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Les Femmes Group Reaches Out

Invite out for informational meeting

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Middle school and high school girls mark your calendars. You're invited to attend an informational meeting to apply for membership with the Les Femmes Debutantes, a local organization that works to empower young women to accomplish and achieve.

This Sunday, May 15, female students and their parents or guardians will gather at the Emanuel Hospital Lorenzen Conference Center



A group of debutantes get energized during a contemporary dance rehearsal for a Debutante Ball in Elk Grove, Calif. Portland's Les Femmes Youth organization is recruiting students for new members.

community involvement and leadership. Each meeting or activity embodies themes that are discussed and promoted like self-discovery, overcoming challenges and empowerment. The skills learned go well beyond their entire high school years to college and beyond.

Young ladies take a pledge amongst their peers from high schools across the Portland and surrounding areas. They get a chance to not only network with those they may have never met, but enhance the respect of others. They learn to accept no less than in academic achievements and leadership ability.

This long-standing program to enrich the lives of youth is a testament to the successful development and social responsibility among young people. One of the many goals that are accomplished is to be liaisons to the young ladies. As mentors, they become skilled in abundant genres of life skills. For example, their knowledge of African American history is taught as well as enhanced. In order to promote positive growth and development, the young women make personal pledges toward not just pursuing goals, but making sure they are on positive paths.

Les Femmes members celebrate that they are making their presence, honor and future destinies known. The young members embody courage and character. Social responsibility is taught and encouraged. Each student in the organization marks the beginning of a new journey, a journey from adolescent to young-adulthood.

For more information, email LesFemmesDebutantes.org@gmail.com or call 503-660-3327.

auditorium, 301 N. Graham St., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to provide information about this prominent, popular and prestigious group.

You'll find out how Les Femmes makes their presence known with year-long peer activities, outings, community involvement, and academic and social achievements. Learn how female students grow from young people to young adults. The event will provide information about the Debutante and Junior Debutante calendar events and more.

Les Femmes members empower one another with mentorship programs that instill etiquette, decorum and dignity with the goal of becoming role models for their communities. The girls attended meetings in which they participate in leadership, social skills, self-esteem and etiquette workshops.


The honorable tradition of Les Femmes puts academics first, while promoting cultural, civic and com-

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