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African Americans completing undergraduate programs at record levels

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A publication released by the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute of the College Fund/UNCF reveals that African Americans are earning undergraduate degrees at record levels, and are attaining undergraduate and graduate degrees at a rate that exceeds that of Whites.

The publication, *Just the Facts: The Challenges and Progress in Postsecondary Degree Completions*, offers current data and information on the number of undergraduate and graduate degrees awarded to African Americans at all levels and in various academic fields.

"We hope that *Just the Facts* presents the types of data and information that will affect educational policy, and general knowledge, and ultimately lead to higher academic achievement within the African American community," said William H. Gray, III, President and CEO of the United Negro College Fund.

Among the significant findings reported in *Just the Facts*:

More African Americans are receiving bachelor's and associate degrees than ever before. In 1996, a record total of 89,412 bachelor's degrees were awarded to African Americans, which represented 7.7% of all bachelor's degree recipients—up from 5.5% in 1987. In addition, a record total of 49,204 associate degrees were awarded to African Americans in 1996, which represented a 46% increase over the 33,744 awarded in 1987.

The number of master's degrees awarded to African Americans increased by 87% over the past decade. In 1996, 24,552 master's degrees were awarded to African Americans, which represents an 87% increase over the 13,144 that were awarded in 1987. African

American women have experienced a 100% increase in the number of master's degrees received, compared to a 64% increase among African American men. Growth in master's degrees received over the past decade was greater for African American men and women than for White men (17%) and women (41%).

The number of African American first-professional degree recipients has nearly doubled over the last decade. In 1996, a total of 4,905 first-professional degrees were awarded to African Americans—47% more than the 3,340 awarded in 1987.

The number of doctoral degrees awarded to African Americans has increased by 54% over the past decade. In 1996, 1,569 doctoral degrees were awarded to African Americans, which represents a 54% increase over the 1,016 that were awarded in 1987. However, African Americans are significantly underrepresented at the doctoral level and received just 3.5% of all doctoral degrees awarded in 1996.

Launched in 1996 by the United Negro College Fund as the nation's first major African American led education research institute, the Frederick Douglas Patterson Research Institute has since become a primary source of data on African American education.

The Institute designs, conducts, and disseminates research to policy makers, educators, media, and the general public toward improving opportunities and outcomes of African Americans.

Founded in 1944 by Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, the United Negro College Fund is the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization. UNCF has raised more than \$1.4 billion to support its 39 member institutions. Currently, UNCF administers more than 450 programs, including scholarships, mentoring programs, summer enrichment, study abroad, curriculum and faculty development, and leadership development.

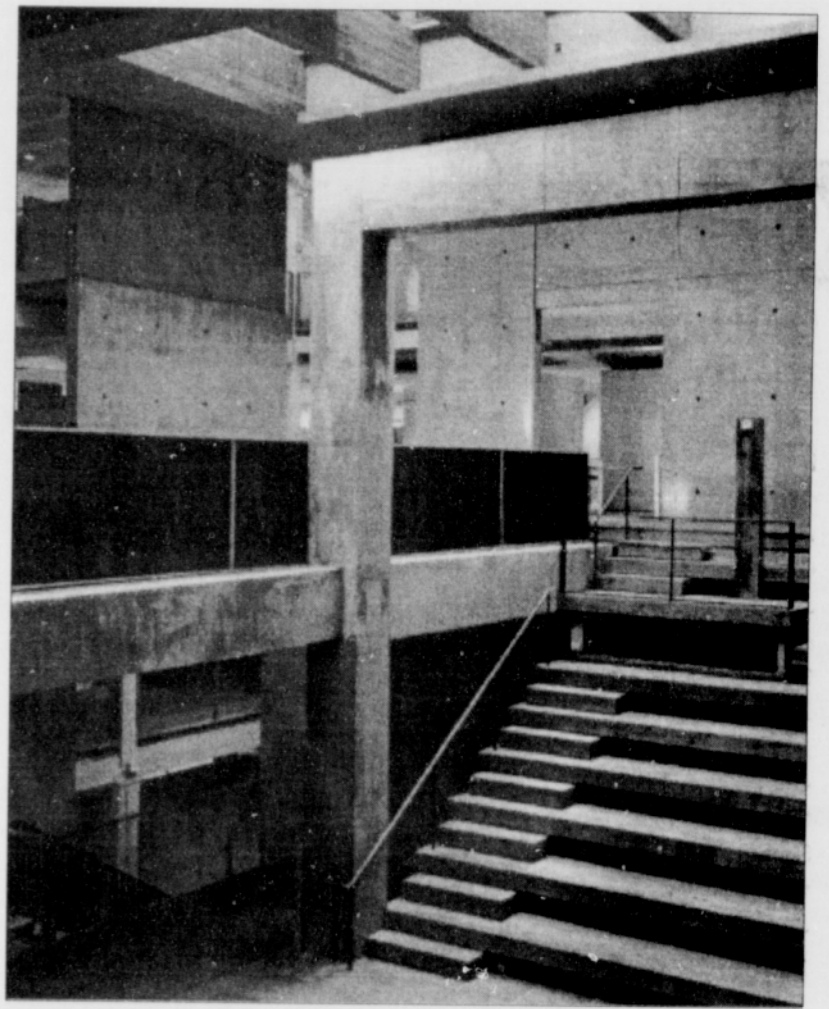
Cloepfil to lecture on current architecture

