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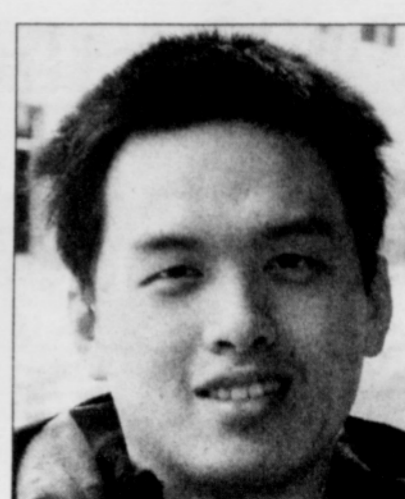
Justin Martinez



Robert Konell



Samantha Mellin



Sheng Shen

NASA Looks to PCC for Future Engineers

Careers include aerospace, science and education

Seven Portland Community College students have been rewarded with recognition by the space agency NASA for hard work in their studies.

Four of the students, Sheng Chen, Justin Martinez, Joseph Thiebes and Danny Nguyen, were named National Community College Aerospace Scholars, and will take part in interactive web-based activities before visiting the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., May 1-3 for a hands-on engineering project.

The project gives community college students a chance to

design robotic rovers in cooperation with NASA. The teams will establish fictional companies pursuing Mars exploration. Each team will develop, design and build a prototype rover, then use their prototypes to navigate a course, collect rocks and water and return to a home base. The on-site experience this spring includes a tour of NASA facilities and briefings from agency scientists and engineers.

In addition, Martinez, Samantha Mellin, Andrew Hill and Robert Konell were awarded the Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium Scholarship. The program recognizes the academic accomplishments of students focused on a future career in the aerospace, science, or education community.

Konell is a computer science and math major based at the Cascade Campus who plans to

transfer to Portland State University where he will pursue either a bachelor's degree in computer science with a math minor, or a dual major in both.

"It's amazing," said Konell of the grant. "I'm a low-income student, and so financially it's a huge gift, especially with the ever increasing cost of tuition. Aside from that, I've worked extremely hard since I started back to school with PCC, and it feels good to have someone single you out for all of your effort. It certainly magnifies my motivation to try hard in everything I do."

NASA chooses students from across the nation through a competitive process. Selected students are pursuing their initial

undergraduate degree at a community college who have an interest for mathematics, science, engineering or computer science.

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Mt. Hood Jazz Concert Friday

Genesis, the Mt. Hood Community College vocal jazz ensemble, will perform 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 13 in the Visual Arts Theatre, located on the Gresham Campus, 26000 S.E. Stark St.

The ensemble will be joined by the Jeff Baker Quartet.

"Jeff Baker is a highly versatile jazz singer who is strongly inspired by the wonderful Chet Baker. Jeff was also a mentor

for many recent Genesis students. His bass player and drummer also play for the Grammy winner Kurt Elling. It's going to be a fabulous concert," said Dave Barduhn, MHCC instructor and music and jazz ensemble director.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$10 for students with identification and \$15 for general admission. Parking will be free during the performance.

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