

# PCC Student Pursues Dream in Dance, Sociology

## Earns prestigious scholarship

Rosalie Tucker dreams about doing many things. Now, her dreams are becoming reality.

Tucker, 25, was selected as one of 38 students across the nation to receive a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship that will enable her to attend UCLA.

The amount and duration of the scholarships varies, but the awards can total up to \$30,000 per year for each student. The same day, the PCC sociology major learned she had been admitted to UCLA's World Arts and Cultures program where she'll ply her dance skills.

"It was amazing. A total surprise," Tucker said following the scholarship announcement. "I'm so honored. It's been quite a day."

Jack Kent Scholars are currently attending or have recently completed course work at two-year colleges. The awards will provide the money needed to four-year colleges and complete their bachelors' degrees. The selection criteria is based on academic excellence, fi-



Portland Community College Cascade Campus President Algje Gatewood (left), congratulates student Rosalie Tucker, on her selection as just one of 38 students in the country earning a prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship.

can father who moved to the West Coast and started a new life in a Buddhist community.

Early on, she knew she wanted to seek out situations where cultures come together and she put that into practice when she was 18 and joined Seattle's Diversity Dance Workshop. Four months in Thailand, Laos and Malaysia exploring both traditional and modern music and art helped her realize where she should be with her own dance and performance studies.

Two years later, she joined the arts community in Portland and paired her choreography with live music ranging from big band to Klezmer, from samba to hip-hop, and from old-time jazz to spoken word.

At UCLA, she wants to learn more about cultural roots of performance, then eventually move into a professional career as a choreographer, dance instructor, sociologist and educator. And, Tucker credits PCC for helping her reach this dream.

"PCC has been an amazing school," Tucker said. "When I came here two years ago I received a ton of support. I didn't expect it. To experience the Cascade Campus and watch it grow and see how the neighborhood has grown, it's been exciting."

nancial need, will to succeed, leadership ability, service to others and interest in or appreciation for the arts.

Tucker, a Eugene native who resides in north Portland, may be

young but she's already experienced at connecting others through dance, passion and hard work. In her life, she has experienced multiculturalism, the daughter of a white mother and an African-Ameri-

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Over 150 small and large businesses, state and federal government agencies and business development resources to help small and minority owned businesses grow are expected to be represented at the event. Some of those businesses include: Nike, Providence Health System, City of Portland, Cookie Lee Jewelry and the Portland Trail Blazers. Tradeshow admission is free.

"The OAME Trade Show is a personal, face-to-face forum to make sales, network and obtain resources among businesses large and small, new entrepreneurs, business development and coaching resources," said Sam Brooks, OAME founder, president and chairman of the



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cus of this event.

Keynote speaker for the noon luncheon is Walter Bond, former NBA player now nationally recognized motivational speaker and founder of Walter Bond Seminars, Inc. The luncheon will focus on the diversity of the business people in Oregon. The event theme, "Oregonians United for Business Success", emphasizes the multi-ethnic fo-

Over 3,000 business people, from the public and private sectors, and the general public are expected to attend the day-long event.

For registration and luncheon information and reservations, contact the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) at 503-249-7744, or at [www.oame.org](http://www.oame.org).

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