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## Fostering New Military Heroes



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Military science professor Lt. Col. Lewis Doyle walks with his students (from left) Brett LaMarca, Sabrina Norton and Danielle Bibbs at the University of Portland campus in north Portland where a Reserve Officers' Training Corps leads to a bachelor's degree and military career.

### Local ROTC program grows more competitive

BY MINDY COOPER  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Brett LaMarca, a junior at the University of Portland, has known he wanted to become an officer in the United States Army since he was in high school.

After growing up in Orlando, Fla., he chose UP because of the school's prestige in their Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, and the scholarship the university offered him to attend.

His dream of becoming an officer, however, truly began to materialize when he signed a contract on Sept. 14, 2009, to join the Army as a college freshman.

With recent cuts to the number of military officers within the country,

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## Activist Earns Spirit of Portland Award

### Opal Strong honored for lifetime achievement

BY LEE PERLMAN  
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Opal Strong, a 93-year-old Humboldt neighborhood activist and family matriarch, has been recognized for her lifetime of community and volunteer service in the form of a Spirit of Portland award.

Presented annually to people and organizations who contribute to the city's livability, the winners are se-

lected from nominations submitted by the public – 90 this year – by a citizen jury under the direction of the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

Members of the Portland City Council get to make some awards of their own. Strong was selected by Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

Strong's history of involvement includes charter membership in the

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods board, chair of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association, State Senior Citizens Council, Albina Art Center board, PTA, Albina Women's League, Meals on Wheels, the March of Dimes, and the Saturday with the Arts program for youth.

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Community activist Opal Strong has earned a Spirit of Portland award for her 60 years of volunteer work.