

## OHSU Named 'Leader in LGBT Equality'

Oregon Health & Science University has been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" for the second year in a row for its equitable services and commitment to inclusive care.

In light of the institution's efforts, OHSU has also been named in the Healthcare Equality Index 2012 report, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization.

OHSU is one of 71 respondents that earned top marks for its inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who often face challenges in accessing adequate health care. "OHSU is proud to be named a leader in healthcare equality," said Norwood Knight-Richardson, M.D., M.B.A., vice

president and chief administrative officer at OHSU. "This university values diversity in all of our missions, and we are constantly seeking to be an inclusive organization."

All facilities awarded this title meet several key indicators for equitable care, including nondiscrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees, a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents, and LGBT health education for key staff.

"LGBT patients deeply appreciate the welcoming environment provided by a Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality," said HRC Family Project director Ellen Kahn, congratulating OHSU.

For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2012, or to download a free copy of the report, visit [www.hrc.org/hei](http://www.hrc.org/hei).

## Rosa Parks

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sects with Rosa Parks Way, originally Portland Boulevard.

"It was a great decision to name that street for Rosa Parks," said Pool, also a member of Portland's alumnae chapter of the African-American Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

She said because the street is named for the late civil rights leader, and Peninsula Park runs adjacent, the location is the perfect place to put a statue to honor a great woman.

"We, the Portland chapter, are very honored to serve on this committee because we have our facility across from Peninsula Park, which will allow people to enjoy the statue and walk across the street and see a building that represents women."

Although times have changed since the Civil Rights movement, Pool said injustice remains today.

"Regardless of whether we are enjoying the freedom of public transportation and being integrated, there are still areas that don't support integration," she said. "Even in our city today, people of color still have to

fight harder than non folks of color."

To bring in different perspectives from throughout the community, an open house to inform individuals about the statue project was recently held.

"We want everyone to be involved," she said.

A survey online is also available for anyone to give input about the type of Rosa Parks art piece they would like to have installed.

"This is very important to recognize as a piece of history," she said.

To access the survey online, visit [surveymonkey.com/s/8M57Y8Z](http://surveymonkey.com/s/8M57Y8Z).

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