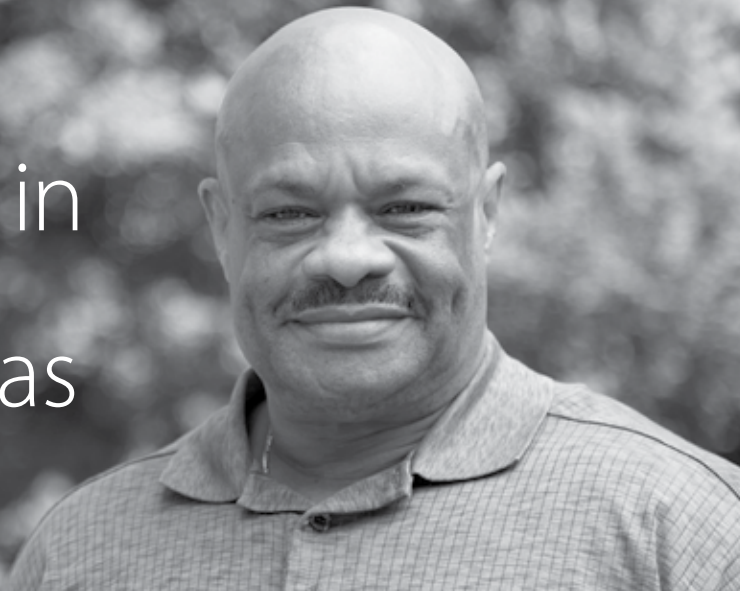


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shaw, Bank of America President for Oregon and SW Washington.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. was founded in 1989 and strives to promote success for women in the trades through education, leadership and mentorship. Studies show that women are more likely to live in poverty than men, in part because of the occupations in which they work, and also due to various cultural and social barriers. By providing training and access to middle-wage jobs, the group is helping to break the

cycle of poverty and provide living wage jobs for women and families across our community.

Since 2004, OTI has helped 498 low-income women achieve careers in the trades, moving from poverty to the middle-class. In 2014 alone, 88 graduates were placed in their first job or moved into apprenticeships. With this grant, OTI will further develop their pilot curriculum and focus on recruiting girls and young women earlier, in addition to providing valuable leadership training for their growing organization.

Construction Clubs for Girls

The non-profit group Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. has received grant funding to support the formation of girls-only construction clubs in Portland area high schools.

“We are so thankful for The Autzen Foundation’s support of our work to engage young women in hands-on educational activities and career exploration,” said Katie Yablonsky, a program manager Oregon Tradeswomen. “These girls-only clubs offer an opportunity to try their hand at something new and learn skills from experienced instructors in a supportive space.”

In 2015, the program will serve

more than 1,600 girls through educational activities and provide outreach and education to school staff through community events and individual consulting. The Autzen grant will fund a portion of student support services and staffing needs such as transportation expenses, tools, supplies, materials, and compensation for instructors.

Oregon Tradeswomen is dedicated to promoting success for women in the trades through education, leadership, and mentorship. For more information, contact Mary Ann Naylor, maryann@tradeswomen.net, or call 503-335-8200, extension 26.

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