

# Navigating Inequity

Author of inspirational book to speak



Cedric Jennings

Cedric Jennings, the urban high school student who became the subject of the inspirational book "A Hope in the Unseen," will speak at Warner Pacific College on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a brown bag lunch Q & A session at 11:30 a.m.

Both events are free and open to the public. The campus is located at 2219 S.E. 68th Ave. and Division Street.

Currently a social worker and speaker, Jennings came into the national spotlight through a 1995 Pulitzer Prize-winning article by "Wall Street Journal" reporter Ron Suskind that profiled Jennings' uphill battle as a top high school student in one of Washington D.C.'s most dangerous neighborhoods.

Jennings weathered the ridicule of his peers and gained entrance into Brown University, in Rhode Island, only to discover how poorly prepared he was academically and socially. He eventually graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and later earned master's degrees from Harvard University and the University of Michigan.

Mr. Jennings' story provides an intimate perspective on the challenges that face urban students as they navigate a world of educational, racial, and economic inequity. The book has had such a pow-

erful influence on Warner Pacific President Andrea P. Cook that she has used it as a textbook in past courses, and has distributed a copy to each college employee in preparation for Jennings' visit.

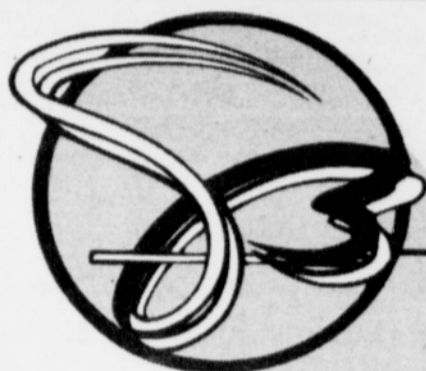
"As an urban, Christian liberal arts college, Warner Pacific has an important role to play in transforming the lives of students," said President Cook. "As we live into our urban mission to be 'In the City, For the City,' we have much to learn from Cedric's experience."

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The committee monitors and advises IPR, hears appeals, and receives public concerns. Candidates for the committee must be Portland residents or business owners — with a lack of real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Applications are available at the IPR office in City Hall as well as on IPR's website at [portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr](http://portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr).

Applications must be received at the IPR office in City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 20. For more information, call 503-823-0146.

