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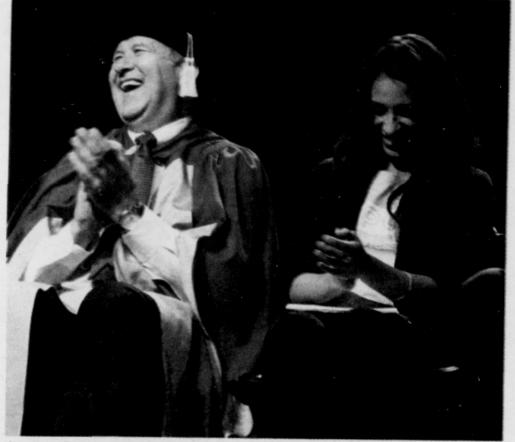
# Reception for new College Leader

#### Jeremy Brown takes reigns at Portland Community College

More than 500 people, including Gov. John Kitzhaber, gathered at the Portland Art Museum to meet Portland Community College's new president Jeremy Brown. Notable guests for the Oct. 30 ceremony also included Portland Commissioner Amanda Fritz, State Senators Mark Hass and Betsy Johnson, State Representatives Michael Dembrow, Chris Gorsek and Margaret Doherty, Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey and Portland Public Schools leader Carole Smith, to name a few.

The PCC Investiture Ceremony, "Together, Envision the Future," gave the community a chance to get a taste of Brown's vision for the college's future and welcome him to his new position. In his address, he said the investiture wasn't about him but a celebration of the college and the difference it makes in the community.

"All of this is humbling," Brown said. "I am grateful, and I thank each of you. This is an amazing moment



Jeremy Brown listens to remarks during a ceremony installing him as the sixth president of Portland Community College. Seated next to him is student Rachel Black Elk.

in PCC's history. More and more cates, retraining in new skills, ESOL, people are looking to PCC as the primary route to achieving their educational and career goals. We offer opportunities to older students, students right out of high school, veterans, displaced workers, and international students. Students interested in transferring to universities such as Portland State, as well as those seeking terminal two-year degrees, one year certifi-

GED, pursuit of lifelong learning, and small business development.

"More and more, we are asked to be all things to all people, at all times and in all ways," he added.

The program, hosted by KGW-TV news anchor Laural Porter, included performances by the Jefferson Dancers and the student-

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instructors adopt a village mentality, and are committed to putting in the hours to develop a good curriculum and key programs like summer school. He credits the commitment of teachers as crucial to the fact that over 98 percent of SEI kids graduate on time, with 85 percent going on to college.

Harris said that the school's model has long been successful. In 2010 when she and others from the academy went before the Board of Education to renew their charter, she says its students were outscoring other African-American students in the state in the subjects of reading, writing, and science. This year alone, she said, SEI 8th grade boys were even outscoring their peers in mathematics.

Hopson said he only hopes that more people will take heed to the work SEI does, especially considering the odds stacked against the vast majority of its students from underserved populations in north and northeast Portland.

He said the 9-year-old academy has proven itself during its short tenure as a uniquely positive force for African-American students, and said it is time for more financial support for the school.

"Now when we look at the amount of kids that we service, and the amount of money that we're getting both from Portland Public Schools and state government, we're very underfunded...by a long shot."

"When you're looking at what we call the 'misery index,' which talks about education, healthcare, and the criminal justice system, black folks are at the bottom of it. And if you're looking at the equity lens that the state, Portland Public Schools and the county are using now, it says we're trying to close the disparity between races. Because that's what we do. And our stats are clear in our abilities to get this done," he said.

#### Policy Director

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too many waves it will be a detriment to the changes needed in the Bureau."

Wesson-Mitchell has served as a patrol officer, an investigative officer and police recruitment coordinator. She also has been a Gang

Resistance Education and Training instructor, and has been involved with the Making Positive Choices Youth Forum; Racial Profiling Committee; Citywide Diversity Committee; Police Equity: Leadership Council; and Community and Police Relations Committee.

She lives in the Lents neighborhood with her husband, JaMarr Mitchell, and their sons.