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An Aug. 4 groundbreaking ceremony for a new Oregon Convention Center hotel takes place on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Holladay Street. The hotel is expected to create 3,000 jobs, 2,000 in construction and 950 in the hotel and hospitality industry. (Photo courtesy of Metro)

## Convention Hotel to Create 3,000 Jobs

Metro and the Oregon Convention Center are partnering with Mortenson Development and the Hyatt Corporation to build a 600-room hotel adjacent to the convention center. Construction began on Aug.

4 with completion set for late 2019.

The hotel is expected to lure national conventions to Portland and by bringing visitors to the area, create and sustain jobs – all of which will generate new and increased spending and revenues for the Convention Center and the community.

According to independent analysis, the hotel will create 3,000 jobs, about 2,000 of

them construction and 950 in the hotel and hospitality industry; attract 5 to 10 new mid-sized conventions to Portland each year; Boost annual hotel business by 70,000 to 110,000 new room nights; increase convention-related tourism spending to \$600 million per year and generate \$5.6 million in new state tax revenues and \$4.7 million in new local tax revenues annually.

## From Guam to Costa Rica via PCC

Castine Cruz, a student from the U.S. territory of Guam who came to Portland to attend Portland Community College, has earned a scholarship to allow her to study for four weeks in Costa Rica as part of a program allowing Americans of diverse backgrounds to engage in a meaningful educational experience abroad.


She is one of 1,000 undergraduate students in the county to receive the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State supporting students of limited financial means to study a critical language overseas and expose them to living in a different environment of another nation, not only exposing students to alternative views, but enriching their social and cultural experiences.

Cruz came to PCC to study health, biology, psychology, and anthropology. She anticipates graduating in spring 2018.



Castine Cruz

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