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'Education has Value'

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ter educational outcomes.

She adds that her leadership of the district's early learning initiatives have helped large amounts of students attain their academic goals. She says that PPS has made tremendous gains in terms of early learning achievement since she assumed her tenure.

"If you give kids access to all kinds of wonderment in terms of learning, they will grasp it readily and easily," Adair told the Portland Observer. "But you have to provide them with the appropriate supports to make that work."

Adair also says that is excited to see the ongoing collaboration be-

hind PPS, Kaiser Permanente and Concordia University's 3 to PhD program. Adair, who was instrumental in bringing the program to fruition, adds that it is rare to see this level of community collaboration executed successfully.

"It really does take a village to raise a child," Adair said, "and this is that saying put into action."

The program, which is being hosted at the newly constructed Faubion School, will begin serving northeast Portland students this coming school year. More than 80 percent of the 3 to PhD students will be low-income.

Working as a woman of color in PPS hasn't always been easy, but Adair says she has consistently

been surrounded by a network of supportive individuals.

"You have to always be innovative," Adair said. "You have to go outside of whatever box you think you're in, and reach outside to get other resources."

Adair says that she is grateful for the opportunities that she has been presented with while working at PPS. "Over 47 years, I'm proud of a whole series of things," Adair said, adding that her legacy will be continued at the district through the mentorship role that she has been able to fill. "There are some principals that have done things in our system that I've been able to mentor, and that's something that I'm tremendously proud of as well."

Courageous Stand

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It's not the 1940s or the 1950s."

The congregation drowned out Penney's speech with clapping and praise.

"As long as I am leading Good in the Hood, I am going to continue to bring families and community together at all times," he said. "I'm saying today, we will not back down for senseless acts or

threats. We will rise as one, until victory is won."

Penney also indicated that the threats against himself and his family have continued. Finishing his speech, he thanked God, the Emmanuel Temple congregation, Bishop C.T. and First Lady DeAngelo Wells for the honor and the support given to his work and family.

As the Emmanuel Temple gos-

pel organist played softly in the background, the congregation burst into excitement as Bishop C.T. Wells presented him with the Neighbor 2 Neighbor award.

Bishop Wells took his time to tell Penney how much the community recognizes and appreciates his work and ended by saying: "We present to you this appreciation for your obedient service to the community and specifically for maintaining unity through the Good in the Hood, a yearly celebration of the family of man. I salute you."

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the founding tenets of the United States' criminal justice system.

"We can all agree that police officers have a tough job, but the president took it too far when he encouraged violence against any person who is picked up by the police," she said. "Innocent until proven guilty" is one of the core freedoms that our country is founded on."

Defenders of the president's comments say he was only joking.

Eric Tegethoff is a reporter with Oregon News Service.



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