

A Diverse Workforce for Diverse Jobs







Tori Ward picks up some practical experience at a job site. Like her fellow students, the De La Salle North 2012 graduate had the opportunity to develop job skills as part of the school curriculum.

Racially, Spiritually, and Culturally Diverse

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when students come to our office in the fall, they are not intimidated; they are prepared, ready to work and able to be productive in our business right from the beginning."

This successful program has been ongoing in the Portland Metro area for 12 years, with placements from downtown Portland to Wilsonville and Hillsboro to Tigard. It has grown considerably in both revenue and number of sponsors for the past three years. The employers list, over 80 strong, includes Columbia Sportswear, Nike, OHSU, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, OnPoint Community Credit Union, PCC Structurals, Portland Valve & Fitting Co., Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield,

and The Standard.

It's a win-win relationship. Students prepare for college and success in future careers; employers reap the benefits of increased workplace diversity, motivated student employees, mentorship, and community development.

De La Salle North Catholic High School prepares young men and women for college by providing a rigorous faith-based education emphasizing math, science, and language arts.

The school is racially, spiritually, and culturally diverse. More than 95 percent of its graduating seniors earn acceptance to college each year, and graduate from college at a rate four times that of their peers from a similar demographic.

Local Leader Mentors Youth

The Oregon Association of Mi- Qwest/US West Communicanority Entrepreneurs has added long- tions. time friend and supporter Bill Prows as director of its Youth Entrepreneurship Program.

OAME's Youth Program was first instituted in 1999 and has committed to providing area youth with business development and personal fulfillment skills.

For the past seven years, Prows served as the director of Outreach and Market Development for Portland State University's School of Extended Studies. He previously worked in several community and corporate relation positions with

"With more than 20 years of experience in community development and corporate cultivation, Bill brings to the position a wide range of skills," said Sam Brooks, chairman and founder of OAME.

On Aug. 9, OAME held its annual Youth Entrepreneurship Conference, a day-long academy to learn team building, business plans development, marketing, and business budgeting.

To learn more about OAME's Youth Entrepreneurship program, contact Bill Prows at 503-249-7744.