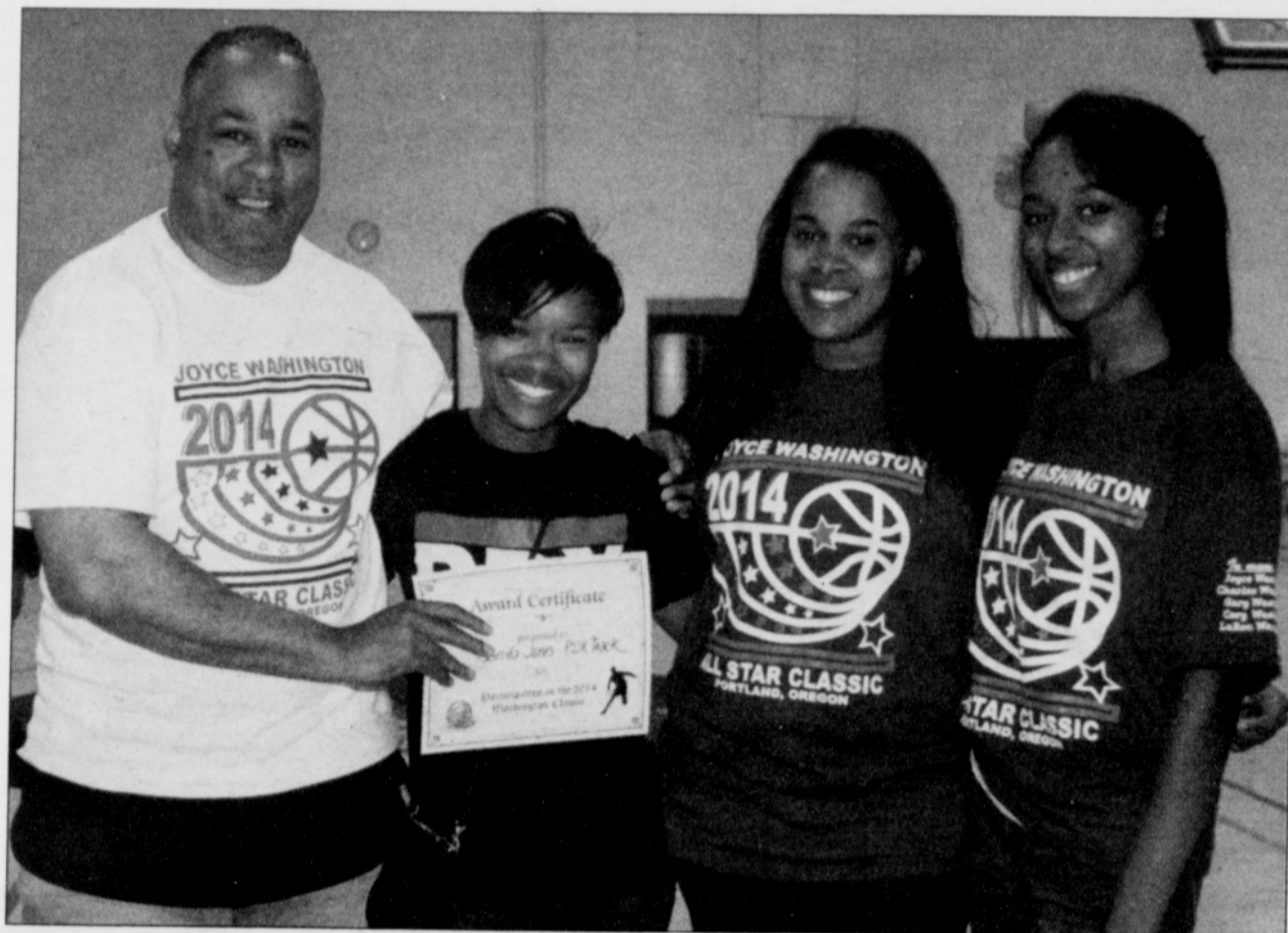


# Teams Collide at Joyce Washington Classic

The Portland Observer held its 14th annual Joyce Washington Classic' basketball tournament this past Saturday, and as-per-usual the talent showed up. Six teams composed of some of the brightest players from Portland and across the state showed up to the court at Self Enhancement, Inc. and played in what were all close games.

In the boys tournament, team Portland Impact would triumph over the North Starz, 58-45, while on the girls side, the Joyce Washington Classic team beat the Lady Warriors and then took the championship with a victory over the 503 Rebels. A preliminary game saw the 503 Rebels scoring a victory over Rex Putman

The Portland Observer thanks all the sponsors and volunteers who made the tournament a success, especially Bashors Team Athletics, Jam'n 107.5, and SEI. Anyone interested in participating in next year's classic is encouraged to call Mark Washington at 503-288-0033 or email markw@portlandobserver.com.



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Joyce Washington Classic Director and Portland Observer Publisher Mark Washington, joins classic volunteers Quayana Washington and Shay Washington to present a donation from the charity game to Jenita Jones of the Portland Track Club.



Tournament organizers Shay Washington and Shawn Martin (center) join the Rex Putman and 503 Rebels teams at center court at Self Enhancement, Inc., the site of the 2014 Joyce Washington Classic.



Coach Michael Mangum counsels his Joyce Washington Classic Team who would go on to beat the 503 Rebels in the Joyce Washington Classic Girls Championship by a score of 76-68.



Portland Impact lines up with the North Starz in the 14th Annual Portland Observer Joyce Washington Classic.



Referees Jeremiah Dalton (left) and Tony Jacobs check out the 2014 Portland Observer Joyce Washington Classic teams.



Nina Radford of 503 Rebels pulls up for a tough shot against Rex Putman defenders.