

Beyond Bricks and Mortar

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solutions that would change the culture of crime for good.

One philosophy, Gatewood noted, was a "Behavior Modification Plan." He says the logic behind it was to change bad behavior in the community by changing the environment that allowed it to exist.

Forexample, this last summer police officers worked with Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement to install a decorative iron fence to detract the neighborhood's chronic street drinkers from congregating in an area near campus known as "the Wall." Removing a telephone booth nearby, used to make drug transactions, further alleviated illegal activity.

"It wasn't just about locking people up," said Gatewood. It was about addressing the whole person, he said. Police personally contacted chronic offenders to explain to them that certain behaviors were no longer acceptable.

Today, Gatewood says the folks causing problems have moved on, while others are becoming more responsible. North Precinct Commander Leloff says they have seen reduced crime and reduced calls for service.

Police on the beat said the total effort was one of the best examples of community policing they've seen in 20 years.

"We have met the expectations of the community," said Leloff. "They asked for violent crime to go down and together we accomplished that. Today, we celebrate people feeling safe," he said.



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Algie Gatewood, president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, has led efforts to make the ever-expanding college better tied to community goals by working with local residents and Portland Police on improving safety on campus and in the community. "We haven't done this as an individual institution," he said.

Leloff says the neighborhood's future of safety will be sustained in writing as a signed partnership by all committed members.

Gatewood said in order to have both progress as an institution and in the community for which it resides, there needs to be tremendous dialogue and understanding with the people who live there.

Another example of working together as a community came when neighbors told the school's Bond Advisory Committee, a team planning PCC's expansion, that they did not want to see a multi-story parking deck built in front of their homes.

In response, the college made accommodations.

While PCC Cascade had the right to apply eminent domain, Gatewood said, "We chose not to go that route." Rather, he is proud that his community college will be the first in Oregon to build an underground parking structure.

After construction of the sub floor parking is finalized this year, two new buildings will rise above it, a new student services building and an academic building with a childcare center for student-parents.

Gatewood is now looking forward to a greater focus on educational needs.

He is deeply involved in students' academic success, and ensuring access to college comes first.

Growing up in a family with five siblings with parents who never finished high school and working full time while putting himself through college, Gatewood says, "It is very important that we provide an opportunity for kids to succeed."

As far as academics go, Gatewood is looking to Jefferson High School's Middle College program as a stepping stone for students to continue in higher education.

He would like to see it not only as a model for success within the high school, but a program that can be picked up by other Portland public schools.

Gatewood stresses the importance of education becoming an inherited value in the community. If educated, young people are more likely to return as adults to make their neighborhood a better place, he said.

"I have always wanted to become or be a campus of the community and not just a campus in the community," said Gatewood. "There is a tremendous difference."

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