

## Colleges Conference Saturday

### Local youth to explore opportunities

Portland's 26th annual Black Colleges Conference for local high school and middle school students will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Portland Community College, 705 N. Killingsworth from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The theme of the conference is Black Colleges: Believe in Them, Achieve in Them!

Alumni and representatives from historically black colleges and universities including Howard University, Grambling University, Tuskegee University, Clark-Atlanta, Prairie View, North Carolina A&T, Morehouse College, Fisk University, Spelman, Jackson State, Tennessee State, Florida A&M, and Houston-Tillotson will be represented.

In addition, materials and applications from the 36 United Negro College Fund schools will be available.

Seniors who would like to receive onsite

application fee waivers to the UNCF schools must bring a copy of their junior year transcripts and a 500-word essay describing their accomplishments, college goals, and career aspirations.

Students will attend workshops on the college application process, financial aid and how to prepare a college portfolio followed by college spotlight sessions. Parents will meet with representatives from the colleges and are invited to participate in the college spotlight sessions with students.

Dr. Algie Gatewood, executive dean of Portland Community College Cascade Campus, and alumni of Livingstone College, a historically Black college will welcome the students. The participants will also receive information on how the community college can be a pathway to the historically black colleges.

Early registration is encouraged due to limited space. Students should check with their school counseling office for registration forms or call 503-275-9603 for information.



Algie Gatewood



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## Community Sharing at Harvest Dinner

Former High School All-American Sebastian Telfair, entering his 2nd NBA season with the Portland Trail Blazers, serves meals to the community Monday at the Blazers Harvest Dinner. The 10th annual event was partnered for the first time with Global Spectrum, owners of the Rose Garden, with the support of various local nonprofits, community agencies and Spirit Mountain Casino.

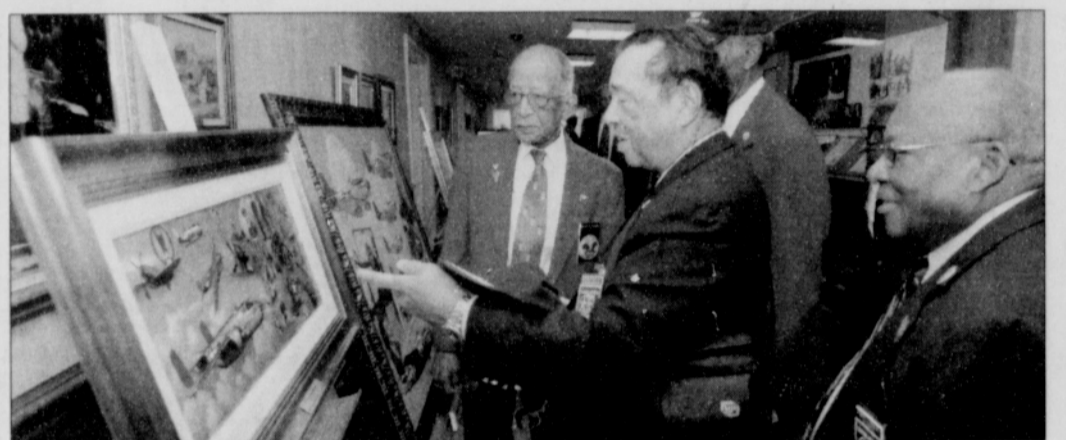


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Tuskegee Airman retired Col. Elmer Jones smiles as he looks at an oil painting depicting some of the history of the Tuskegee Airmen on display in the Pentagon for Veterans Day.

## Airmen Honored for Veterans Day

Tuskegee Airmen, the African-American fighter pilots from World War II were honored at the Pentagon last week for Veterans Day.

The airmen received briefings on the state of the Air Force, an update on global operations and had lunch with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

During World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen were credited with destroying 261 aircraft, damaging 148 aircraft, flying 15,553 combat sorties and 1,578 missions over Italy and North Africa. They destroyed or damaged over 950 units of ground transportation and escorted more than 200 bombing missions.

## Father says Jackson will Visit, Not Stay

(AP)—Michael Jackson will come back to the United States, but it's unlikely the King of Pop would ever make it his home again, says his father. "He'll come back to visit, but not to stay, not to live," Joseph Jackson told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Jackson said his son, who was acquitted in June of child molestation, has received lots of threats in the United



Joseph Jackson, father of pop star Michael Jackson in Berlin last July. (AP photo)

States. The superstar now lives in Bahrain and his lawyers have said that he no longer considers his Neverland Ranch in California as his home.

"They didn't treat him right here. I know if I was him, I wouldn't come back," his father said.

However, the elder Jackson said he expects Michael to return to his music career, and hopes it would include a reunion with his brothers.

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