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A collection of paintings by black artist James Pate combines the iconography of the Ku Klux Klan and the Civil Rights Movement to focus on the causes and conditions that lead to youth and gun violence.

Powerful Exhibit

'Kin Killin' Kin' focuses on youth and gun violence

"Kin Killin' Kin," a visually powerful and thought-providing exhibition that focuses on youth and gun violence opens this week at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center at 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

The nationally recognized collection of paintings by African

American artist James Pate of Dayton, Ohio, combines the iconography of the Ku Klux Klan and the Civil Rights Movement with contemporary images to take the viewer into the complex territory of the causes and conditions that lead to youth and gun violence. He considers his work, "A call to action." Due to strong images, the exhibit is not recommended for children 12 and under.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit runs through April 2, open-

ing Wednesdays through Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. An opening reception will be held Friday, Feb. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Kin Killin' Kin" is sponsored by PassinArt, Portland's non-profit African American producing theater company, along with the Collins Foundation, McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, Marion and James Miller Foundation and Ronni LaCroute.

Eye on the School Board

Candidate has local connections, endorsements

An educator connected to the community has obtained a significant list of endorsements to launch a campaign to run for the Portland School Board.

Jamila Singleton Munson is running for the Zone 4 position to represent north and northeast Portland on the seven-member panel. She would be the only black member if elected based on how the board is currently comprised.

Munson graduated from Grant High School in 1997 and was a Pamplin fellow as part of a peer leadership program at Self En-



Jamila Singleton Munson

hancement, Inc. She went on to earn degrees at the University of Oregon and Pace University. Her career has included work as

a teacher and school principal in New York and Los Angeles.

"Having worked directly with students from diverse backgrounds, I can say with confidence that every child can grow and succeed in the right learning environment," said Munson. "The board must establish a clear vision for how we can meet the needs of all students and ensure the administration is accountable for achieving that vision."

Munson has a significant base of local support, including former State Sen. Avel Gordly, early childhood leader Charles McGee, education equity expert Kate Woicke and local business leader Andrew Colas. Longtime equity advocates Lee Po Cha, Kali Thorne Ladd, Hanif Fazal and Nichole Maher

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