

# CAREER & EDUCATION

## Forum to Help with Job Search

In response to the 18 percent overall African-American unemployment rate in Oregon and 40 percent jobless rate for young African-Americans in the state, the Urban League of Portland will hold an Urban Jobs Initiative Forum to offer practical help in finding employment and strategies on how to reduce the burden of unemployment in our communities.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Gardens Opportunity Center, 5033 N. Vancouver Ave.

Participants are encouraged to bring their resume to the event. You can pre-register at [urbanjobsinitiative.eventbrite.com](http://urbanjobsinitiative.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact [mpurcell@ulpdx.org](mailto:mpurcell@ulpdx.org) or [dlindsay@ulpdx.org](mailto:dlindsay@ulpdx.org).

The Urban League of Portland is devoted to economic empowerment of underserved communities.

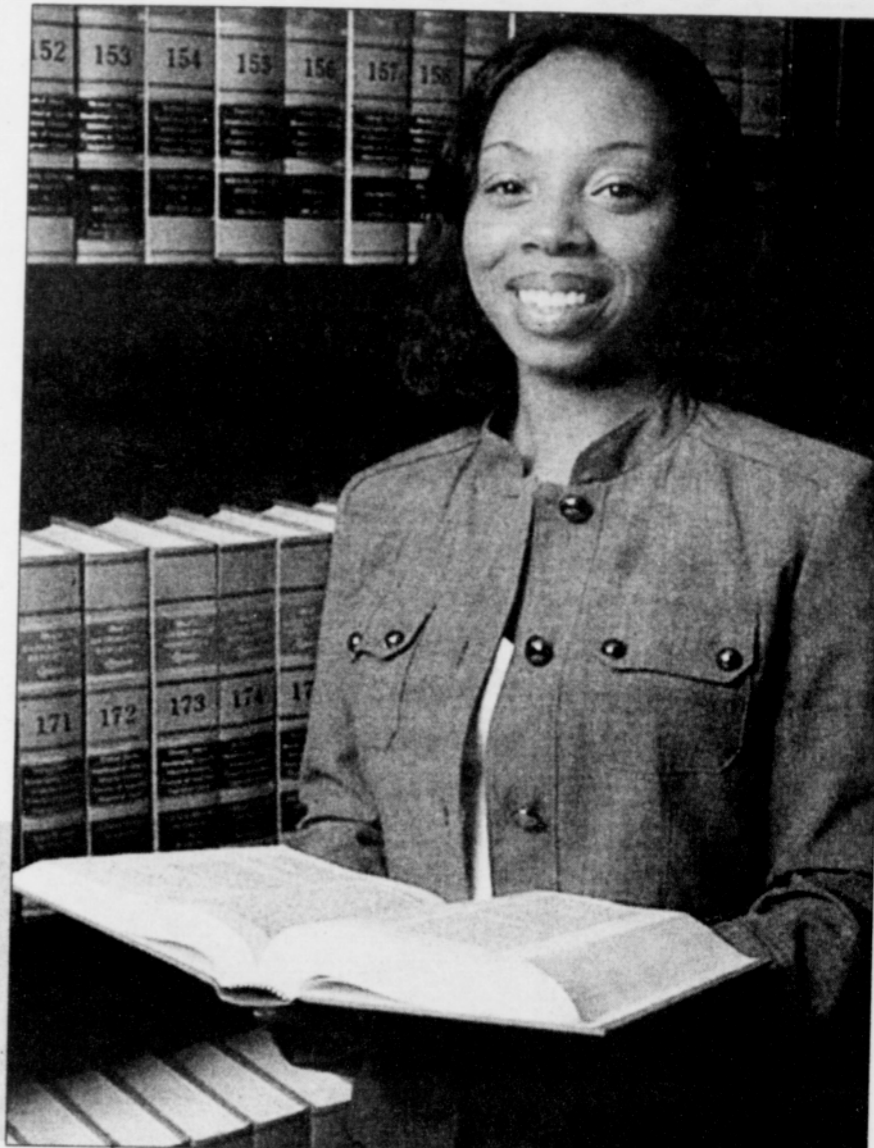
## Lawyer Advances with Determination

The Portland Observer congratulates Latrice Latin, a Portland native for her success in becoming an attorney and advancing her career in Georgia.

Latin, the daughter of Leonard A. Latin and Wanda Paden, always had high expectations in her life. She graduated from Ockley Green Middle School in north Portland before she moved to Atlanta. She was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2007, beginning her legal career as a public defender in Fulton County and then entering into private practice.

She has handled cases in real estate, domestic relations and civil litigation. She prides herself on her customer service skills and ability to understand life-changing circumstances. Dedicated and focused on upholding debtor's rights, she is presently a supervising attorney handling bankruptcy matters in federal court.

*Portland native Latrice Latin advances her legal career as an attorney in Atlanta, Ga.*



## Attention Small Business Owners

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**Tuesday, November 29**  
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### East Multnomah County

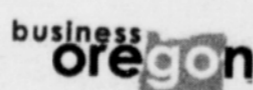
Mt. Hood Community College Maywood Park Campus  
Main Floor, 10100 NE Prescott, Portland

### 82nd Avenue

Portland Community College Southeast Center  
Mt. Tabor Great Hall, 2305 SE 82nd Ave., Portland

### Questions?

Call 971-722-5081 or email [sbdc@pcc.edu](mailto:sbdc@pcc.edu)



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## A Role Model for Future Engineers

### Aerospace executive named to PSU Hall of Fame

Portland State University's Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science inducted Wanda M. Austin Thursday into the Denice Dee Denton Women Engineers Hall of Fame. The Denton Award honors outstanding women who can serve as role models for future female engineers.

Austin is president and chief executive of the Aerospace Corporation in Chantilly, Va., where she has been internationally recognized for her work in satellite and payload systems.

"With the number of young women entering the engineering disciplines decreasing," said Austin. "We must continue to encourage young people, and especially young women, to pursue careers in engineering, and to ensure that their pathways to achievement remain open."

Austin has been employed with Aerospace since 1979. She previously was general manager of the company's Military Satellite Communications Division, and senior vice president of both the National Systems Group and the Engineering and Technology Group.

Under her guidance, the company continues to contribute to national security



Wanda M. Austin

space programs by conducting studies and supporting programs such as NASA's human spaceflight, NOAA's weather satellite, and the Landsat system of satellites.

Austin's recognition highlights the importance of women in engineering, according to PSU Maseeh College Dean Renjeng Su.

"Overall, only about 20 percent of engineers are women," Su said. "We want to encourage more young women to pursue these degrees."

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