

# E d u c a t i o n

## PCC Board of Directors Swears in New Chair, Vice-Chair

The Portland Community College Board of Directors on July 16 handed the gavel to long time board member and former vice chair Norma Jean Germond of Lake Oswego. Also sworn in at the meeting was Zone 2 Representative Harold Williams, who will fill Germond's vice chair position.

Harold Williams was elected to the board in Zone 2, which includes North Portland, and Columbia County, including St. Helens and Scappoose, in 1991 and again in 1995. He is currently the president of CH2A Associates, a consulting firm. Williams has been a labor relations manager and equal employment opportunity coordinator

for the State of Oregon. He also served as affirmative action director for former Oregon Gov. Bob Straub. Williams is a member of the Black Leadership Conference, the Urban League, is past chair of the coalition of Black Men, and has served on the board of the Oregon Community College Association. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from Portland State University. Williams lives in Northeast Portland.

The PCC board is made up of seven members who collectively govern the college's 1,500 square mile district, which includes all or parts of Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Columbia counties. The board of directors sets



policy and approves the budget for the college's multi-campus system.

## Clinton and Gore: Supporting Summer Jobs A Critical Investment in the Future of our Young People

One of the most extreme cuts in the House Republican Bill is the complete elimination of the successful summer jobs program denying roughly half a million disadvantaged young people the opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

Republicans have voted to eliminate the Summer Jobs Program. Denying up to 530,000 young people job opportunities. President Clinton proposes to invest \$871 million in the Summer Jobs program, maintaining its current funding level, to provide job and training opportunities for up to 530,000 disadvantaged young people. The House Republican Labor-HHS bill entirely wipes out this successful program. The House budget also eliminates the \$250 million Youth Opportunities program designed to move disadvantaged out-of-school youth into the workforce and cuts the School-to-work program.

The Summer Jobs program works. Last year, only one out of four African American youth and one out of three Hispanic youth was employed. Youth training investments not only provide jobs, but they reinforce core values like work, opportunity and responsibility. The Summer Jobs programs provide an estimated 25% of the summer jobs held by African American 14-15 year olds and at least 16% held by Hispanic 14-15 year olds.

Without this program, the unemployment rate for minority teenagers would be much higher. In fact, a 1995 report by Westat, a leading consulting firm, concluded that more than three out of four young people enrolled in the program would have been jobless without it.

### How The Summer Jobs Program Works:

This program provides summer jobs and academic training opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth ages 14-21 during the summer. These jobs often include clerical positions, building maintenance, custodial, and repair positions, positions in recreation, camps, and playgrounds, landscaping and conservation positions, classroom aide positions, and positions in day care centers, libraries and museums.

The program exposes these young people to the world of work, teaches them responsibility and helps build skills. It also attempts to help young people link what they learn during school to

what they learn at the work site. State and local governments, together with the private sector, have

primary responsibility for the development, management, and administration of the Summer Jobs Program.

## Safe Schools-Then Prevention, Experts Say

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN  
Drug Strategies, a Washington DC based research institute on whose board of directors I am proud to serve, has just published an excellent report entitled *Safe School, Safe Students: A Guide to Violence Prevention Strategies*. I'd like to share with you some of their findings.

The report is a first-of-its-kind guide to school violence prevention programs designed to help schools choose the best ways to meet the safety needs of their students. Working with violence prevention experts from universities across the country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program and others, Drug Strategies looked at 84 violence prevention programs and gave them grades of A, B, C, or D. Unfortunately, only ten programs were given an A; 49 received grades of C or D. Obviously, there is work to be done.

Our schools must play a significant role in preventing the shocking violence that has grabbed national attention in recent months in Springfield, Oregon; Jonesboro, Arkansas; Edinboro, Pennsylvania; Paducah, Kentucky; and Pearl, Mississippi. They must also be a part of the effort to find remedies for the outbreaks in our schools, streets, and homes that fill our

local news with horror and our hearts with dread. The program elements Drug Strategies developed should be examined by every school district, as should their recommendations. First, let's look at the most important ingredients that should be included in any violence prevention program:

- \*activities to change opinions about violence, aggression, and bullying
  - \*skills training based on sound theories
  - \*a plan that includes families, peers, the media, and the community
  - \*changes in buildings and school staff that promotes a positive school climate
  - \*at least ten to twenty sessions during the first year and five to ten sessions in the next two
  - \*teaching that includes discussions and role playing that allow students to practice social skills
  - \*recognizing that certain kinds of violent behavior is more common at certain ages
  - \*material that is appropriate to the racial and ethnic characteristics of students
  - \*teacher training to ensure that programs are properly taught.
- Preventing violence, Drug Strategies warns, "requires changing norms." While this is difficult, it is not impossible. Look how public opinion has changed in other areas. Once people thought it was okay to

smoke at work even if it bothered others, to drive drunk, and to ignore seatbelts. Our society must begin to understand that violence is not acceptable, and we must teach that to our children. We must also teach them to control anger, to be able to imagine someone else's pain, to solve problems peacefully, and to resist media sensationalism.

The report also makes recommendations for stopping student violence. Some suggestions are decreasing class size; re-teaching and re-testing failing students; involving parents and the community in school activities and decisions; providing opportunities for students to help in developing a violence prevention program; prohibiting students from leaving school during the day; requiring uniforms or dress codes; prohibiting beepers, head-phones, and cell phones; making changes in school building including increasing light, closing off stairways that are hard to supervise, and removing locker doors; posting teachers and staff in hallways to supervise; and installing metal detectors and surveillance cameras is necessary, among other strategies.

Before school starts again in the fall, you might want to clip this column and send it to your local school board. Let's all work together to put a stop to the deadly violence that is taking our children's lives.

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NW Trade Show Management	1500	\$79,200
National Association of Counties	4,700	\$2,928,100
Pacific Northwest Wedding Showcase	1,327	\$70,065
Diamond Convention-B. Duncan Family Reunion	7,752	\$4,829,496
American Numismatic Association	12,000	\$6,240,000
Promociones Tropical-Dance	2,883	\$152,222
Tri-Met North/South Kickoff	70	\$3,696
RMLS Meeting	90	\$4,752
Equity Group Seminar	102	\$5,386
Oregon State Bar(5 mtgs.)	675	\$35,640
Boettcher/Jones Business Meeting	1,000	\$52,800
Oregon Health Division Meeting	30	\$1,584
Franklin Covey Meeting	55	\$2,904
Microsoft Seminar	275	\$14,520
OCC Campaign Kickoff Luncheon	140	\$3,360
Oregon Law Institute Seminar	100	\$5,280
High Performance Seminar	450	\$23,760
Franklin Covey Seminar	45	\$2,376
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Iron Worker Party	580	\$30,624
SAI/SIAI Seminar	50	\$2,640
28 Events	42,919	\$19,595,794

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