

# Free Tuition Offer at University of Oregon

## Program recruits low-income students

The University of Oregon has rolled out new details of its ambitious plan to cover the costs of tuition and fees for lower-income students, starting with next year's freshman class.

Under the plan, the university will pick up tuition costs not covered by state and federal financial aid for students from poorer families.

To qualify, students will have to be eligible for the Pell Grant, a federal program designed for low-income college

students, and apply for a scholarship offered to Oregon students. They'll also need an application for federal student aid on file with the university.

Qualified students with exceptionally high grades could also get their room and board costs covered, university officials said.

For the 2007-2008 academic year, tuition and fees at the University of Oregon are \$6,174. Room and board adds an estimated \$11,000 a year.

Paying for college in Oregon has become a heated topic, with tuition and fees increasing about 50 percent since 2001, as state support for higher education has declined.

A study released this spring by the Oregon Student Association found that the average Oregon university student graduated with nearly \$20,000 worth of debt.

Students who qualify for the tuition help will also get academic help such as tutoring, said university Provost Linda Brady, part of a goal to help more stu-

dents graduate within four years.

Only a handful of selective public universities have similar programs in place, including the University of North Carolina, and the University of Washington.

The University of Oregon's offering will be the first such program in the state.

The school's move comes at the same time that the state is backing a new college-aid program that is aimed at helping both lower and middle income students pay for college.

The idea behind the state's plan, known as the Oregon Opportunity Grant, is that students would be personally responsible for a portion of their tuition bill, from money earned through a job or taken from savings.

Their parents would also have to kick in an amount, and students would be expected to apply for a Pell Grant. After that, though, the state has pledged to cover the rest of their tuition bill.

Details on PathwayOregon can be found on the Internet by visiting [uoregon.edu/~pathway/](http://uoregon.edu/~pathway/).

The Portland Observer Established 1970

USPS 959-680

4747 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97211

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, PUBLISHER: Charles H. Washington

EDITOR: Michael Leighton

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER: Mark Washington

CREATIVE DIRECTOR: Paul Neufeldt

ADVERTISING: Kathy Linder

OFFICE MANAGER: Sharon Sperry

REPORTER: Raymond Rendleman

The Portland Observer welcomes freelance submissions. Manuscripts and photographs should be clearly labeled and will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed envelope. All created design display ads become the sole property of the newspaper and cannot be used in other publications or personal usage without the written consent of the general manager, unless the client has purchased the composition of such ad. © 1996 THE PORTLAND OBSERVER. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. REPRODUCTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHOUT PERMISSION IS PROHIBITED. The Portland Observer—Oregon's Oldest Multicultural Publication—is a member of the National Newspaper Association—Founded in 1885, and The National Advertising Representative Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. New York, NY, and The West Coast Black Publishers Association

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Portland Observer, PO Box 3137, Portland, OR 97208

CALL 503-288-0033 FAX 503-288-0015

[news@portlandobserver.com](mailto:news@portlandobserver.com) [ads@portlandobserver.com](mailto:ads@portlandobserver.com)  
[subscription@portlandobserver.com](mailto:subscription@portlandobserver.com)

## Clinton, Obama Tap Down Controversy

### Call for truce on race rhetoric

(AP) -- Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama have stepped back from a controversy over race, agreeing that a prolonged clash over civil rights could harm their party's overall drive to win the White House.

Obama was the first to suggest a cooling of the rhetoric on race, calling reporters together Monday to say he didn't want the campaign "to degenerate into so much tit-for-tat, back-and-forth that we lose sight of why all of us are doing this."

Referring to Clinton and former Sen. John Edwards, he said that while they may have disagreements, "we share the same goals. We're all Democrats, we all believe in civil rights, we all believe in equal rights."

