



A large group of young people, ages 16-24, gather at the Oregon Historical Society to celebrate SummerWorks, the sixth year Multnomah County has joined Worksystems and other organizations to provide summer employment opportunities.

Summer Jobs Program Expands

1,000 teens and young adults participate in SummerWorks


One thousand teens and young adults are finding employment opportunities this summer, a new record for SummerWorks, the sixth year for Multnomah County's

summer jobs program. "It's a milestone my friends and I have been striving for a long, long time," said Worksystems Executive Director Andrew McGough. The youth will work as interns for organizations like Boeing and Elemental Technologies, as well as Multnomah County. The city of Portland and several other organizations also work to make SummerWorks possible.

The program pays for the wages of its young participants, 93 percent of whom are low-income; 76 percent are youth of color. County Commissioner Loretta Smith has been a major backer of the program and its expansion over the years. During a SummerWorks kick-off July 1 at the Oregon Historical Society she talked about her first job out of college as a receptionist for U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, who was then a member

of the U.S. House. Wyden, who gave a speech at the event, was someone who encouraged Smith to run for county commissioner back in 2010. Portland Mayor Charlie Hales also spoke at the event. He pointed out that these summer internships could open doors for the kids they didn't know were there. He explained how a job in construction eventually led to his position as the mayor of Portland. "You never

know where that first job will lead you," he said. The keynote speaker was Ian Williams, the African-American founder of a sneaker culture-inspired coffee shop in northwest Portland. "Use this opportunity. This is really real. This is a lot of work," he said to the young people in the audience, pausing for a few moments. "Make sure you give back."



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