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Residential Advisor Troutdale, Oregon

Full-time Residential Advisor needed for residential vocational/educational training school serving young adults ages 16-24 years. Provide safe and positive living environment that delivers guidance to students to ensure positive group living relations and achievement in the program. Supervise and monitor dorm and student activities, group sessions and dorm meetings; prepare and maintain reports and student files. Perform other duties as assigned. \$12.30 per hour with Full Benefits Package.

Must have High School Diploma or equivalent and two years related experience and/or training working with youth. Valid state driver's license with acceptable driving record required. Ability to successfully pass a background check. Preferred requirements include Associate Degree, previous experience within a residential youth program, and/or CDL license. Qualified applicants must apply at www.chugachjobs.com by close of business day Friday, July 8, 2011.

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Auto Body Paint Instructor Troutdale, Oregon

Residential technical training school serving young adults ages 16-24 years seeking an Auto Body Paint instructor to prepare students for careers in the Auto Body Paint industry. As well as providing hands on instruction, incumbent will administer and correct tests, access and use computers and applicable software, maintain progress and attendance reports, and participate in student performance evaluations. Perform other duties as required.

Must be ASE Painting & Refinishing certified; instructor level desirable. I-Car Certification at the instructor level and/or one year instructional experience preferred. Must have valid driver's license in state of residence. \$16.40-\$20.00 negotiable, depending on qualifications and experience. Full benefits package available.

Qualified applicants must apply on line at www.mtcjobs.com or www.mtctrains.com by close of business day Friday, July 8, 2011.

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Community Account Manager (CAM)-United Way of the Columbia-Willamette seeks self-motivated, enthusiastic, and flexible individuals for several temporary, full-time CAM positions for its fall 2011 campaign. Detailed information: www.unitedway-pdx.org. Closes 7/10/11. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Community Speaker-United Way of the Columbia-Willamette seeks committed, highly skilled, and motivated individuals for temporary, full-time and part-time Speaker positions for its fall 2011 campaign. Detailed information: www.unitedway-pdx.org. Closes 7/10/11. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Jefferson's Middle College. Success

Education, it seems, is more and more on the minds of Oregonians. With the cost of a college education on the rise, and with the Oregon Legislature hammering out the details of the next biennium's budget, education is front-and-center in the collective consciousness.

As a community college campus president, this isn't surprising to me – education is on my mind nearly every minute of every day. I won't regale you with a discussion of the Legislature's deliberations; I'll leave that to the professional pundits. What I would like to do, however, is focus on a success story: the Middle College program at Jefferson High School.

This fall, the Middle College will transition from being an opt-in-program to one that encompasses each incoming Jefferson freshman. But what it is, exactly?

For nearly seven years now, the Middle College has helped to build a bridge between at-risk and low-income kids and the world of higher education. In the simplest terms, the program enables Jefferson students to enroll in, and earn credit for, college-level courses at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus – all while they're still in high school. But in reality, the Middle College is much, much more.

Let's pause for a moment to consider Jefferson High School. It's the only majority-African American high school in Portland. Many of its students fall into the "at-risk" or "low-income" categories – a large majority are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches. The vast majority have grown up in homes in which no one has ever attended, much less graduated from, college. In fact, about 95 percent of current and former Middle College students are the first members of their families to go to college.

It's no secret that Jefferson has faced its share of challenges. Enrollment has declined over the years, principals have come and gone, several internal reorganizations have been enacted, and rumors of its imminent closure have circulated. Despite its struggles, though, the venerable institution has retained the ardent support of its community. In many ways, it is an enduring symbol of the neighborhood's identity as a multicultural enclave.

Imagine, then, the transformative impact of a Jefferson in which every

single student who graduates does so with college credits already in his or her pocket. Imagine students who graduate knowing that they can succeed in college, because they already have. Imagine students who face the choice not of whether they can go to college, but where they should go.

Most of all, imagine a neighborhood where the value of higher education is passed on from parent to child, generation after generation. Imagine a neighborhood where every child not only dreams of going to college, but expects it. Such a thing has the power to transform a community forever.

This is what is possible with the expansion of the Middle College program. Starting this fall, Jefferson freshmen will begin a comprehensive and challenging curriculum that will first prepare them for the rigors of college-level studies, and then – beginning in the 11th grade – immerse them in college-level coursework. Most will graduate with somewhere between a half-year and a year of college under their belts, and more ambitious students can earn as much as a two-year Associate's degree – all by the time they finish high school.

Consider Michael Nelson, for example. Michael was a Middle College student who graduated from Jefferson in 2010. He had amassed enough college credits through the program that he was able to transfer to Portland State University this past fall as a sophomore. Quite literally, through the Middle College, he was able to complete his first year of college for free. For those parents out there with children who are contemplating college – I don't need to tell you how much this means in terms of dollars and cents.

Michael's story is all the more remarkable considering that he has spent roughly the last 13 years of his life moving from one foster home to another. Despite his considerable talent and drive, he was in danger of being marginalized as just another foster kid with few prospects. Because of the Middle College, though, Michael's options are virtually limitless.

On its own merits, the Middle College represents a tremendous opportunity for Jefferson students. A new development, however, takes the program's promise to the next level. The University of Oregon has pledged to provide up to three years of tuition-free study to those Middle College students who complete one year at PCC, whether while they're in high school or after. This unprecedented opportunity is available to all students who qualify for a federal Pell grant.

Algie C. Gatewood is president of Portland Community College's Cascade Campus. To learn more about the Middle College program, visit www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/jefferson.