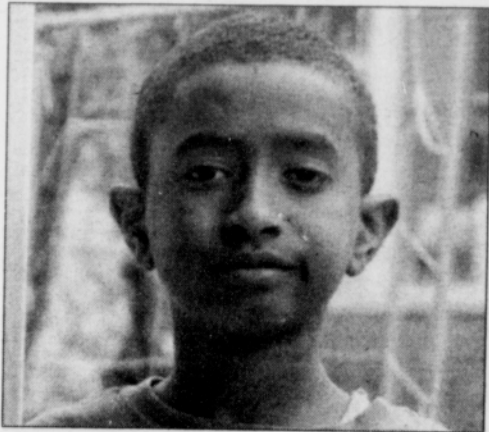


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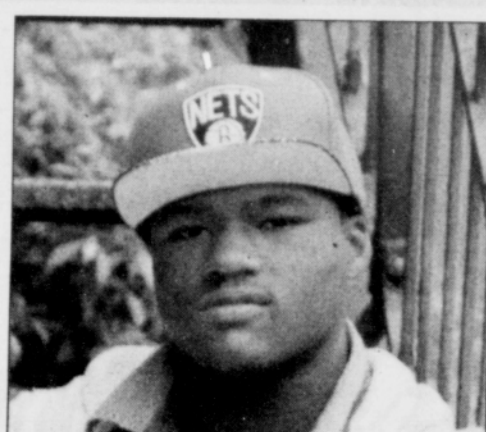
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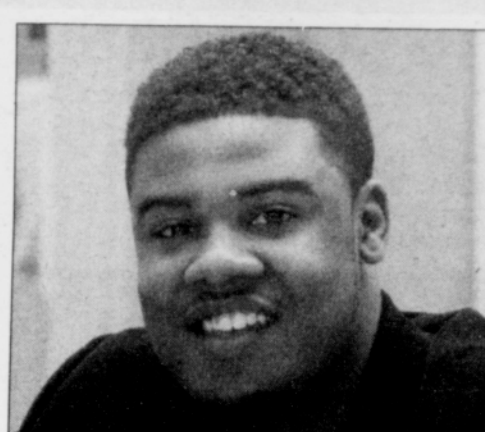
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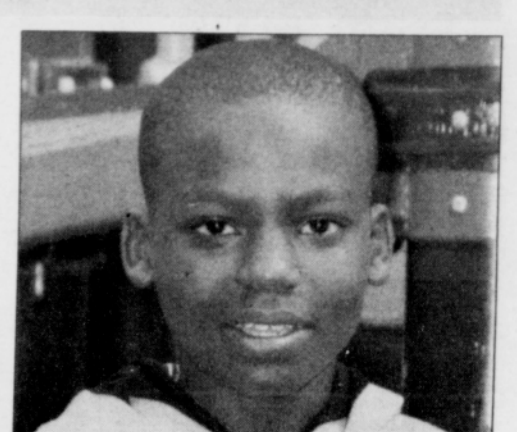
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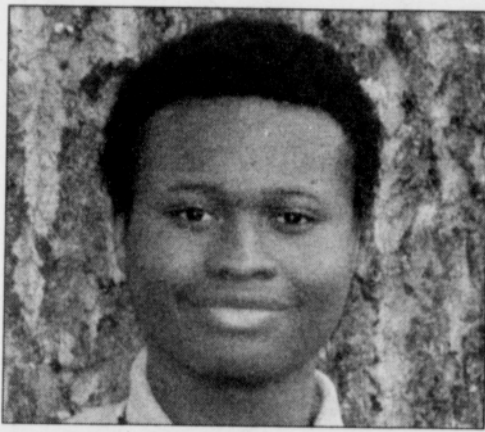
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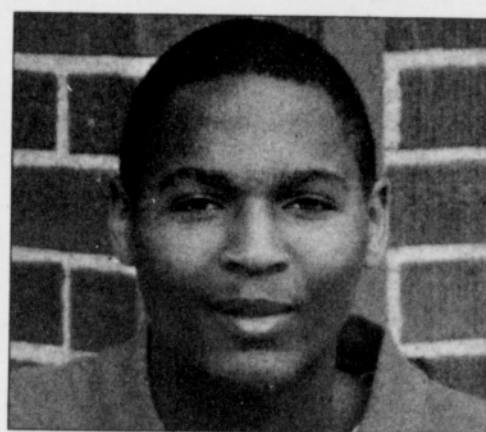
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**Enora Hall,** Trillium  
 Charter School



**Taylor Hall-Debnam,**  
 Roosevelt High School



**Alexandra Harrison,**  
 Roosevelt High School



**Mykia Hernandez-Taylor,**  
 Metropolitan Learning Center



**Hawi Hussen,** Roosevelt  
 High School



**Kumasi Luckett,** Madison  
 High School



**Fatuma Mohamed,** Scott  
 K-8 School



**Kinji Tlehhema,** Harrison  
 Park K-8 School

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# Young, Gifted and Black

Excelling in school and in the community

Twenty-one outstanding black students from Portland Public Schools were honored this month at the Fifth Annual Young, Gifted and Black recognition event at the Blanchard Education Service Center.

The students, ranging from kindergarteners through seniors in high school, were nominated by their school counselors, teachers and principals for distinguishing themselves as leaders, students and citizens. A PPS team selects the finalists.

"In spite of the many barriers that continue to exist, black students at PPS continue to overcome hurdles and blaze uncharted trails in achieving school and life success," said Reiko Williams, former director of School-Family Partnerships and founder of the Young, Gifted and Black recognition.



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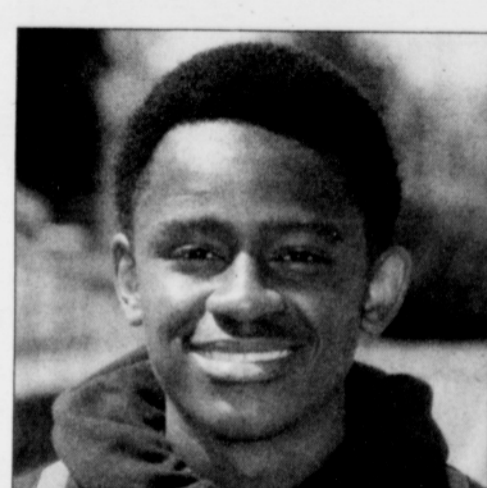
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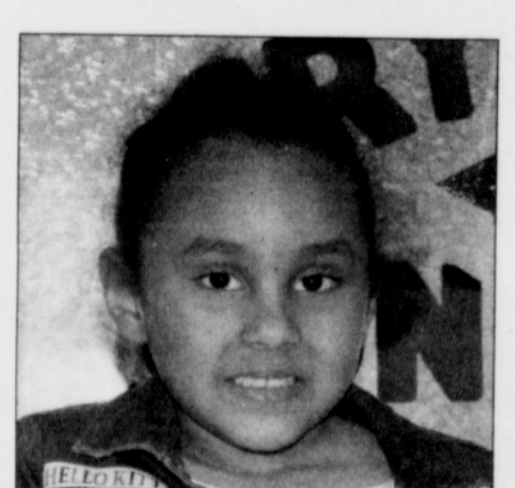
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