Education & Careers

Career Path Success Initiative

Leaders announce sweeping effort

ness, and community leaders have and put them into action?" launched a new "cradle to career"

economic progress from birth to tricts, PSU, the Leaders

job entry in an annual report that will guide community leaders and hold them accountable for results.

A broad coalition of supporters - including Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Portland State University President Wim Wiewel came together Nov. 4 to announce de-

tails of the new strategy, review the dropout rate in our schools, the first report, and discuss how and we need a community-wide to coordinate their work to better effort to help more students sucsupport children, teenagers, and ceed," Wiewel said. "The initiayoung adults.

Marcus Mundy

Multnomah County parent should have the expectation that tices that can be sustained over their kid will cross the stage (to time." get a diploma)," Adams said. "We can do it starting today."

the Urban League of Portland, together more than 300 organizaurged supporters to find a better tions to focus on education across way to work collaboratively to improve educational outcomes for ern Ohio and northern Kentucky. all students.

urgency," Mundy said. "How can we take the data and the knowl- in Cincinnati schools.

Hundreds of education, busi- edge that we have of what works

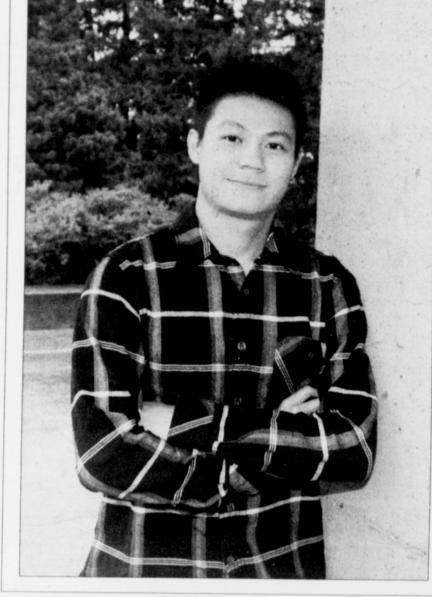
Partners in the new strategy initiative that creates a new path include the city of Portland, to success for local young people. Multnomah County, Portland The effort will track key mea- Public Schools and other sures of educational, social, and Multnomah County school dis-

> Roundtable, Portland Business Alliance, and other civic organizations. The non-profit Portland Schools Foundation will guide the effort. PSU researchers developed the key metrics in the report.

"Our community is frustrated by the failure rate and

tive is more promising than past "Every Portland parent - every efforts because it will be based on proven strategies and by prac-

The initiative is modeled after an effort in Cincinnati called the Marcus Mundy, president of Strive Partnership, which brought a metro area that includes south-After more than four years, Strive "One thing people in this room reports increases in reading, writcan do is put the urgency back in ing and math achievement as well as the high school graduation rate



International Focus Brings Diversity

Nguyen Truong is one of many Vietnamese students at Portland Community College, and one of 700 students from 90 countries enrolled at PCC. The college has been growing its International Education Program to help meet its mission of achieving diversity goals.

Making a Difference

Marneet Lewis of northeast Portland has earned a "Making a Difference" youth leadership award from the Portland Office of Neighborhood for her leadership in advancing the inclusion and recognition of people with disabilities.

"This distinction recognizes the efforts of not only me but that of many young people who daily challenge the cloak of disability not as defining barriers but rather as opportunities to educate," Lewis said.

Lewis is a senior at Concordia University and a member of the Judicial Committee of the Associate Students of Concordia University.

Having experienced learning disabilities in her own life, she has never minimized her academic potential. She has been an honor student and a national voice for young leaders with disabilities.



Marneet Lewis of Portland stands up for disability rights as a student leader.

Rose Court Grows Again

cruiting is underway for the 2011 now eligible to participate in the Portland Rose Festival Court pro- court program. - gram presented by Pacific Power.

After expanding the court in 2009 to accept metro area schools, the Rose Festival is again loosening its eligibility requirements to schools to apply.

Festival history students from Molalla, Estacada, Gladstone and of Queen of Rosaria. In all, 46 schools in Multnomah, Clackamas val history and tradition.

Applications are out and re- and Washington counties are

The selection of Rose Festival princesses from local high schools has been a Rose Festival tradition since 1930.

The mission of the court is to allow students from metro area 4A provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community Now for the first time in Rose outreach and volunteerism, to offer networking and mentoring opportunities to outstanding young LaSalle can compete for the crown women in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rose Festi-

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