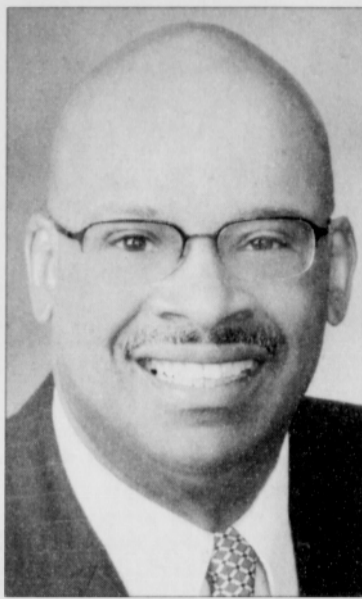


PCC Praised for Diversity

Portland Community College has received the National Equity Award from the Association of Community College Trustees for hiring a more diverse workforce and promoting educational opportunities for women and students of color.

"Diversity has been one of the board of directors' top goals," said District President Preston Pulliams. "It has been one of my top priorities, too. We're thrilled to bring home this honor."

Portland Community College is the most racially and ethnically diverse institution of higher education in Oregon.



Preston Pulliams

When Dr. Pulliams arrived at PCC in 2004, he formed internal and external diversity committees charged with assessing whether PCC was meeting the needs of its students, staff, and multi-ethnic communities and partners.

The result has been an increase in the percentage of part-time faculty, full-time faculty and managers who are people of color, increased investment in staff development that improves cultural competency and enhanced programming to better serve PCC's diverse communities, both internally and externally.

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Contestant First Runner-Up

Joelle Rankins Goodwin, a Portland native who has spent most of her career as a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army, was named first runner-up in the Mrs. Oregon America Pageant at Clackamas High School on Saturday.

It was the second straight year that Goodwin, 43, has competed for the crown and the second time she was named first runner-up. Taryn Stastny won the pageant, representing Washington County.

Goodwin, a former Rose Festival princess from Lincoln High School, currently holds the title of Mrs. Eugene America 2007.



Joelle Rankins Goodwin

Understanding Racism Workshop

In partnership with Uniting to Understand Racism, a Portland organization dedicated to ending racial bias, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods invites people to register for a 12-hour, five-session Understanding Racism Neighborhood Workshop.

The coalition seeks to have an equal number of white and people-of-color participants.

Portlanders who know our neighborhoods and history will share personal stories with race and racism, and discussions will include critical learning and thinking about history, behavior,

attitude and identity.

Community leaders have reported concern about the displacement of African-Americans, the school inequities, racially prejudiced neighbor-to-neighbor interactions and increasing reports of culture clashing.

This workshop is an opportunity to know yourself on a deeper level and to build stronger relationships with fellow neighborhood leaders.

For more information, contact the Northeast Coalition at 503-823-3151 or info@necoalition.org.

Interim ID Valid for Alcohol

Oregon's new interim black and white paper driver license/ID card is considered legal identification, and those over 21 may use it to purchase alcoholic beverages, says the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Some liquor licensees have refused to accept the document, as is their legal right, but that's likely to change as the interim ID becomes more commonplace, explained Linda Ignowski, OLCC's Enforcement and Compliance Services director.

The interim cards are valid up to 30 days after issuance, but it usually takes only five to 10

days for someone to receive their permanent plastic driver license/ID card, says the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

"Liquor licensees may balk at accepting the interim cards now, but sooner or later every driver will have one, so store and restaurant personnel will become more comfortable with accepting them," Ignowski noted. "Also, the paper licenses won't work in some age verification equipment, so those licensees are in the process of updating their equipment to read the barcode."

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