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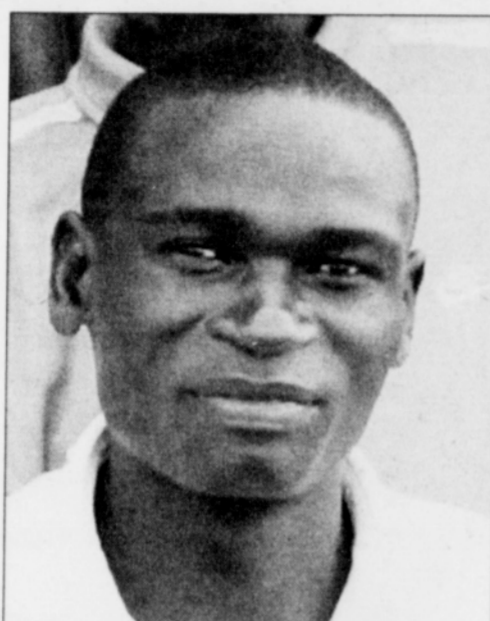
## Excellence in Volunteerism

### Survivor of war gets degree and gives back

Julius Achon of Portland has won a community service award from his alma mater the University of Phoenix for his commitment to improve the quality of life in rural northern Uganda through his nonprofit organization Achon Uganda Children's Fund.

"I am thankful to University of Phoenix for this Community Service Award," said Achon. "There are things in life that many of us take for granted: food, shelter, medicine and education. It is my goal to share the blessings I have to provide for those less fortunate in my home country."

As a survivor of Uganda's civil war, Achon escaped the violence and atrocities that decimated his homeland. In his youth, Achon learned that his athletic talents would help him to not only survive, but to thrive. Through competitive running, Achon completed his primary education and eventually became a two-time Olympic athlete.



Ugandan Olympic athlete and Portland resident Julius Achon has earned a community service award for volunteerism from the University of Phoenix.

Achon moved to Portland and founded his nonprofit organization in 2007. The Achon Uganda Children's Fund seeks to improve the quality of life in rural Northern Uganda through access to health care and education, and improvements to infrastructure.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication through the university's online program.

"As a survivor, Olympian, and the founder his own non-profit organization, Julius demonstrates the passion and drive needed to make a difference," said Flint Holland, University of Phoenix Oregon Campus director.

## New Seasons Hires CEO

### Portland resident to lead local company

A manager with a privately-held education company and a former Starbucks Coffee executive has been named the new chief executive officer for New Seasons Market.

The hiring of Wendy Collie reinforces New Seasons' focus on customer service, employee growth and training, and a dedication to local communities, company officials said.

"We are pleased to have found someone who so clearly shares our mission and values, and our love for the Northwest. Wendy is a well-known visionary who has built a reputation and track record as a leader who invests in people, culture development, customer service, operational excellence and strategic growth. She has a passion for food and for the unique essence of the greater Portland community that is core to New Seasons Market," said New Seasons Market Co-Founder and Board Chair Stan Amy.

A resident of Portland, Collie was most recently President of Consumer Businesses for Knowledge Universe, the largest privately-held



Wendy Collie

early childhood educator. She previously worked for Starbucks Coffee Company for almost 18 years. She was known for her passion and creating positive experiences for customers, as well as work environments that inspire and grow great leaders.

Since its inception in 2000, New Seasons Market has been a strong, sustainable company, focused on supporting local farmers and food producers, being a progressive employer, and giving back to the community.

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