

# Geo Sciences Opens Doors for Local Student

### Minorities recruited to energy industry

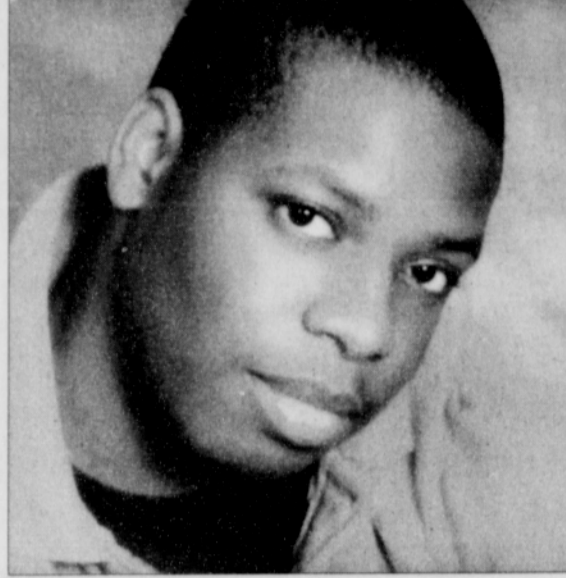
Bradley Lewis McKnight, a senior at Mountain View High School in Vancouver and son of Steven and Diana McKnight Beresford, recently completed

a four-year summer Geo Sciences program from the Fort Valley University Cooperative Developmental Energy Program.

The objective of the program is to develop mutually long-term relationships between the university and private and government sectors of the nation's energy industry by creating a

technology-oriented and sought-after pool of minorities in the field.

Accomplished through the development of energy-based curricula, student internships/co-op programs, and by forming alliances with energy corporations and governmental agencies, the curriculum offers a dual-degree program between



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rolled in geo science programs in the U.S.

Although there has been a significant increase in the female population (approximately half of all BS and MS graduates), ethnic minorities still are under-represented at colleges and universities, and in the geosciences.

For further information on this program and for application for eighth graders interested in applying for 2008, contact Fort Valley University, at 478-825-6211 and ask for the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program office.

Fort Valley State University, a historically black college founded in 1895, offers educational opportunities in the sciences, liberal arts as well as in selected vocational and technical fields.

Fort Valley State University and the University of Oklahoma.

After presentations with British Petroleum and other oil giants, McKnight along with other students in the program, submitted applications for 2008 admissions.

In the past it has been noted that minority students do not choose the geosciences as a major or career choice as they embark upon their collegiate studies. Thus, there is still a need to increase the number of people of color and women en-

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health center, Oregon Health & Science University is dedicated to Oregon's health. And, excluding government, as Portland's largest employer and fourth in the state, OHSU is also committed to diversity and helping underrepresented minorities and economically disadvantaged people to find opportunities in this vital field.

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"YO Science," for middle schoolers, is a one-week summer program that encourages diverse students to explore health-care and health-science careers.

"The CURE Project," is for junior high schoolers, providing research-mentorship opportunities at OHSU's world-famous Cancer Institute, especially for metro-area high-school students with underrepresented minority and economically disadvantaged

backgrounds.

For college students wanting to learn more, OHSU offers a free winter conference on all of the health areas covered at OHSU, including medicine, nursing, dentistry, allied health, engineering and biomedical research.

OHSU encourages you to explore the many options and learn about the rewards of a career in health care. For more information, visit the college online at ohsu.edu or call OHSU's Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at 503-494-5657 or call the OHSU job line at 503-494-8060.



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