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Mt. Hood CC Celebrates Diversity Week

Mt. Hood Community College is celebrating its diverse student population with a week of food, dancing, speakers, movies and more on the Gresham campus.

"The pursuit of diversity is intensely important, especially in an institution of higher learning said MHCC President John J. "Ski" Sygielski. "In today's global economy, an educational experience that fails to expose students to multicultural perspectives and interactions in diverse communities is inadequate and unacceptable."

Other highlights include a town hall meeting about student diversity. Also on Thursday, the college will celebrate Cinco de Mayo, often referred to in the U.S. as Hispanic Heritage Day, with a taco feed and mariachi music.

Keeping Faith on Civil, Labor Rights

President Obama met Friday at the White House with eight participants in the 1968 Memphis sanitation strike, an iconic campaign in civil rights and labor rights history, when public workers banded together for dignity, respect and a better life.

Forty-three years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and leaders of the civil rights movement joined these men on the picket line, recognizing that economic justice and social justice are part of the same aspiration for human dignity.

The President invited the living participants in the Memphis sanitation strike to honor their courage, and their fight on behalf of all workers for safe conditions, respect in the workplace and a better life for themselves and their families.

As workers across the country continue to face challenges to their rights, the issues for which these men fought continue to be relevant and the President remains committed to the causes for which they marched.



President Obama meets shows his respect for civil and labor rights by meeting Friday with eight participants in the 1968 Memphis sanitation strike.

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Housing Discrimination Verified

Beaverton officials join fight for fairness

For the past two years the City of Beaverton has partnered with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon to complete random audits of rental units that have revealed housing discrimination.

However, the most recent audit found a smaller amount of housing discrimination in Beaverton compared to the previous year's audit results. Thirty-seven percent of the 2010 audits resulted in a positive finding for discriminatory treatment, compared to 48 percent of tests completed in 2009.

Most striking was a decrease in discrimination based on race (25 percent for 2010 versus 78 percent for 2009). Rental units were also tested for discrimination based on national origin, the presence of children, sexual orientation and disability.

Andrea Nelson, the city's community development block grant coordinator, said Beaverton officials are committed to working with members of the housing community to see even more improvement."

"Discrimination in housing is not something that we can address alone; we want to hear from community members who have ideas about how we can eliminate housing discrimination in our community," she said.

The next meeting will be held on May 25 at Beaverton City Hall and is open to the public.

If you would like to learn more about this process or become involved, contact Andrea Nelson at anelson@beavertonoregon.gov.

Anyone who believes they have been a victim of illegal housing discrimination or would like more information can call the Fair Housing Council of Oregon discrimination hotline at 1-800-424-3247.

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