Clinton's campaign issued a statement in the same vein about an hour after Obama spoke, saying it was time to seek common ground. "And in that spirit, let's come together, because I want more than anything else to ensure that our family stays together on the front lines of the struggle to expand rights



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., laughs with Bob Johnson (right), president of Black Entertainment Television during services Sunday at the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. (AP Photo)

for all Americans," she said. The issue flared after Clinton said it had taken President Lyndon B. Johnson, a white politician, to finally realize King's dream of racial equality by signing the Civil Rights Act.

Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., and the highest-ranking black member of Congress, expressed unhappiness over that as well as remarks her husband, former President Clinton, had made that were critical of Obama.

The former president has made several appearances on black radio programs to ease concerns, while his wife appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday and accused Obama's campaign of distorting her comments.

## FINANCIAL AID DAY

Saturday  
January 26, 2008  
Drop in from  
9 am - 2 pm



More money than ever before will be available to Oregon college students in 2008!

Get free help submitting the federal financial aid form (FAFSA) for any college and enter to win a \$500 scholarship at these PCC locations:

Cascade Campus  
705 N Killingsworth

Southeast Center  
2305 SE 82nd Ave.

Rock Creek Campus  
17705 NW Springville Rd.

Sylvania Campus  
12000 SW 49th Ave.

Find out what to bring! [www.pcc.edu/finaidday](http://www.pcc.edu/finaidday)



We're all about your future.

## MLK Blood Drive Challenge

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blood and Organ Donor Drive will be held at the local Red Cross headquarters on North Vancouver Avenue, on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel of Maranatha Church in northeast Portland and Charles W. Hunter Sr., an educator with Portland Public Schools and Senior Pastor of Neighborhood

Church of God in Portland, have issued a public challenge to members of the African-American community to start family and friend group donation traditions and also to consider signing up for the Organ Donor Registry through Donate Life Northwest ([donatelifenw.org](http://donatelifenw.org)).

Rev. Bethel brings his own personal story to bear on the issue. He is one of the 73,181

people in the United States currently awaiting a kidney transplant.

Both men hope that their words of encouragement will inspire many to start new traditions by attending this upcoming blood and organ donor drive with their own family members and friends.

To schedule an appointment or for further information, call 503-284-4040.



Shandra Terry

### Legacy Celebration

Washington State University Vancouver presents, "Celebrating the Legacy, 50 Years of the Montgomery Bus Boycott," a Rosa Parks monologue by Shandra L. Terry. This free public event takes place Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Terry's energetic and dynamic one-woman monologue and keynote deliveries center on diversity, women, personal development, motivation, change, leadership, American History and "The Pursuit of Excellence!"

She is a highly sought after speaker by universities, colleges, Fortune 500 corporations, high schools, civic groups, multicultural organizations and government agencies.

## 9th Ward Documentary

As part of Portland State University events commemorating and celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr., the PSU Library Artists and Writers Series present two showings of Jonathan Demme's latest documentary, "New Home Movies from the Lower 9th Ward." Filmmaker Daniel Wolff will talk about his experiences in New Orleans producing the documentary after the screenings.

