

CAREER & EDUCATION



Oregon Tradeswomen graduate Johnetta Abraham.

Women in Trades 20th Career Fair Providing opportunities for apprenticeship and job training

The Northwest's largest nontraditional career fair will celebrate its 20th year with the annual Women in Trades Career Fair, Thursday through Saturday, May 17-19.

More than 2,000 girls and female job seekers are anticipated to participate in hands-on activities and learn about apprenticeship and job training opportunities in the building, construction, mechanical, technical and utility related trades.

According to a June 2011 report by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, approximately 10,000 new and replacement building and construction trade workers are needed by the year 2018 in order to meet projected demand. Last year, 1,900 new apprentices entered the trades in Oregon.

Dedicated to promoting diversity in the trades since 1989, Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. hosts the event to educate middle and high school girls about careers in the trades, and to connect adult women to apprenticeships, training opportunities, and employers.

The three-day event is held at the NECA-IBEW Local 48 Electrical Training Center located at 16021 N.E. Airport Way. The first two days required pre-registration and are already full. Saturday is open to women and their families and will offer information about how to get started in these blue collar careers. A special information session takes place at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit tradeswomen.net.

Bank Supports Career Pathways

The first class of students supported by a Bank of America donation to the Portland Community College Foundation are now on their way to graduation, and enrollment is currently open for other students to apply for scholarships in the Career Pathways program.

PCC developed Career Pathways to connect students to short-term educational opportunities for the purpose of gaining employment and continuing education. Many of its students have recently been laid off, and after searching for work, are painfully aware that continued education is crucial to become competitive in Portland's

tight job market.

At the end of 2011, with reduced government funding and an increased need from the unemployed, Bank of America stepped in with a \$50,000 grant to provide partial tuition for at least 40 students pursuing a variety of careers in the accounting, administrative, facilities maintenance, and healthcare fields.

This was the largest corporate cash gift the foundation had received to date, and Bank of America employees also volunteer to provide students with financial literacy training and collaborate on a service project.



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