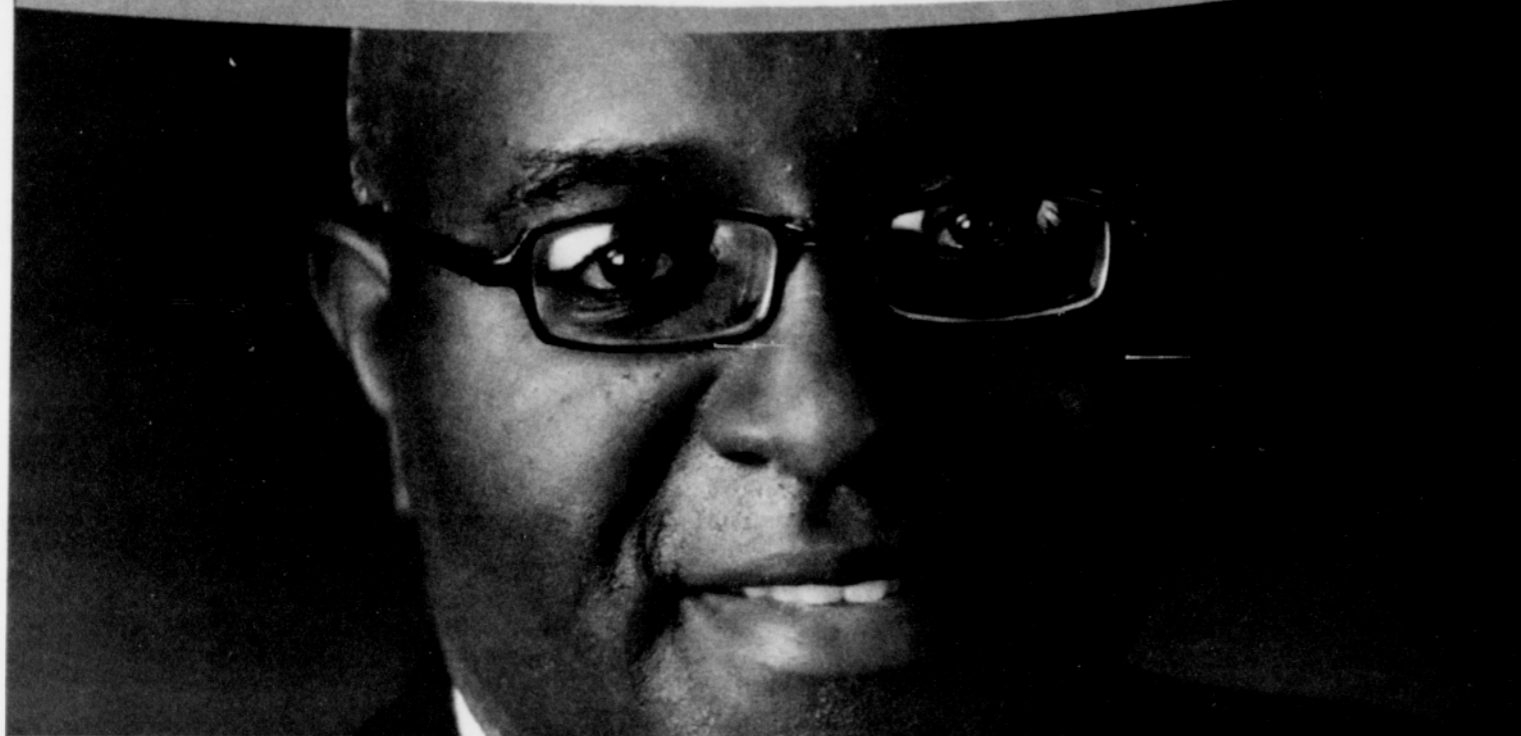


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# New Education Leader Appointed

## PCC Board fills term of late Harold Williams

The Portland Community College Board of Directors has sworn in and appointed Kali Thorne Ladd to fill the board position of the late Harold Williams. The volunteer PCC board is responsible for the budget and overall policy direction of the college.



