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Kindergarteners of north Portland's Astor School, (from left) Shaylah Dominguez, Dean Fillinger, Lily Wilkenson and Julio Elenes, pick out pumpkins to carve on a rainy field trip to the Sauvie Island Pumpkin Patch.

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## Standing with the Community

Portland Observer celebrates with service awards

Dedicated to cultural diversity, the Portland Observer has been an active participant in the community for more than 40 years, providing local people with responsible and in-depth journalism on issues often ignored by mainstream publications.

It's fair to say that this newspaper and our portlandobserver.com website, humbly situated on Portland's historic Northeast Martin

Luther King Jr. Boulevard, has worked tirelessly with few resources to enhance community awareness and development while providing an excellent advertising source for local businesses.

In an acknowledgement of its diversity mission and to pay tribute to community service leaders, the Portland Observer Foundation cordially invites supporters to the first annual Community Services Awards Dinner on Friday, Nov. 9, at the DoubleTree Hotel in northeast Portland.

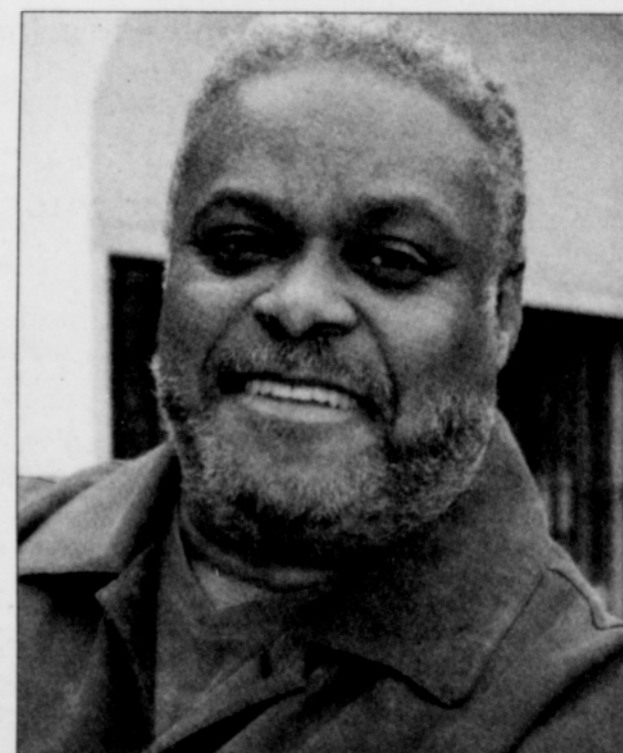
The formal event will honor outstanding young leaders by awarding six scholarships to students and recognize business and

government leaders who are advocates for cultural development in disadvantaged and minority communities.

"This is our effort to award them the merit of their hard work for the community and to give support to the future leaders of our community," said Portland Observer Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Charles Washington.

With a dedicated Portland Observer team, including Mark Washington, assistant to the publisher for public relations, circulation and photography, and Tony Washington,

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Chuck Washington, Portland Observer Publisher and Editor-in-Chief