

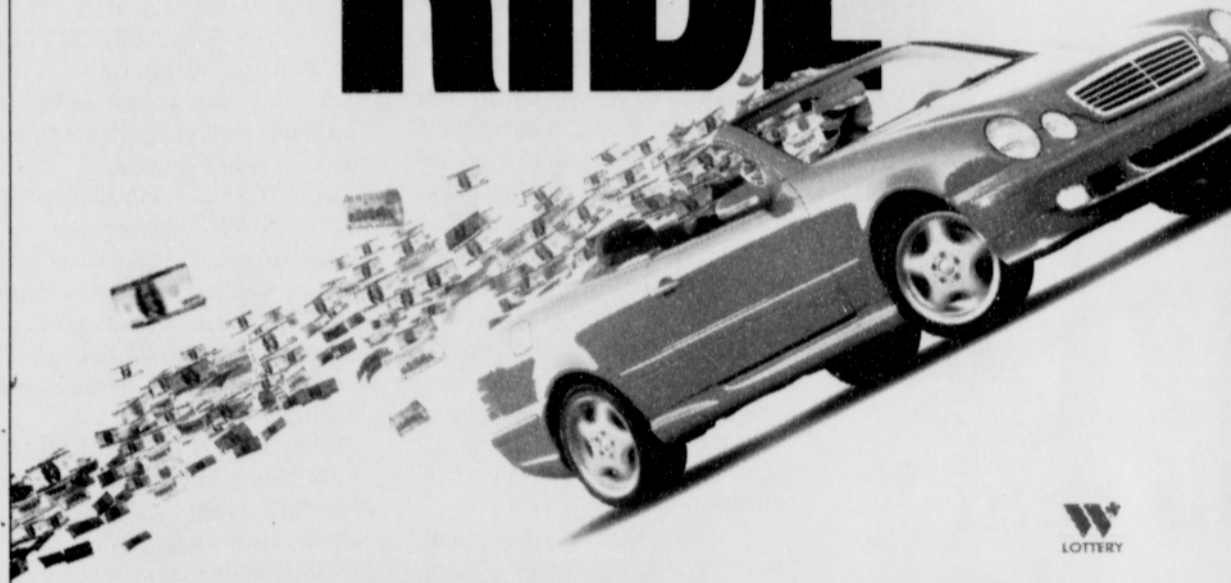


# Education



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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## Oregon Professors Honored For Diversity Efforts

Commitment to cultural diversity has earned campus honors for a trio of Oregon State University educators.

Les Risser, Lani Roberts and Larry Roper were each honored with OSU's 2001 Frances Dancy Hooks



Les Risser

Award.

Hooks, an educator and former national coordinator of Women in the NAACP, sought to recognize and encourage campus coalition building among diverse groups and individuals.

All the honorees are actively involved in various workshops, committees and events focusing on enhancing community diversity.

Risser, wife of OSU President Paul Risser, chaired the OSU Students Affairs Task Force on Greek Life and is active in Crossroads International, a non-profit community volunteer organization that promotes friendships between community members and international students at OSU and their families.

Roberts, senior instructor in the Philosophy Department, is a Master Teacher in the College of Liberal Arts and the recipient of the college's Meehan Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has taught numerous classes and has led workshops and discussions that focus on aspects of diversity. She has also been cited for teaching a highly acclaimed course on Ethics in Diversity.



Lani Roberts

Roper, vice provost for Student Affairs, was a leader in a special campus project called "ism" that explored the dynamics of diversity on campus and in the community, including such topics as racism, sexism and ageism.



Larry Roper

## Portland School Kids Honor King's Memory

### Essay Winners

"Martin Luther King Jr. believed in civil rights for everyone because blacks were not treated fairly. Blacks were not allowed to sit in front of the bus or drink from the same water fountain. A lot of things were segregated back then. I think segregation is wrong because people should not be judged by the color of their skin. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for those rights." — **Louie Reckford, Fourth Grader, Irvington Elementary**

"Dr. King wanted everyone in the world to know that people were not being treated equally. I respect anyone who stands for justice and speaks the true message of doing the right thing to your neighbors, friends, and community. I also respect the fact that he was willing to even die for his beliefs. That's why I think Martin Luther King Jr. should have his own holiday." — **Rhys Pinkley, Fourth grader, Irvington Elementary**

"I have a dream that I will help people who are in trouble. I will help my family. I have a dream that kids will grow up to be what they want to be and not take drugs and always listen to their parents. I have a dream that everyone will be what they want to be and everyone gets blessed by God's love." — **Harrison Dark, Seventh grader, Holy Redeemer**

STORY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE proud to honor his quest for freedom and equality," says Charlotte Ellis, regional manager of the Portland region at Washington Mutual, who announced the contest kickoff on Jan. 15 at the World Arts Foundation's Keep Living the Dream community event at Jefferson High School. "We received many thoughtful essays and want to thank all of those who shared their reflections."

In addition to donating books to their school libraries, winners were invited to read their essays on KBOO

Radio 90.7 FM and Jefferson High School's Channel 28, which is run by the school's Television Department. Book plates were pasted inside the donated books stating the donor's name.

The winning essays are exhibited on a traveling booth displayed at local Washington Mutual financial centers. The exhibit is currently running through March 2 in the Peninsula Financial Center, 6850 N. Lombard St., and was also formerly displayed in the Interstate Avenue Financial Center, 7404 N. Interstate Ave.

## Grants Open For Business Students

The National Black MBA Association is now accepting applications for college scholarships in the field of business. This program aims to attract African Americans, Native Americans and Latino students who are enrolled in an undergraduate or doctoral business program. Elliot Williams, president of the NBMBAA Portland-Seattle Chapter, says the scholarships are to promote academic achievement and to help business student with the high cost of education. "We recognize

the financial difficulties that college students endure and we hope these scholarships can ease the burden while encouraging achievement awards," he said. The awards will range from \$2,500 - \$5,000. The deadline for applications is March 31. For undergraduate award details, e-mail [PortlandSeattlenbba@yahoo.com](mailto:PortlandSeattlenbba@yahoo.com) or call 503-735-3010. For MBA and Ph.D. awards, download information from the NBMBAA website, [www.nbmbaa.org/programs.html](http://www.nbmbaa.org/programs.html) or call 503-735-3010.

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