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## 'Dreamgirls' Lead Image Award Nominations

Six members of the musical ensemble earn acting nods  
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# Brothers of Basketball

## Portland's dynamic duo at OSU

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Two brothers from northeast Portland who have been competing on the same basketball teams since childhood are continuing that tradition with the Oregon State University Beavers in Corvallis.

Josh and Seth Tarver, born only two years apart, are succeeding both on and off the court while competing in the top echelons of college basketball.

Josh, 20, is a 6 feet 3 inches, 185-pound guard and starter on the Pac-10 team. He's technically a freshman, returning as a red shirt player. Seth, 18, is also a freshman, coming off the bench in the guard/forward position at 6 feet 5 inches and 205 pounds.

The Tarvers started honing their basketball skills as soon as they were old enough to walk. It helped to have an athletic father who was a NFL runningback from 1972 to 1975 and an older brother, Shon, who was a guard at UCLA from 1991 to 1994.

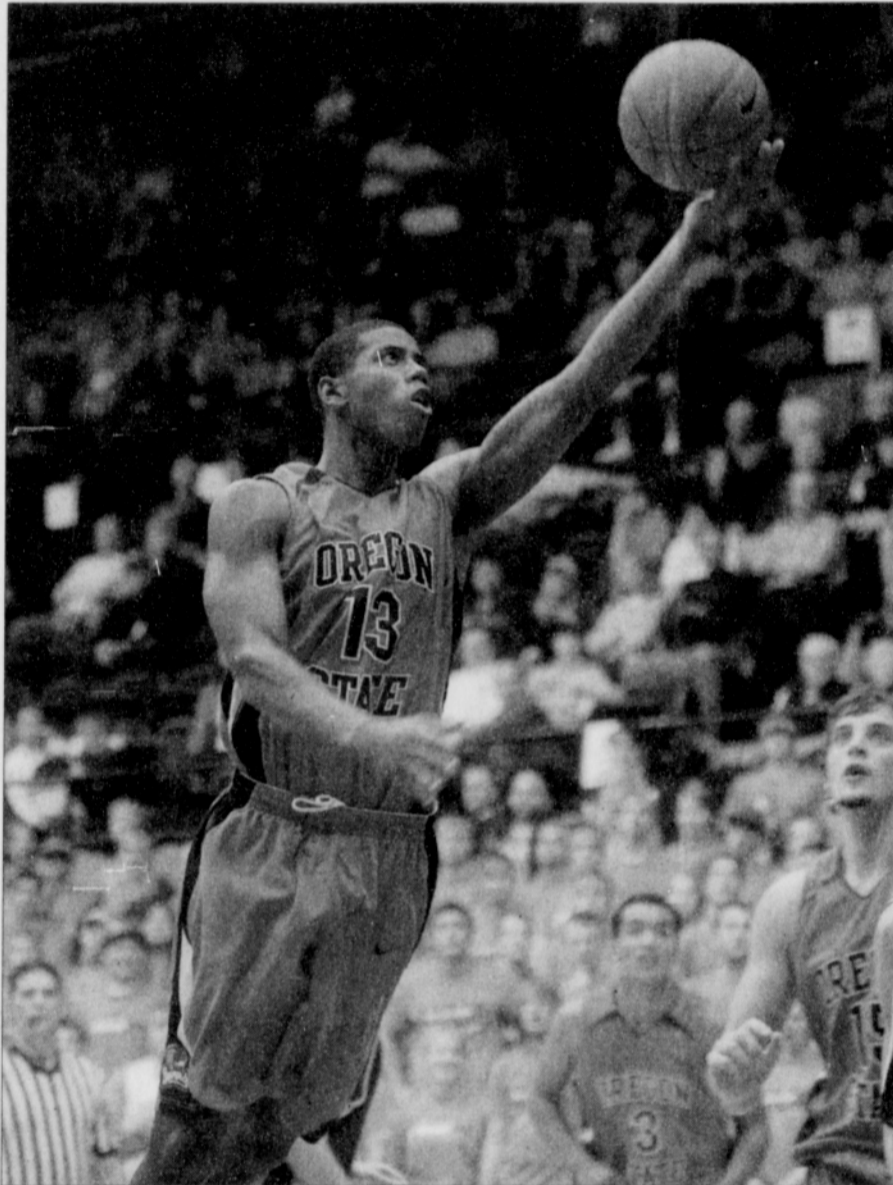
"Our older brother who is 33 right now used to play basketball with us all the time," said Josh. "we really look up to him."

