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Jesuit Puts Spotlight on Diversity

Past inspires the future

The 11th annual African American Summit was a fascinating experience for the 36 Jesuit High School students who attended.

This year's theme, "Enough: Rise to the Top," was incorporated throughout the fall conference by inspirational speakers, spoken-word artists, Christian Gospel rap artists, alumni panels, and small group sessions.

In addition to the Portland contingent, 175 other students attended from St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco, Jesuit High in Sacramento, Seattle Prep, Gonzaga Prep, Kennedy High, and Blanchet High in Seattle.

Elaine Forde, Jesuit-Portland's Diversity Director, observes, "Attending this summit was a wonderful opportunity for our African American students to learn about their past and to be inspired to be leaders back at Jesuit. The friendships they develop and strengthen last through their four years of high school, and rekindle when they meet again in college."

One student wrote of her experience at the conference: "The summit has become a very spe-



Students from Jesuit High School in Portland attend an African American summit last fall.

cial event for me. The summit gives me a chance to meet new people and learn from them and the speakers. I would highly encourage others to go, so that they

too might experience one of the greatest things that I think a person could go through. Thank you."

For more information about

this conference or the diversity program at Jesuit High School, contact Elaine Forde at eforde@jesuitportland.org or 503-292-2663.

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Ali Lends Name to Book Collection

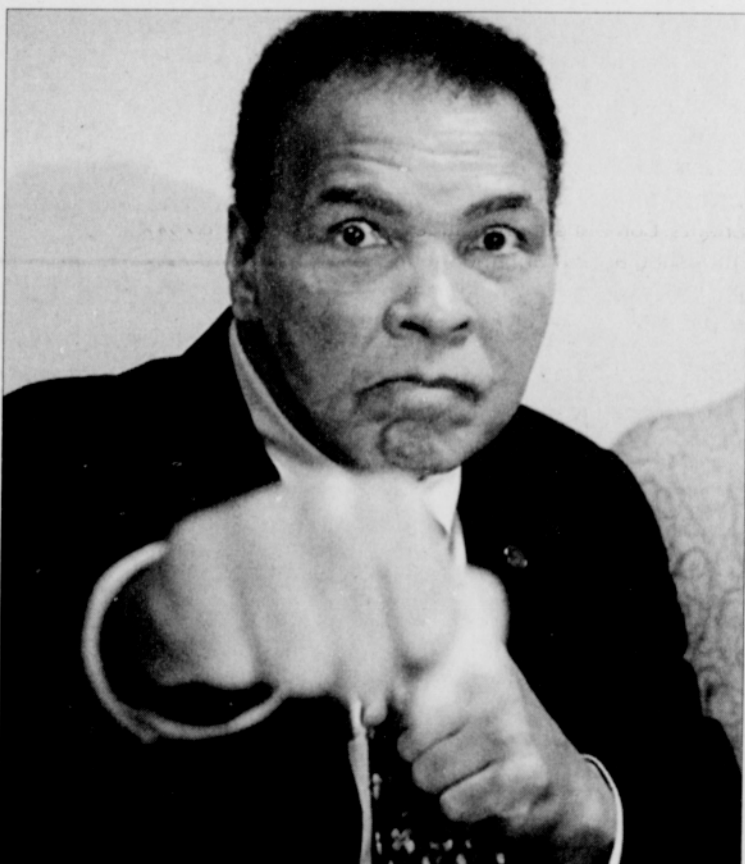
Encouraging children to read and study

(AP) -- Muhammad Ali used to recite poems before his fights that brashly predicted victory against his ring opponents, but boxing's poet laureate had to overcome dyslexia as a child to learn how to read and write.

A new classroom collection of children's books bearing Ali's name is intended to help motivate and empower young students, particularly boys, to overcome a different kind of obstacle to becoming accomplished readers: disinterest.

Scholastic Corp.'s "Muhammad Ali Presents Go the Distance" features books that champion Ali's values and are aimed at socially disadvantaged students in grades 3-8 who believe neither reading nor education is relevant to their lives, says Lonnie Ali, the boxing legend's wife.

"The foundation of all education is reading," she says. "Books can take a child outside of his immediate vicinity, his immediate environment, to someplace else. It makes



Boxing legend Muhammad Ali poses Oct. 4 in Detroit. (AP photo)

them learn about other communities outside of their immediate neighborhoods. That's one of the things this particular library has been de-

signed to do: to take children on that next journey out."

The collection includes a wide range of multicultural fiction and

nonfiction books that generally reflect the interests of young boys in underserved classrooms because, on average, they read far less than their female counterparts.

"A lot of it has to do with subject material — getting the interest of the child, to make them read," Ali says. "The more you make a child read, the more they are motivated. The more motivation they have, the more they seek out books to read and the more they become empowered by what they read and empowered with what they can do."

Some of the titles in the collection include: "Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson," about the legendary athlete who broke baseball's color barrier; "Hunterman and the Crocodile," a folk tale from west Africa; "White Star: A Dog on the Titanic," about a young boy and a dog who bond while aboard the doomed ocean liner; and "Touching Spirit Bear," a story of a young boy's journey from self-destructive anger to forgiveness.

The collection wouldn't be complete without an Ali book, so Scholastic also included "The Champ: The Story of Muhammad Ali."

New Pastor at Antioch

Rev. Felton Howard, the first and only pastor who has served at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church for the past 37 years has passed on the mantle to his assistant, Rev. Charles Collins who has been installed as the church's new pastor.

Rev. Howard will continue to serve in the capacity of pastor emeritus.



Willie J. Atkins; July 4, 1918 - Dec. 23, 2006

In Loving Memory

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 29 at Bethel A.M.E. Church in northeast Portland for Willie J. Atkins who died of natural causes on Dec. 23, 2006 at the age of 88.

He was born on July 4, 1918 in Crossett, Ark. He worked for Acme Metal Company as a metal grader. He was married to Corrine Seward for 40 years and spent 50 years in Portland.

Willie is survived by his wife; daughters, Rosemary Nettles, Betty Briggs and Sandra Perry; sons, Kenneth and Raymond; stepsons, Jimmy Ford and Elix B. Cook; stepdaughter, Doris J. Jones; sisters, Jonnie M. Cortney and Dorothy Collins; and a host of grandchildren and friends.

Remembrances can be made to Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Students Named to Academic Team

continued from Metro

Hummel has used her area of study — gerontology — to develop a focus for her community service, developing a number of service programs for seniors in the area of retirement communities. She's also been an AmeriCorps volunteer and volunteers her time with student government. And if she weren't busy enough, she also serves as president of the Cascade Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Both women have been strongly influenced by their respective instructors at Cascade, especially by one they have in common — English and writing instructor Porter Raper.

"He's the first teacher that really inspired me," Hummel said. "He made me realize I had a voice. Taking his class changed my perspective on how far I could go."

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