

Algie Gatewood's Farewell and Thanks

Algie Gatewood, president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, was honored during a public farewell party Thursday and then thanked by the Portland Public School Board during its meeting Monday.

The board gave Gatewood credit for being an essential force in forging the Jefferson High School Middle College for Advanced Studies partnership in which Jefferson students can earn as much as an associate's degree at PCC-Cascade - for free - while completing their high school diploma.

When Jefferson expanded the Middle College program to all students in 2011 as part of high school system design, Gatewood successfully reached out to the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Warner Pacific College, Pa-

A former Jefferson High School Middle College student presents Dr. Algie Gatewood a commemorative T-shirt during a public farewell party for the Portland Community College leader.

cific University and Willamette University to guarantee full tuition scholarships to eligible Jefferson graduates to complete bachelor's degrees.

Gatewood is leaving PCC to lead Alamance Community College in North Carolina. Craig Kolins, dean of instruction for the PCC Southeast/Extended Learning Campus, was named interim leader at Cascade on Monday while a national search for a permanent president takes place over the next year.

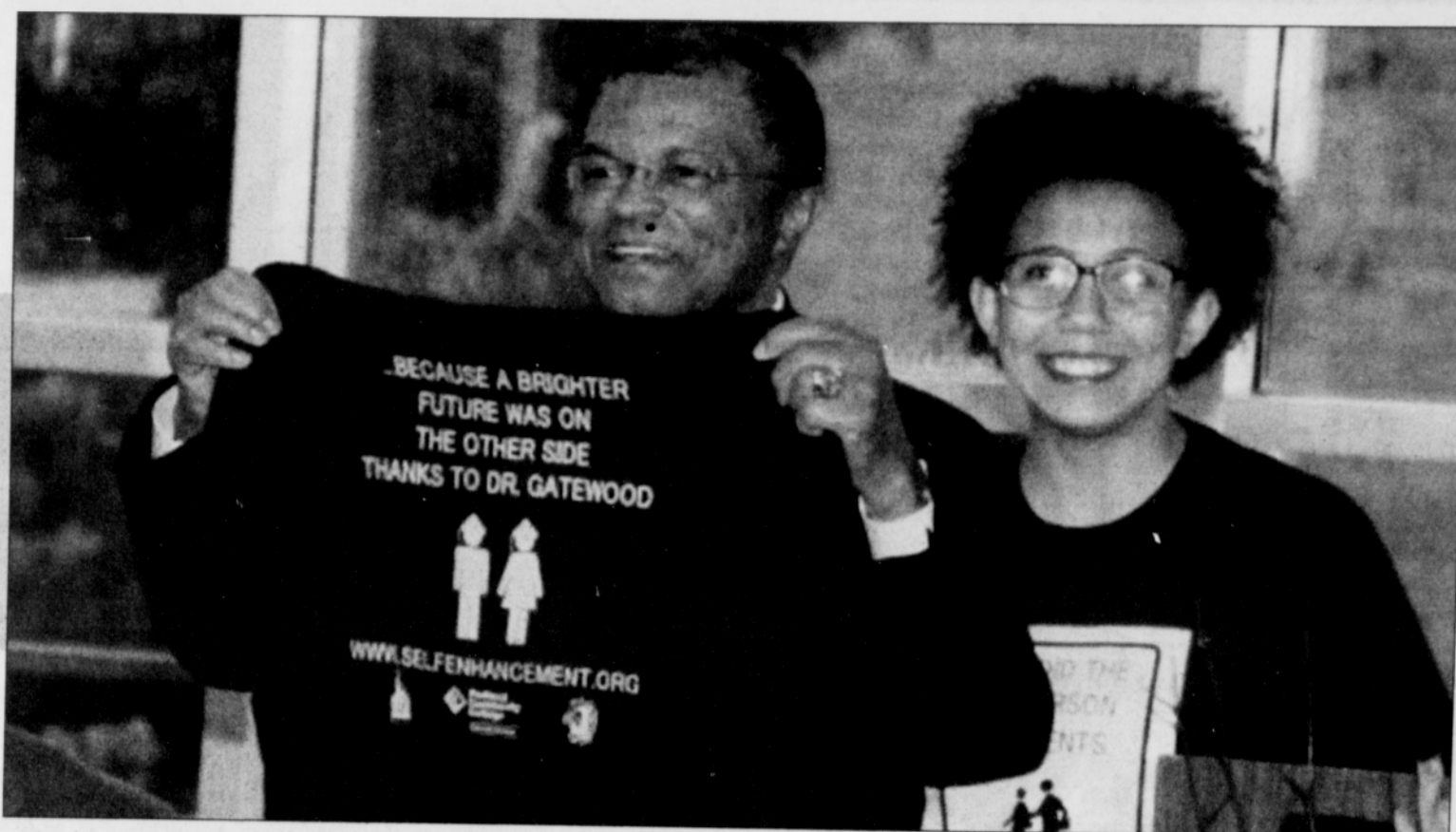


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Hands Across the Bridge

An event to celebrate people in long term recovery from drugs and alcohol was held on the Labor Day holiday on the I-5 span between Portland and Vancouver.

The 12th annual Hands Across the Bridge was bigger and better than ever. There were approximately 2,500 people in attendance, including individuals in recovery, their families and supporters, recovery organizations and treatment centers.

Rev. Dr. Hardy from Highland Christian Church opened the event. He was followed by several speakers which included Rep. Michael Dembrow. Native American drummers led participants from each side of the span.

Jennifer Folley read a procla-

mation from Gov. John Kitzhaber declaring September Recovery Month in Oregon. The speakers closed by releasing two white doves, one, for remembrance, for those who have passed from addiction and one for hope.

When a tugboat from the Tidewater Barge Company tooted once, all of the people on the bridge held hands; a second toot and all raised their hands; and on the third toot all the people on the bridge said serenity prayers in unison. It was a particularly powerful and moving moment.

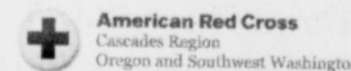
For more information about the Recovery Movement in the Northwest contact Patty Katz a 503-208-4282 or email patty.katz@handsacrossthebridge.org



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