Learning to run the court as easily and importantly as learning to breathe, the young siblings have both been playing on the same courts for more than 14 years.

"We played basketball whenever we could," said Josh. "At school, day, night, anytime we got a chance."

The brothers also played basketball together in kindergarten, middle school and high school. They attended Portland's Jesuit High School where they played together on the school's championship basketball team, and in grade school at Trinity Lutheran in northeast Portland.

Josh admits the most difficult aspect of



Seth Tarver joins his brother as a member of the Oregon State University Beavers in Corvallis.

playing ball is trying to meet everyone's expectations, especially when people become aware of the athletic history of the Tarver family. His brother agrees.

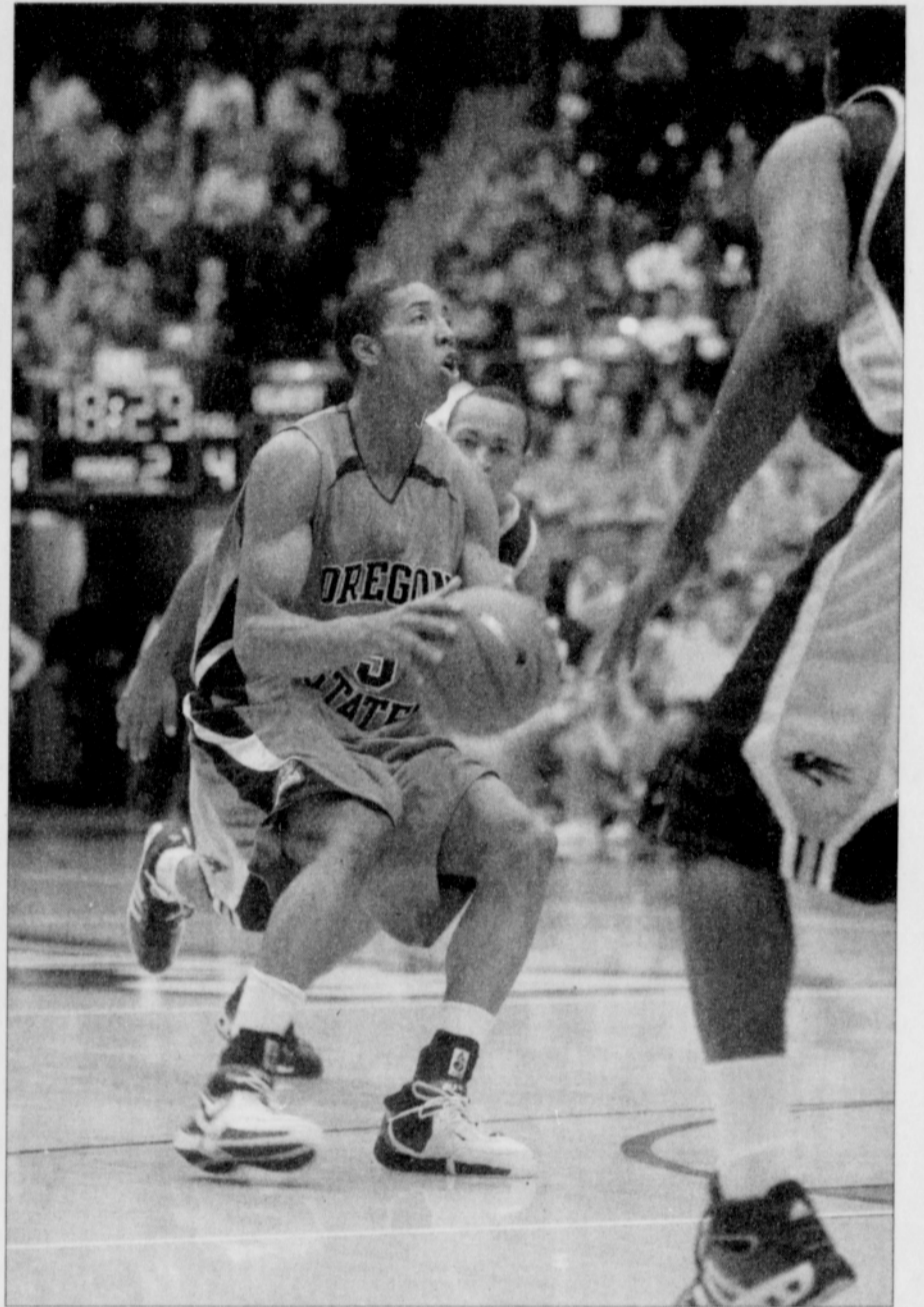
"We work hard to prove ourselves to everyone every time we set foot onto the court," said Seth.

