

Students Honored

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following a 30-year hiatus.

Pacific chaplain Rev. Chuck Currie, director of the university's Center for Peace & Spirituality, opened the ceremony with a prayer for the two students who were very active in their respective faith traditions. The Dilla and Osman families listened to reflections of their daughters and words of support from Black Student Union advisor Yashica Island, university president Lesley Hallick, Forest Grove mayor Pete Truax and fellow Black Student Union members Patrice Fuller and Nicole George.

"We are privileged to be here to honor the lives of Kiden Dilla and Ayan Osman," Hallick said. "To recognize the service they contributed and, in turn, to recognize the tremendous community service and outpouring of hope and prayers and commitment that has taken place in the memories of both of these ladies. Pacific is a small community and everyone who passes through here has an impact, but especially people like



Kiden Dilla and Ayan Osman were students at Pacific University from Portland and Beaverton when they were killed in a car crash near the campus last year.

Kiden and Ayan, who left us far too soon but still made an incredible contribution to the culture and mission of Pacific."

Island, Fuller and George thanked the Dilla and Osman families by highlighting community service endeavors the families embarked on in honor of Kiden and Ayan in collaboration with the Black Student Union. A student-employee basketball competition netted \$450 for a school in South Sudan that Kiden had been donating her employment earnings to. The BSU also joined

Ayan's family in donating time and resources to Friends of Trees, the Oregon Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and others.

Located in the heart of Pacific's Forest Grove Campus near the university library, the bench is a place where community members can take a moment to remember Dilla, Osman and all who tragically passed away while they were students at the university. Support for the bench came from the Black Student Union, Kappa Sigma fraternity and other donors who wished to remain anonymous.

Historic Church to be Demolished

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city and state-- and this building represents it perfectly. Help us preserve our heritage here. Stop selling off our city to the highest bidder!"

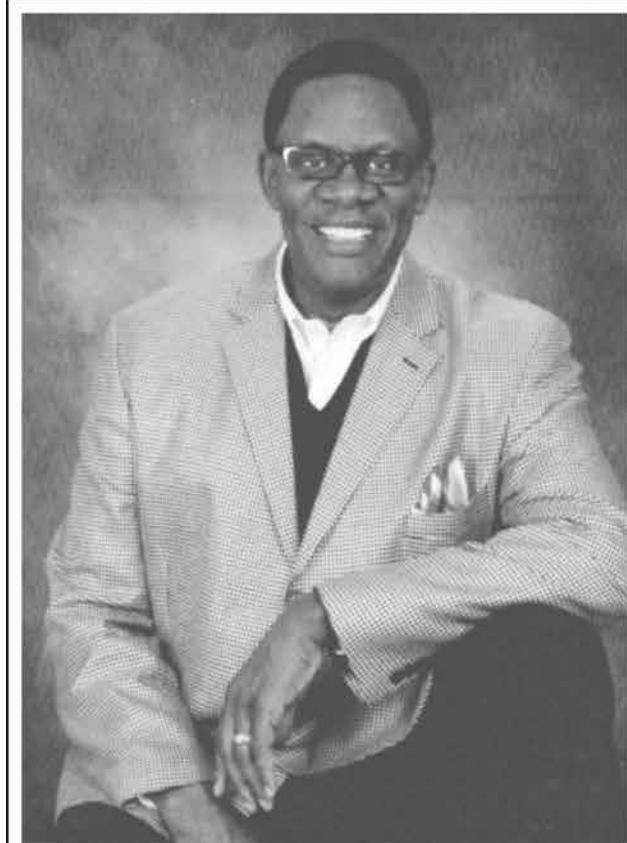
In its century long run, the church has been home to the orig-

inal Volga German congregation, and the Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, an African-American congregation.

Construction appears to have begun Monday, but residents are hoping that by circulating the petition they will be able to protect the location and allow

community members to have a stronger say in what becomes of the location.

To sign the petition, visit change.org/p/commissioner-dan-saltzman-save-1904-king-neighborhood-church-and-the-power-of-the-historic-resources-inventory-to-preserve-our-neighborhoods.



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