# High Marks for Engineering, Technology

### WSU Vancouver earns quality seal

The bachelor of science programs in mechanical engineering and computer science at Washington State University Vancouver recently received accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

"This is like a seal of approval for quality," said Hakan Gurocak, director of the WSU Vancouver School of Engineering and Computer Science. "In effect, it shows that we have truly high quality programs preparing our graduates to enter these professions right away. The quality standards are set by the professions through their participation in ABET. Anyone in industry now knows with certainty that they can hire our graduates with confidence.

ABET accreditation is also important for WSU Vancouver alumni applying to graduate programs or taking professional credentialing exams, Gurocak said.

The accreditation applies retroactively to students who entered the WSU Vancouver mechanical engineering or computer science bachelor of science programs, which began in 2004.

For more information on the WSU Vancouver School of Engineering and Computer , Science, vancouver.wsu.edu/encs.

WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205, or via C-Tran bus service.



Hakan Gurocak, director of the WSU Vancouver School of Engineering and Computer Science, works with students in the university's robotics lab.

#### **Business, Community Leader Honored**

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Women" campaign from ers and my family who have 2004 - 2007 and chair of the been with me every step of the benefit the Oregon Chapter, 2008 START! Greater Port- way," she said. land Heart Walk.

people in our community.

"I look forward to sharing Mulholland, MS Oregon Chapthis award with my co-work- ter President.

Fowler, who has a close able to honor someone as well individuals with MS and their friend with MS, says she's respected as Peggy Fowler, families in Oregon and Clark honored to receive such a and are very proud that she County. For more informaprestigious award from an has recognized the work that tion, contact the MS Oregon organization helping so many we do by accepting this Chapter at 503-445-8347 or

"Everything that is done in

the world is done by hope."

- Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968)

LifeWorks NW promotes a healthy

The celebration dinner will National Multiple Sclerosis "We feel fortunate to be Society and more than 7,000 award," said Myrna email sarah@defeatms.com.

## **Lending Aimed at Black-owned Businesses**

#### Wells Fargo doubles earlier goal

Wells Fargo & Co. is targeting black business owners in a newly announced \$2 billion lending campaign, double an earlier goal.

The San Francisco-based company is marking the 10th anniversary of its African-American Business Services program, which provides outreach and education services. It reached a goal of lending \$1 billion to black

business owners this year, two years ahead of its 2010 goal. The bank has set another goal of lending an additional \$1 billion by 2018.

It also expanded its relationship with the National Black MBA Association by sponsoring the organization's Entrepreneurial Institute last week in Washington, D.C.

In a statement, Barbara Thomas, president and CEO of the National Black MBA Association, commented, "With the launch of the Entrepreneurial Institute, we continue to support the significant growth of African-American businesses by offering resources for existing business owners, small business professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs." The Small Business Administration in Oregon named Wells Fargo the number one lender to minority businesses in Oregon and southwest Washington for 2007.

"Wells Fargo is committed to the creation of strong communities," said Harry DeWolf, district director for Oregon and S.W. Washington. "By providing access to capital to a broad spectrum of entrepreneurs, Wells Fargo is able to help build the neighborhoods in which they do business.'

Wells Fargo has loaned close to \$36 billion to businesses owned by women, African Americans, Latinos and Asians since 1995. Accord-

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ing to SBA data, Wells Fargo provided \$5.5 million in SBA loans in 2007 to minority-owned businesses in the Portland metro area.

"The SBA is a valued partner of ours in reaching out to help minority-owned businesses," said Tom Taylor, Wells Fargo's Business Banking manager for the Portland Metro area. "We are grateful for this award, which recognizes our many efforts to help minority businesses and our communities succeed financially."

#### community by providing quality and culturally responsive mental health and addiction services across the lifespan.



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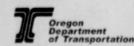
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