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Cosmos Explored in Science Café

A professor of physics from Columbia University will engage in a question and answer discussion with local high school students about special relativity and some enduring unanswered questions in physics on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 1015 S.W. 18th Ave.

Dr. Brian Green, the best-selling author of *The Elegant Universe*, will join than 100 students for the Science Café discussion sponsored by Portland Public Schools.

Green will talk about major developments in the long search to understand how the cosmos began and how the theories of general relativity and quantum



The fabric of space will be explored in Science Café, a program of Portland Public Schools on Thursday, Nov. 13 at Zion Lutheran Church, 1015 S.W. 18th Ave.

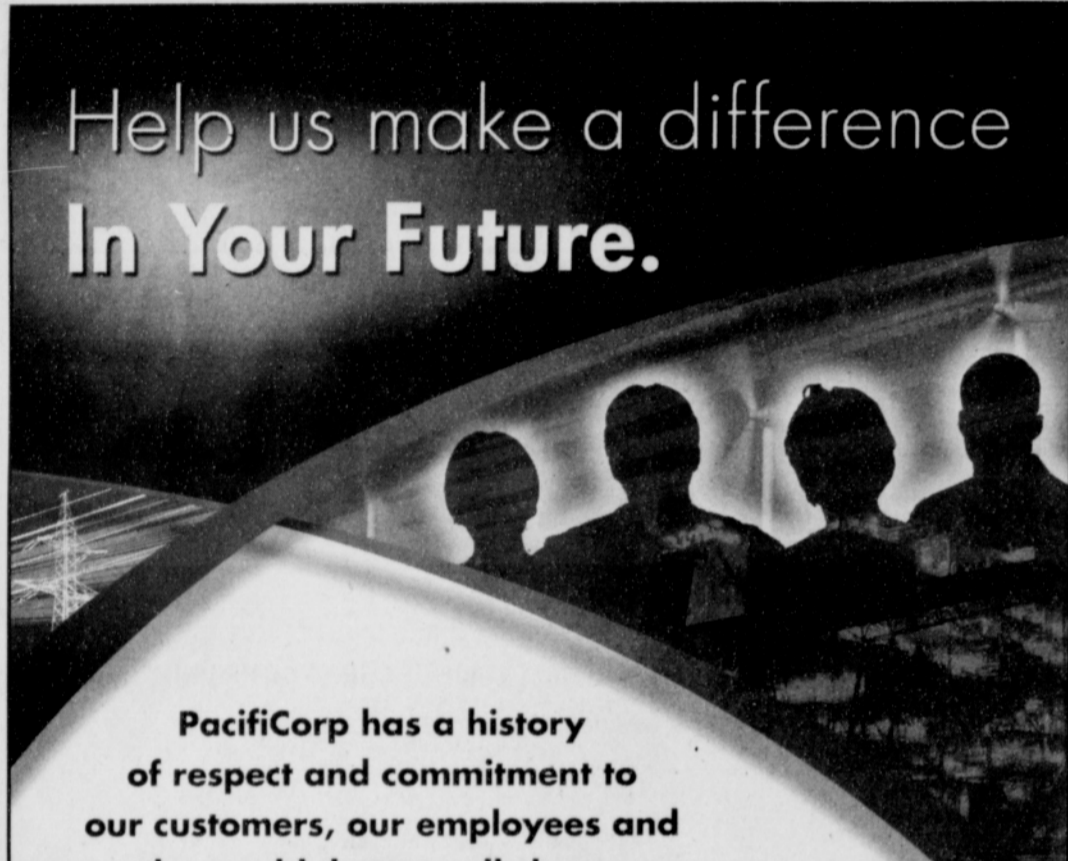
mechanics transformed our understanding of the universe.

Green succeeds in making the most sophisticated concepts in theoretical physics accessible and entertaining, both to professionals and to audiences with no background in science.

Through his artful metaphors and often humorous analogies, Green takes audiences on a journey through hidden dimensions, superstrings, black holes, and punctures in the fabric of space-time in a quest to unify all the laws of nature.

Greene's work on the unified theory of superstrings is widely recognized for a number of ground-breaking discoveries in the field.

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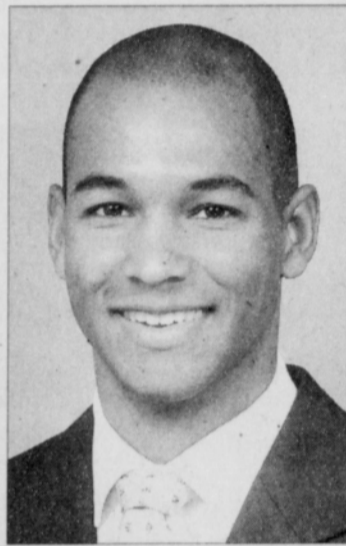
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Local Leaders Help College Foundation



Larry Easter



Jason Joner



Rick Takach

Three community leaders have been named to the Clark College Foundation board of directors.

They are Larry Easter, a retired professor from Clark College who taught psychology and computer science; Jason Joner, an attorney with Miller Nash who has taught business and corporate law in the Clark College paralegal program; and Rick Takach, president and chief executive officer of Vesta Hospitality, a national hotel management and develop-

ment firm.

Established in 1973, the foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt public charity and serves as the fundraising arm of Clark College.

By bridging the gap between the aspirations of the college and community and what is possible through state and federal funding, the foundation expands student access to educational programs and services and cultivates community, business, and governmental partnerships to support the college.

Economic Bright Spot: Green Jobs

Despite the gloom and doom pouring out of Wall Street, there is at least one genuine bright spot left in the U.S. economy—and it has a decidedly green hue.

The U.S. had tallied than 750,000 green jobs in 2006 and is set to add millions more in the next few decades, according to

a new report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Global Insight, a Boston-based economic research firm.

In fact, the green economy could soon become the nation's fastest-growing job segment, accounting for roughly 10 percent of new jobs over the next 20 years.

The report forecasts that by 2038, renewable electricity production will create 1.23 million jobs; alternative transportation fuels, 1.5 million jobs; engineering, legal, research and consulting positions will be more than 1.4 million; and commercial and residential retrofits at 81,000 jobs, for a total of 4.2 million.

Portland Schools Enrollment Grows

Enrollment in Portland Public Schools is up for the first time in more than a de-

cade, with 46,241 students enrolled as of Oct. 1. Spurring the increase was a larger

than expected gain of 600 students in elementary and middle grades.

Continuing a trend from last year, PPS saw triple-digit increases in kindergarten enrollment.

Superintendent Carole Smith was pleased to announce the enrollment figures. "Increasing enrollment is a sign that PPS is on the right track," Smith said. "It is exciting, especially as more families with young children are choosing Portland Public Schools."

PPS high school enrollment declined this year as forecasted. The drop of 447 students, however, was lower than projected. High school enrollment is expected to level off in 2011 and begin to rise as students in elementary and middle grades move upward.

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