

# Barbers Focus on Community

## Champions proud of local ties

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Building a community of champions: That's what Jamaal Lane and partner Art Williams strive to achieve through their work at Champions Barbershop.

"We just believe here at Champions Barbershop that community builds champions and we encourage everybody to be one," Lane said.

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Champions Barbershop co-owner and barber Jamaal Lane begins his morning fading up a valued customer.

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# A Slice of Old North Portland in Gresham

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On a Thursday night a woman belts out a song about "making love" on the karaoke machine while the audience sips their stiff mixed drinks and bottles of Coors Light.

Campbell is still putting the final touches on the bar. She wants to get beer on tap, and plans to have live music regularly. So far she has booked Ocean 503, Cool Breeze Band, the Fenix Project, and Norman Sylvester.

She's also is putting together a menu of "hot foods" including greens, mac and cheese, hot wing dinners, chicken strip baskets, and more.

So far Campbell said that the reception to the bar has been good.

The neighbors are pleased and customers like the same hospitality they became accustomed to at the original Jewelia's.

But Campbell has even greater ambitions: she wants it to be big. How big?

"Big is packed," she said.

*Michelle Campbell (left) goes into business with her mother Jewelia Funchess, to open Jewelia's II VIP Lounge. The Gresham establishment is a throwback to the old Cotton Club, a multicultural establishment from Portland's past.*

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