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Educators from across the state convene at north Portland's Roosevelt High School for the fourth annual Teaching with Purpose conference.

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## Relating to Race

Educators convene to learn about culturally responsive teaching

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Over 300 educators from across the state of Oregon convened on the campus of north Portland's Roosevelt High School for the fourth annual Teaching with Purpose

conference.

Teachers attended various workshops over two days on Friday and Saturday that were intended to increase their ability to instruct students in a culturally effective manner and help students of color excel academically, closing an

achievement gap between white and black students.

Karanja N. Crews, an African-American educator and Portland native who created the conference, says his biggest

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