Both off the court and on, Josh and Seth see themselves succeeding. Playing a team sport allows the brothers to compare their skills with other players. Seth admits that he enjoys being able to outrun another

player or score when the other team isn't expecting it.

"The best time we had was when we won the state championship in high school. We were down by a lot of points and surprisingly we came back and won the game," says Josh. "It's like we weren't suppose to win, but we did."

There are many advantages to having a spot on the Beavers team. The team's intensive conditioning and practices for up to six hours a day builds their bodies



Josh Tarver of northeast Portland is starter on the Oregon State University basketball team.

physically to top form.

Athletes across the nation have been known for run-ins with the law. From driving under the influence to fighting, some players haven't been the best role models. But Josh and Seth aim for higher standards. Being a good role model, a great player and having fun are all equally im-

portant to the Tarvers.

"People look up to athletes in general," said Seth. "You have to be cautious about everything that you do."

"We have to be role models," Josh agrees.

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# Ockley Green's International Ambassador Japan Bound

## Student to explore country this summer

Josephine M. Gamez-Reyes, a student at Ockley Green Middle School in north Portland, has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

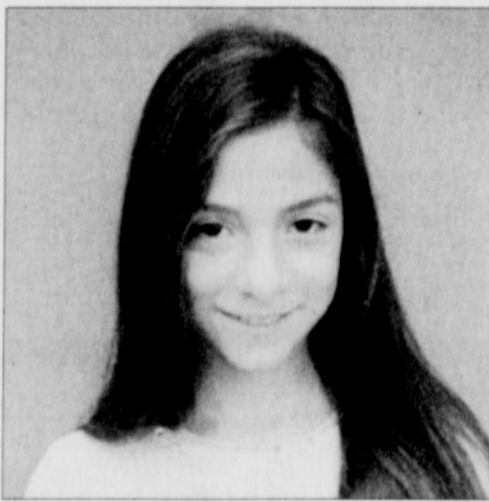
Gamez-Reyes will explore Japan for 14 days this summer as a member of a

Portland delegation.

By participating in the "Discover the Land of the Rising Sun" itinerary, Gamez-Reyes can earn academic credit while getting to know the people, culture and history of the places visited.

She will take part in a variety of activities such as exploring the Peace Pagoda in Tokyo and climbing halfway up dramatic Mount Fuji, exploring the lives of the geisha and the sumo wrestler, learning the art of the Japanese language and journeying to an island sacred to the Shinto religion.

Acceptance as a Student Ambassador is an honor. This is Gamez-Reyes



Josephine M. Gamez-Reyes

third year of being invited to enroll in the program with previous ambassadors in Europe and Australia.

Before departing on her new assignment, she will attend several orientation meetings with program leaders and fellow delegates to learn about the destination and prepare for the journey. She will travel under the leadership of Debora Jaussi, a teacher-leader from Clackamas Community College.

