



Eighth-grade SEI student Shanice Reid poses for classmate Kendra White during a photo shoot. PHOTOS BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER



Caldera teaching assistant Sika Stanton shows eighth-grade Self Enhancement Incorporated student Andre Mitchell how to adjust the setting on a digital camera during the program that concentrates on the arts for underserved youth.

# Snap!

Students learn by shooting video, photos

Believing that the arts and the out-of-doors are powerful vehicles for fostering creativity and a strong sense of self-worth, a program free to kids called Caldera offers deep arts learning experiences for underserved youth.

At Caldera, the arts give young people a sense of self that can imagine a world beyond narrow choices.

This year, Caldera's focus is on photography and videography. Led by professional photographer, Julie Keefe,

Caldera students work with photographers, filmmakers, writers, and mentors to tell stories through portraiture and the written word.

Currently, students invite their neighbors in their local communities to be photographed and interviewed. The portraits of neighbors, shot with black and white, will be placed on banners on buildings in the students' communities. The banners are designed both to stimulate conversation and to welcome visitors to the various

neighborhoods Caldera students live in. At the same time, the project is a deep learning experience for our young photographers, developing technical skills, self-knowledge, confidence, and connection to the community.

The young people visit Caldera's camp in the Cascades for intensive eight-to-21-day sessions where they work with professional artists and naturalists.

Summer programs give children opportunities to explore nature and work with a

multidisciplinary team of artists representing theatre, dance, music, creative writing and the visual arts. The students use the creative process to encourage constructive self-expression, build self-esteem and develop problem-solving abilities.

Using art and nature, students learn conflict-resolution techniques, teamwork and leadership skills.

Students are also invited to participate in activities ranging from the Youth Leadership Council to college exploration field

trips. Caldera therefore helps strengthen relationships built at camp by inviting students to continue to experiment with their creativity and to bring conflict-resolution skills into their home communities.

Caldera's students represent a diverse variety of ethnic and geographic communities. Additionally, Caldera serves individuals who lack financial, emotional or educational support and face challenges such as foster care, family substance abuse, gang involvement and chronic poverty.

## \$2 Sundays at OMSI

Discounts to increase access

Bank of America and The Boeing Company have collaborated to present \$2 Days at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). Beginning Sunday, April 6, OMSI visitors will pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month.

"OMSI is a first-class educational institution and an invaluable community resource," said Rich Brown, Bank of America Senior Vice President of Market Development. "\$2 Days will help increase OMSI's accessibility to thousands of families and as a result, will inspire more young minds to the wonders of science."

"OMSI is not just a museum, it is a hands-on experience that should be enjoyed by everyone in the community, especially children and their families," said Deanna Haley, Boeing Portland Community Investor. "We understand the importance of cultivating a community that values science and technology. As the world becomes more dependent on technology, we will need future generations that are skilled in these areas to be successful in an ever increasing competitive and global economy."

OMSI's \$2 general admission will allow visitors to experience all five of OMSI's exhibit halls filled with hundreds of interactive exhibits and displays.

Scientific themes represented include Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science and Technology, and Early Childhood Education. General admission also includes the new featured exhibit, Dinosaurs: China's Ancient Giants. Additionally, during \$2 Days OMSI will offer an increased number of science demonstrations throughout the museum including several in Spanish.

### Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend is critical, rude and condescending when I talk about my business plans, ideas and goals. He has the experience and background to help me start my business, but he won't give me any support. There have been times when he sabotaged my efforts by spilling drinks on documents, accidentally shredding my notes or not delivering messages. I don't know what to do because it's obvious he's not going to help me. How do I get him to change? --Stressed; Washington, DC

### Dear Stressed:

Unless you and your boyfriend agreed to go into business together, your chances are slim that he'll help you. He doesn't have a vested interest in what you're doing and he doesn't care how he responds when you talk to him about your business. However, there is some underlying resentment, as evidenced by the moves he has made to cause you to fail. You need to simply separate

## Ask Deanna!



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business from personal, grow your business to success and keep it moving.

### Dear Deanna!

I am so frustrated with my sister. She's a struggling single parent. The children's father has a good job, lives well and takes care of his immediate family. I've tried so many times to get her to file for child support, but she has too much pride. She claims that she's not going to beg for his money. He's willing to provide for them and do what it takes in exchange for visitation rights, but she doesn't want the kids to be

with him. What can I do in this situation? --Auntie Teresa; Charleston, SC

### Dear Auntie Teresa:

Your sister has issues with the children's father that she needs to get over. You need to let her know that the child support isn't about her and it's a mistake to struggle when she doesn't have to. It would be a different story if the father was a deadbeat dad and didn't want to help or couldn't afford to. He's entitled to visitation, and it's best that she files for child support and works out an agreement now. If she keeps playing this game, he may file for custody, prove her as an unfit mother and she'll lose the kids to him anyway.

### Dear Deanna!

I'm a newly divorced female and it's a challenge trying to get the hang of dating. I was married for six years and had no idea what single people do, or what they're into. I have high morals and standards that cause me to not get second dates or call backs. I just can't

see myself sleeping with someone really fast, paying money for dates or having people in my house. How can I get better at this? --Painful Dating; Columbus, OH

### Dear Painful Dating:

As you see, dating isn't what it used to be and morals and values in today's society and on the decline. This doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your standards. You'll just have to be patient and selective in your dating choices. You have options such as online dating, match making services or simply slow down and enjoy your single life. You can get better by loving yourself, realizing what you're looking for and determining why you want to date and what you want to get out of it.

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