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College Construction Builds Local Workforce

Women, minority and emerging small businesses benefit

BY JAMES HILL

Her motto is "Exceed Customer's Expectations."

Sharon Crymes has been exceeding expecta-

tions at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus in north Portland. Her company, Mechanical, Inc., installed all of the HVAC (air conditioning) systems at the new Public Services Education Building, a \$300,000 contract.

"Our work was taking down old duct work and putting up new," Crymes said. "We installed new sheet metal and equipment for the

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Women Under the Hood

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through multiple positions and departments, learning the entire scope of the business.

Elsewhere in Portland, women including Kim Kittinger, automotive instructor at Portland Community College; Shannon Inukai, general manager of Dick's Country Dodge; Erinn Sowle, general manager of Suburban Auto Group; Louise Drow, automotive instructor at Capital Center; Terri Gonzalez, general manager of Hubbard Chevrolet; and Elisabeth Dally, president of Hawthorn Auto



Clinic, Inc. are finding success in the industry.

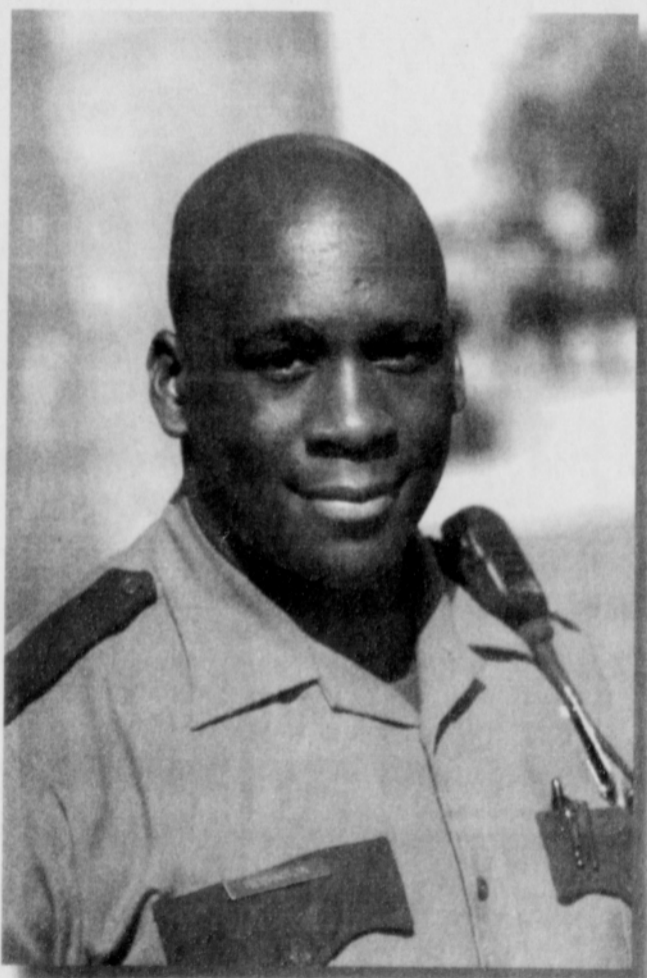
"Women are rapidly excelling and moving forward as industry professionals," said Greg Remensperger, executive vice president of the Metro Portland New Car Dealers. "There are a multitude of women in the metro Portland area who have attained business leadership positions and their contribution to the industry is exemplary."

◀ *Kim Alfonso, the first woman president of the Metro Portland New Car Dealers Association*

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