President Eisenhower founded

People to People during his presidency in 1956, with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney and Hallmark Cards founder Joyce Hall.

Having served as a military commander, Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not.

People to People Student Ambassador Programs is based in Spokane and has been coordinating educational travel for more than 50 years.

## Community Calendar

### Ancient Egypt Treasures

Sunday, Jan. 21, the Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., invites families to experience the Egypt-themed food, games, music, and ancient artifacts in the Kridel Grand Ballroom. Contact the Portland Art Museum for more information.

### Financial Aid Seminar

Assistance and expert advice to assist in gaining financial aid will be available on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mount Hood Community College, in the college library on the second floor in Room 3333. Call 503-491-7262 for more information.

### Weight Loss Series

New Seasons Market at Northeast 33rd and Killingsworth Street will host free weight loss classes on Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 28, and April 25 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### Season for Giving

The African American Health Coalition, a non-profit that touches the lives of mil-

lions of African Americans each year, reminds you to support your community organization. All donations, grants, and gifts are tax deductible. For more information, visit [aahe-portland.org](http://aahe-portland.org).

### Diabetes Support Group

Legacy Emanuel Hospital hosts a diabetes support group the first and third Thursdays of every month, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., in Room 1027.

### Hospice Volunteers Needed

Legacy Hospice Services is looking for volunteers for the Scappoose/ St. Helens, Beaverton and Oregon City/Gladstone areas. Winter training classes start Jan. 18. Contact 503-225-6157 or email [atcox@lhs.org](mailto:atcox@lhs.org).

### Bradley-Angle House

The Bradley-Angle House needs volunteers to help its outreach against domestic violence. Women of color and bilingual women are encouraged to call. For more information, call 503-282-9940.

### Girl Scouts Screen Video

Friday, Feb. 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Kennedy School theater, the Girl Scouts will raise funds for its Family Giving Pro-

gram with the screening of the locally produced video "A Circle is Round". Call 503-287-5140 or 503-977-6805 for more information.

### Parenting Classes

Newborns don't come with instruction manuals but parents and parents-to-be can attend classes through Providence Health Systems to learn about a variety of topics from pain and childbirth to breastfeeding to infant CPR and much more. For a schedule of events, call 503-574-6595 or visit: [providence.org/classes](http://providence.org/classes).

### Work Against Abuse

Community Advocates invites those interested in protecting children from abuse to become an event volunteer, event outreach, technology expert, graphic artists or office support team member. For information, call 503-280-1388.

### Women in Community Service

Volunteer female mentors are being sought by Women in Community Service to work with incarcerated women at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The women provide support and encouragement for inmates transitioning from prison back into the community. For information, call

503-570-6614.

### Black History Museum

The Black History Museum of Oregon is seeking brilliant minds of concerned individuals to help in restructuring the museum foundation's committee. For information, call 503-284-0617.

### Oregon Food Bank

The Oregon Food Bank seeks volunteers on Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, to sort and repack perishable foods. Call 503-282-0555, extension 272 or visit [Oregonfoodbank.org](http://Oregonfoodbank.org).

### Volunteer for Crisis Line

Want to make a difference in your community? Volunteers and advocates are needed for the Portland Women's Crisis Line. The needs include on-call advocates to respond in person or over the phone, outreach and educational efforts, and fundraising and administrative duties. Call 503-232-4176 for more information.

### Home buying Classes

Portland Community Land Trust helps first time and low-income homebuyers purchase homes at below market price.

Attend a free, one-hour class to learn more about the program. Contact Kelly at [pclt.org](mailto:pclt.org) or call 503-493-0293.

### Stroller Class for Moms

Are you a new mom or have a toddler? Get some exercise and meet other moms at the free Stroller Strides class, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursday at Peninsula Park. All you need is a stroller, water, a mat or towel and comfortable shoes. Call Helen at 503-260-5018 for more information.

### 'Drum Major' Service

A "Drum Major" ecumenical service in tribute to the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave. People of all faiths are invited to attend.

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