

CAREER & EDUCATION

World Stage Theatre Play

Looking for a way to celebrate Black History Month or learn about black history with other students, family and or friends? Look no further than the World Stage Theatre presentation of the play "Who I am Celebrating Me."

The play is a montage of historical and prominent African-American figures performed by local community artists and talented youth, including the works of Jefferson alumni Alonzo Chadwick, Donya Frazier, Eldon T Jones, Kristin Warren Robinson, Shalanda Brown-Sims, Sharon Thomas and more.

You don't want to miss it! Shows Friday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 at Jefferson High School. Advance \$5 tickets are available by calling Reyna at 503-960-5080. Tickets at the door are \$7.50.

Participants in the local Black History Month production of "Who I am Celebrating Me."



Tuition-Free Magnet Expands

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The Middle College program, in partnership with Portland Community College's Cascade Campus and Self Enhancement Inc., allows students to earn transferable college credit while they're still enrolled in high school. Most students in the program will finish high school having earned between 12 and 45 college credits; the most ambitious students can earn an associate's degree.

"The Jefferson Middle College program is built on a solid foundation of support from Jefferson teachers, PCC faculty, and SEI mentors and staff," said Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith. "I'm pleased that Oregon State, Portland State and Warner Pacific are turning a belief in the middle college model into scholarship opportunities for our students."

The Middle College scholarships will enable credit- and income-eligible students to continue their studies, essentially for free, all the way to a bachelor's degree.

"We're thrilled that Oregon State, Portland State and Warner Pacific are becoming part of the Middle College success story," said PCC Cascade Campus President Algje Gatewood. "Together, this program and these scholarships can bring about a generational shift in our neighborhood. I can't think of another example where students can enjoy this level of hope and opportunity."

Last fall, the program expanded from an opt-in program to encompass every incoming Jefferson fresh-

man. Students will typically spend their ninth- and 10th-grade years at Jefferson preparing for collegiate-level studies, and their 11th- and 12th-grade years taking courses at both Jefferson and PCC.

As they prepare for the transition to PCC, Middle College students learn to navigate the college admissions and registration processes, and generally become acclimated to a collegiate environment. While at PCC, they study alongside mainstream college students. They also receive individual case management and support services from Self-Enhancement Inc., a longtime north Portland-based educational nonprofit.

"When we say we provide 'wrap-around' support, we mean it," said Tony Hopson, President and CEO. "SEI shores up students and families socially and, where possible, financially so that students have their best chance at college and a bright future."

Through generous donors, SEI also awards hundreds of thousands in college scholarships to their students each year and Jefferson Middle College students will now be among the beneficiaries.

Portland School Board co-chair Pam Knowles said, "We are excited about today's announcement. The expanding scholarships are helping establish the Jefferson Middle College as a go-to school for families who want a college future for their students."

To learn more about the Jefferson High School - Middle College for Advanced Studies, visit pps.k12.or.us/schools/jefferson.



Black History Month



Wed., February 29, 2012

Door opens at 11:45am

Program starts at 12:00pm

Lunch will be provided

Portland Development Commission

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"The Impacts of the Civil Rights Movement"

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. LeRoy Haynes

Sr. Pastor of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church - Portland

Dr. LeRoy Haynes also serves as the Presiding Elder of the Alaska, Oregon, and Washington District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Churches, and President of the North Portland Bible College. He is a dedicated religious educator, compassionate community leader, and played an influential role as an organizer and activist in the Civil Rights Movement.

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