*Kali Thorne Ladd*

Ladd works in the mayor's office as the Education Strategies Director overseeing policy and direction for the mayor's key education initiatives including the Summer Youth Connect and Future Connect.

College officials say her involvement in Future Connect, a partnership that has been very successful at PCC, is where Ladd was first introduced to the college and prompted her to submit for the vacant board position. Future Connect helps at risk students overcome barriers to succeeding in college.

"I believe education is a game changer, it changes lives and it can break the cycle of poverty for generations," Ladd said. "I've witnessed this in my own family. The opportunity to support PCC as an institution that educates so many in the

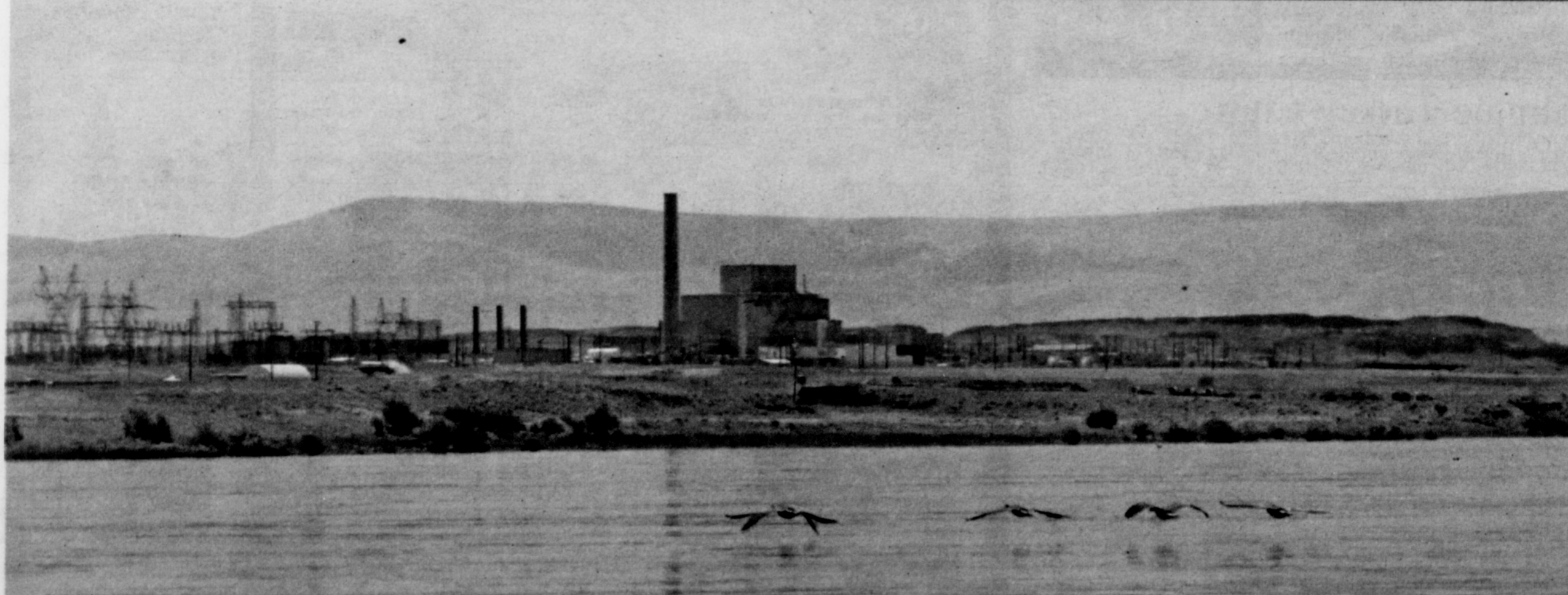
community, is special, and for me to help PCC serve more students is an added bonus."

One of Ladd's goals as a board member is to increase retention rates, particularly for youth of color and first generation college students, plus increase access points for students to attend while helping secure stable funding without large increases in tuition.

"The cost of attending college is a huge barrier that worries me, and I'm dedicated to increasing financial support for students. Youth can get lost and drop out when systems aren't in place to financially support and keep them engaged," she said.

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