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Portland Community College Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood delivers a commencement address at Osaka Jikei College in Osaka, Japan.

## Cultural Exchange in Japan

### Cascade campus president builds international ties

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Portland Community College Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood recently got a crash course in Japanese commence-

ment ceremonies.

As the commencement speaker for two graduating classes at Osaka Jikei College in Osaka, Japan, he had a steep learning curve

to master before he delivered his speeches.

"It was a beautiful graduation," he said. "Formal, dignified, steeped in tradition. It was an

education for me to be a part of it."

Gatewood visited Osaka in March as part of the growing relationship between Portland Community College and Osaka Jikei, a division of the Jikei group of colleges, a diverse institution with

operations all over Japan. Dr. Gatewood was on hand as a guest of Osaka Jikei to address their graduates and to discuss the possibility of strengthening the two institutions' relationship in the future.

Osaka Jikei and PCC began a relationship in 2009, in which sci-

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## More Teachers for High Schools

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith presented a budget option to the school board Monday that would provide 41 more teachers for high schools next fall.

An equity formula would also remain in effect that provides all high schools with additional staff to improve outcomes for students who have been underserved.

Smith's budget would provide enough teachers to offer every student access to at least 7 classes next school year, but could grow to eight classes if a new labor agreement is reached with the Portland Association of Teachers.

The budget proposal does not affect staffing at elementary or middle schools.



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