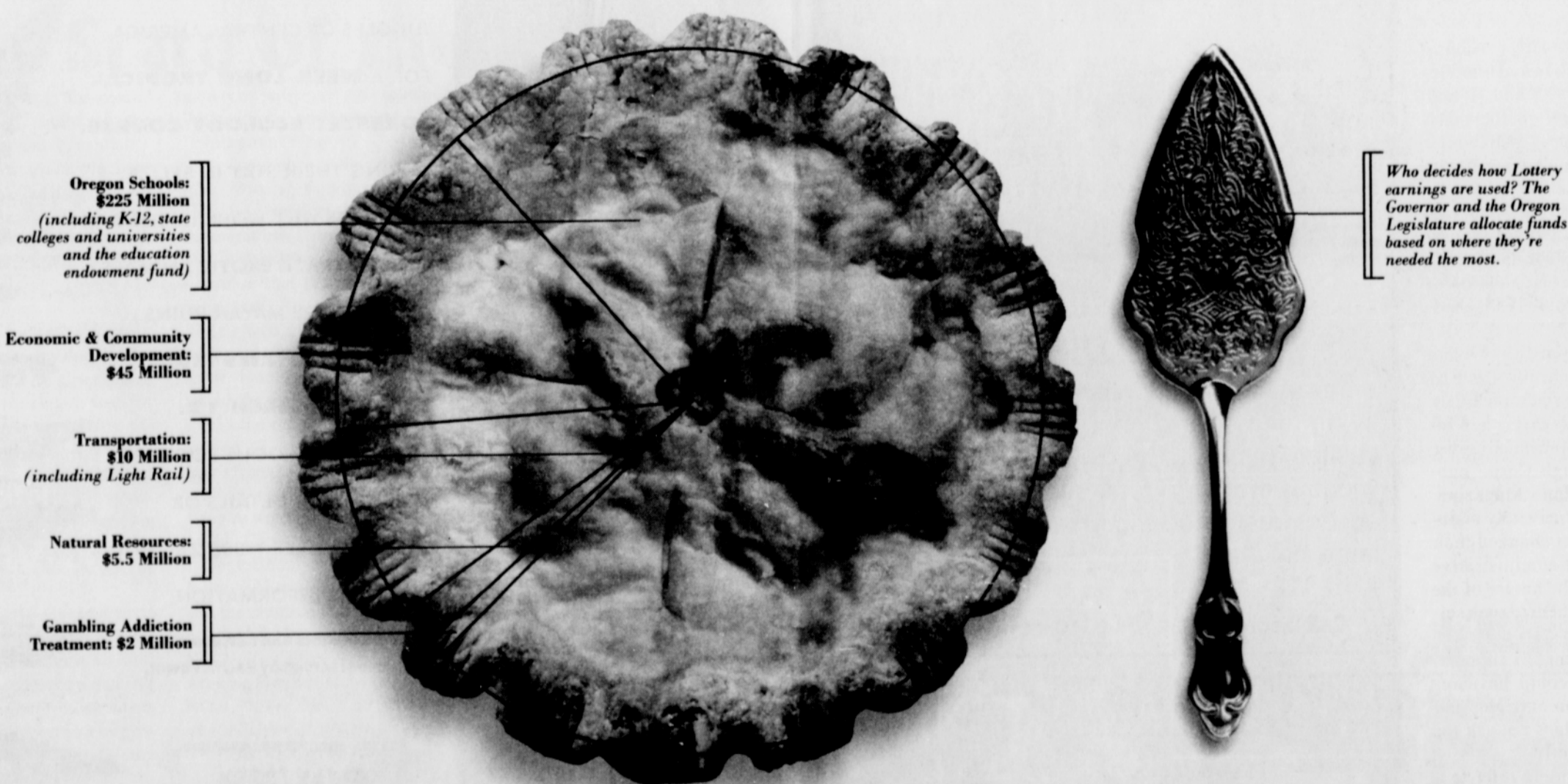
Judge Glenda Hatchett, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Emory University School of Law, is Georgia's first African-American chief presiding judge of a state court, and the department head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country, which includes Atlanta and nine other municipalities. Prior to joining the bench on March 1, 1991, Judge Hatchett was a senior attorney and national and international spokesperson for Delta Air Lines.

She has been highlighted in Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 Best and Brightest Women in Corporate America, and is a past recipient of the Bronze Woman of the Year Award.

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