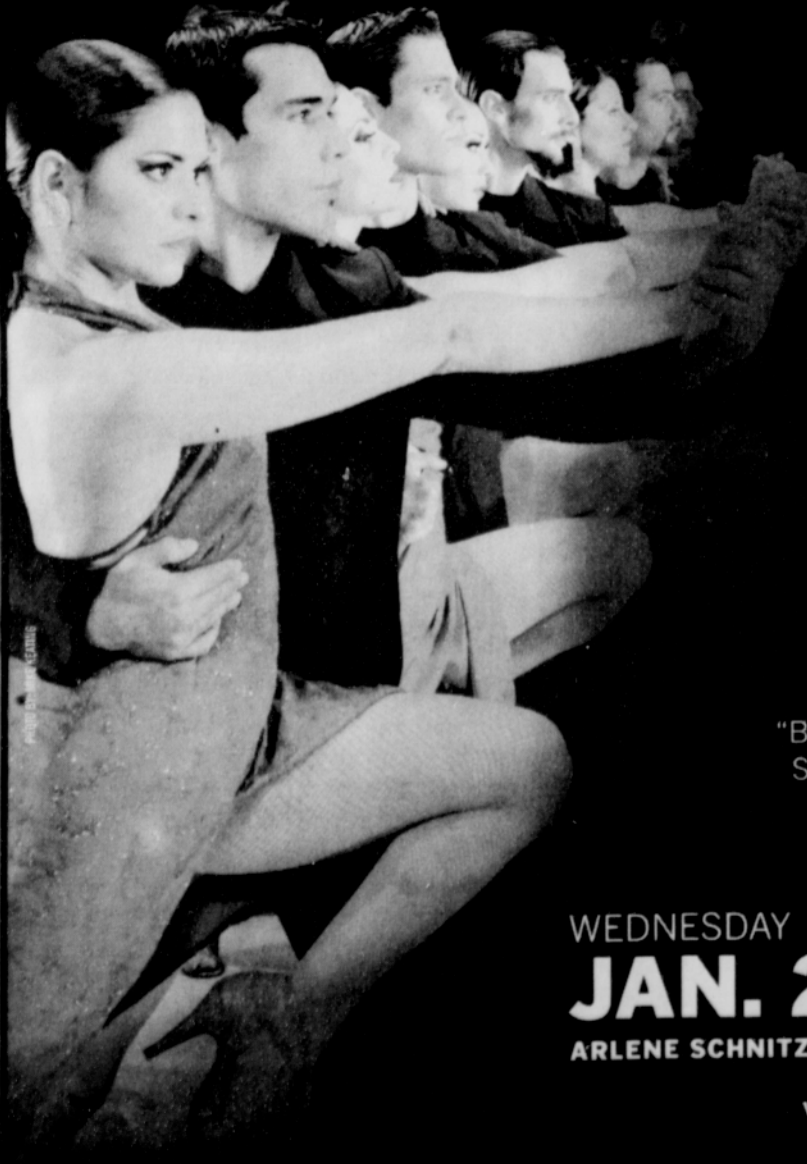
The documentary charts the ef-

forts of a disparate group of New Orleanians who braved adversity after the floods caused by Hurricane Katrina in an attempt to reclaim their homes and neighborhoods, along with their shattered lives and livelihoods.

The documentary plays on Friday, Jan. 18, and Saturday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at the 5th Avenue Cinema, 510 S.W. Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. Donations to the Oregon Food Bank accepted at the door.

## DIRECT FROM BUENOS AIRES! ESTAMPAS PORTEÑAS IN Tango Fire

Live Music!



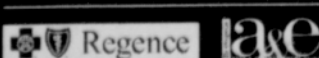
"BURNING WITH SENSUAL ENERGY"

WEDNESDAY  
**JAN. 23** 7:30PM  
ARLENE SCHNITZER CONCERT HALL

[www.whitebird.org](http://www.whitebird.org)

TICKETS: \$20-\$55 plus service fee. 20% Discounts for students/seniors. 503-790-2787 - All ticketmaster outlets including PCPA Box Office

Info: 503 245 1600 ext 101



HOST  
Home Ownership  
a Street at a Time

Up to \$5,000 in closing cost assistance to qualified buyers!

Ask about the TEN YEAR property tax abatement!!  
Deborah Johnson at 503-804-0063 or [deborah@hostdevelopment.com](mailto:deborah@hostdevelopment.com) or [www.hostdevelopment.com](http://www.hostdevelopment.com)  
CCB#71658



**3 bedroom home starting at \$220,000.** Located in North Portland. All homes are Earth Advantage certified. Price includes kitchen appliances, single car attached garage, window blinds, tankless water heater, fencing, cable wiring and front yard landscaping. **FREE WASHER AND DRYER MOVE IN READY NOW!**

