

Gateway to College Follows King Dream

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Once the students reach their high school diploma, an average of 74 credits have been earned toward an Associate's Degree. Many of them continue on to graduate from PCC with a two-year degree. As of June 30, 73-percent continued on to post-secondary education and 26-percent of graduates have earned an associate's degree, bachelor's degree or certificate.

Throughout the program, students are assigned a Resource Specialist like Mary Kelley, who helps students select classes, provides them encouragement and support, helps students through personal obstacles and works as a mentor to each student.

"Mary Kelley is my resource specialist," says Hardy, "she has given me so much support since I've been here. I was really worried that I wouldn't be able to find new friends and if I could succeed and she has been a big support for me."

"High school is traditional," says Huddle, "but it is not always right for everyone. Some kids find high school difficult because they have a hard time academically, their teacher wasn't there for them, they felt like nobody cared, had troubles

attending, had problems with their family or had problems speaking English."

Hardy likes having the freedom of the GTC Program, where she can set her own school schedule and get the individual support that she needs.

"Whoever thought of this program was a genius. This program gives kids another choice. I had a friend who finished the program who was pregnant," says Hardy, "I also have another chance. I want to continue college after I graduate. I'm a little scared, it's a bigger yard but it is still fenced. I can still go and see Mary Kelley on campus."

The Gateway to College Program operates in Portland, Clackamas, Elizabeth City, N.C., Philadelphia, San Antonio, Texas, Riverside, Calif. and many other cities in the nation. In the fall of 2008, another eight sites will be selected around the country that will launch Gateway to College giving more students the opportunity to succeed in school.

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One who condones evils is just as guilty as the one who perpetrates it.

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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LBJ at a ceremony celebrating the Immigration Reform Act on October 3rd, 1965. By repealing race-based quotas on foreign applicants, President Johnson declares, American law "will never again shadow the gate to the American nation with the twin barriers of prejudice and privilege."



Behind sensational public controversy over black power and Vietnam, the Meredith marchers recruit new voters such as 104-year-old Ed Fondren (right), hoisted with his first registration card outside the Panola County, Mississippi, courthouse.



The Voting Rights Act on August 6, 1965, where LBJ shakes hands with Abernathy and King.

Saluting Martin Luther King Jr.

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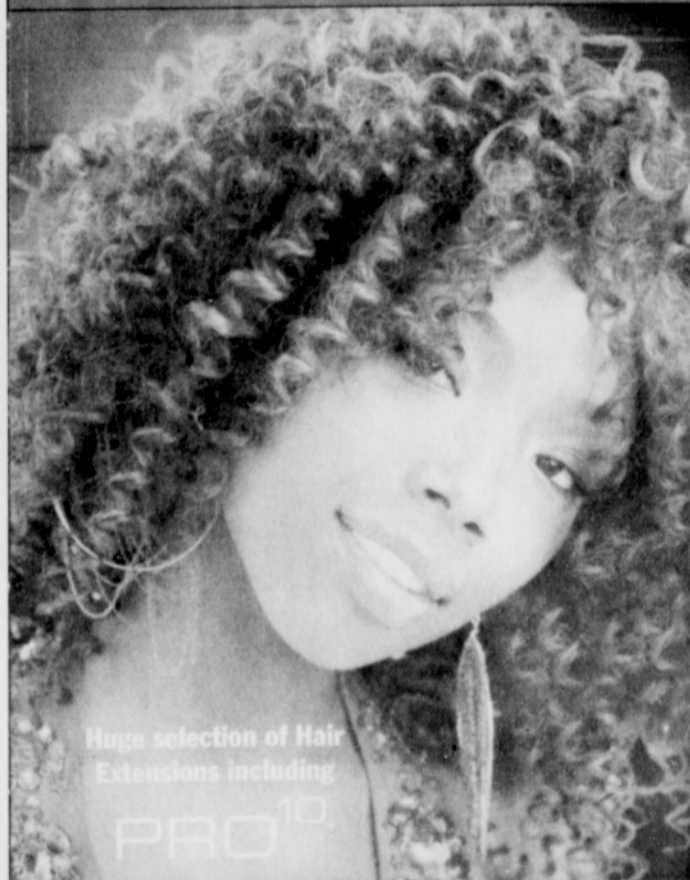
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