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Portland architect Brad Cloepfil, a rising star on the national design scene, will talk about his work publicly for the first time in a lecture on February 3, 2000. The free lecture, sponsored by the Department of Architecture at Portland State University, will start at 6:30 p.m. in Room 212, Shattuck Hall, 1914 SW Park Avenue.

Cloepfil, Principal of Allied Works Architecture, has recently drawn national attention for the design of highly anticipated international headquarters for Wieden & Kennedy Agency, set to open in February in Portland's Pearl District. The former full-block, cold storage warehouse has been crafted into a what architectural historian Wallace Kay Hunting has termed a "work of art."

"Brad is one of Portland's most disciplined architects. The body of his work is growing and it represents some of the most serious design investigations Portland has seen in a very long time," said Rudy Barton, chair of the PSU architecture department. "What is most interesting to me about Brad's work is its rigorous blend of architecture and art," he adds.



View of atrium, Weiden & Kennedy Agency Headquarters, Pearl district, Portland, Oregon. Allied Works Architecture.

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Power Wheelchairs Available

January 2000, The Senior Wheels Program USA makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs, to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old & up) and others at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who are in a wheelchair, and are not able to self-propel in their living area, and meet the additional qualifications of the program. No deposit required. Please call for more information on the details of this program. No nursing homes, or HMO's please. Call 1-800-360-8765.

Safe Driving Saves Lives

In 1999 AARP Oregon 55 Alive/Mature Driving helped over 14,000 persons, 50 and over, to become better and safer drivers. According to a survey conducted by New York Life Insurance a few years ago, drivers taking the course had approximately 16 per cent fewer accidents for the eighteen months following the completion of the safe driving course. All insurance companies in Oregon offer a discounted rate to individuals who complete the course every 3 years, if between the ages of 55 and 70, and every 2 years, if over 70.

The popular AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving course is for drivers 50 and over. The course is conducted in two 4-hour sessions by trained volunteers. It is comprised of nine chapters which cover a full range of problems faced by older drivers. It is designed to update driving knowledge, sharpen driving skills, help to compensate for normal age-related physical changes, reduce traffic violations, collisions and resulting injuries. It helps drivers to drive safely for years to come. For more information, or to locate a class near you, call 1-888-227-7669.

2000 Academic All-Stars: Wanted! Multnomah County

Outstanding High School Scholars

Students in all Multnomah County public high schools are invited to apply for post-secondary study scholarships sponsored by the Academic All-Stars Program. Multnomah ESD and the Multnomah Education Service District Foundation sponsor this program, now in its 17th year. Since inception, approximately \$280,000 has been awarded to nearly 600 students.

Academic All-Stars provides college tuition scholarships and public recognition to students who have made outstanding achievements in one of nine different categories: science, mathematics, foreign language, computer science, social science, language arts, visual arts, all-around, and performing arts, including the Melissa Jorgensen Scholarship in Dance and Drama. Students enter the competition by assembling portfolios of their work. Portfolios must be completed and submitted to the Academic All-Stars

coordinator at each Multnomah County public high school by February 28, 2000.

For more information, interested students should contact their high school counselor, or visit the Multnomah Education Service District Website at <http://www.mesd.k12.or.us>.

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1 Get ready. Now. Outages can happen any time. Make an outage kit—flashlight, battery powered radio, non-electric alarm clock, candles (and candle holders for safety), matches and manual can opener. Did we mention batteries? Lots of fresh batteries. Also, rather than risk losing the great American novel you've been working on, make sure you have a good surge protector for your computer.

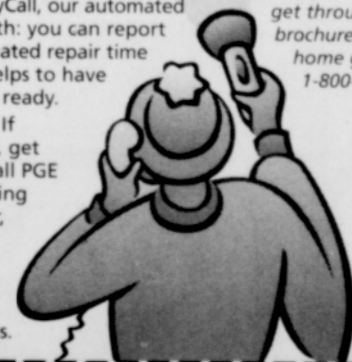
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4 Safe at home. Hats on! During an extended outage, stay warm with a cozy cap and loose layers of warm clothing. Check on elderly neighbors. During an outage your freezer will keep food frozen about two days—but keep the door shut as much as possible.

5 Generate with care. Got a portable generator? Never plug it into a wall outlet. You could start a fire, ruin your wiring or even back-feed power into the outside lines, endangering repair personnel.

PGE has plenty of other information to help you get through power interruptions safely. For free brochures on preparedness and electric safety, home generators and other topics, call 1-800-542-8818.



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