

# Pacific NW College *Special Edition*

## Training Brings Career Options

Concorde College provides a path to success

During his time serving in the Navy, Waymon Cowley worked within a medical unit and became passionate about healthcare and providing medical assistance to the injured and sick.

He went on to work in retail management and financial services but always felt he belonged somewhere in the healthcare field providing patient care.

Knowing he wanted to help people and that a career in healthcare would be stable and interesting, he began researching schools that provided healthcare educations.

In his search, he discovered that Concorde Career College in Portland provided the Respiratory Therapy program.

Waymon was an exemplary and diligent student who always wanted to know why, pushing himself beyond the required assignments and readings so he could learn as much as possible, Concorde officials said.

"Waymon always read and researched subjects and then shared many of his findings with the class and instructors," says Brenda Batts, Respiratory Therapy program di-



Waymon Cowley (right) is congratulated during graduation ceremonies for his completion of the Respiratory Therapy Program at Concorde Career College in Portland.

rector.

Waymon graduated in April 2011 and now holds a CRT while working

as a Staff Respiratory Therapist with PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center in Vancouver. He also has

future aspirations of moving into emergency medicine.

Waymon credits his success and

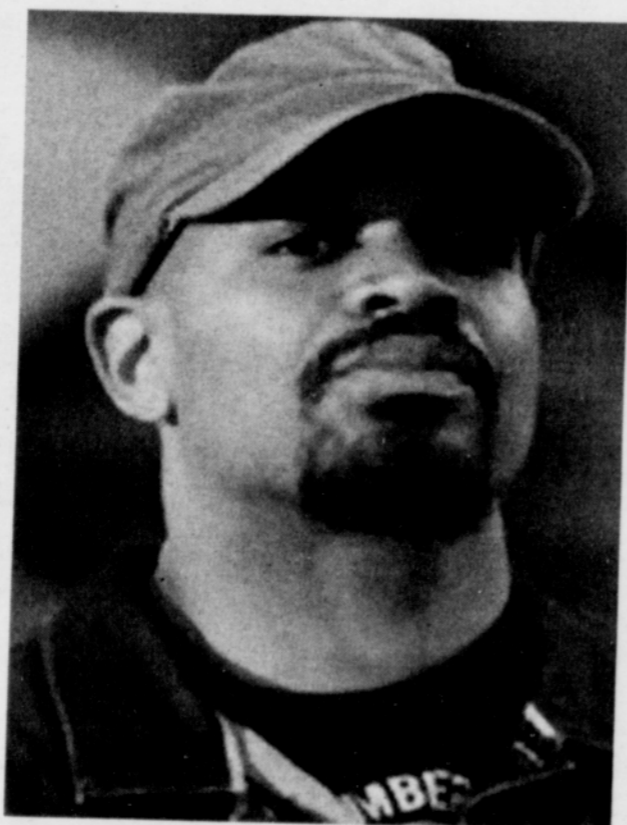
career options to the opportunities afforded him at Concorde Career College in Portland.

## Stories from the Streets

Hip Hop celebration benefits homeless youth

Stories from the Streets, a groundbreaking Northwest hip hop celebration benefiting homeless youth, will be held Friday, June 20, in Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown.

Organized by youth who have excited street life, the event is dedicated to raising awareness of how hip hop culture has been a positive influence in the lives of homeless youth and has benefits for the entire community. All proceeds and donations will directly benefit the New Avenues for Youth's Artist Mentorship Program, a life-changing program that gives homeless youth positive outlets for artistic ex-



Mic Crenshaw

pression.

In addition to a break dance battle featuring three of the area's best dance

crews, and a live graffiti wall, performers will include Luckyiam of Living Legends, Blacque Butterfly, Mic Crenshaw, Tope, The Resistance, amongst a host of other acts and speakers.

The event is scheduled to begin at noon and end at 9 p.m. Food, vendors, prizes, and giveaways are planned.

People are also encouraged to also join the Stories from the Streets afterparty which will featuring Scarub (also of Living Legends), C Ray Walz, Amine, Yung Mil, and others at the Star Theater, 13 N.W. Sixth Ave. Doors open at 9 p.m.; tickets are \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door.

For more information on the event, please visit the internet at [storiesfromthestreetspdx.wordpress.com](http://storiesfromthestreetspdx.wordpress.com) or call New Avenues for Youth at 503-517-3908.

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