



The Portland Police Bureau and Bureau of Transportation are partnering to keep Portland's students safe as they return to school this week.

Back to School Safety Urged

Portland Public School students are scheduled to go back to school on Wednesday this week while other local school districts, as well as private and charter schools, have already or will begin classes during the next two weeks.

To ensure student safety and increase awareness of the start of the school year, the Portland Police Bureau will be conducting high visibility patrols around all schools as part of its annual "Back to

School" safety campaign.

Officers, including Photo Radar Units, will be enforcing traffic laws in these zones to reduce the number of crashes in school zones and to create a safe environment for students returning to school. There will be emphasis placed on traffic safety and traffic education during the morning hours when students arrive at their schools and in the afternoon hours when the schools dismiss their students.



Hugo Gonzalez Venegas



Monique Clayton



Enoch Fleming



Alisha Carter



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Good in the Hood Scholars

Multicultural fest supports college dreams

Five local scholarship winners were announced last week from donations received through the annual nonprofit Good in the Hood multicultural festival that promotes unity in the community.

Each student will receive \$1,000 toward their academic studies. A ceremony to present the awards, sponsored by Jordan Wing Initiative, will be held Friday, Sept. 8 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital's Lorenzen Conference Center Auditorium, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave.

The honorees are Hugo Gonzalez Venegas, Monique Clayton, Enoch Fleming, Alisha Carter and Elona Wilson.

Venegas is a third year student at Lewis & Clark Law School who immigrated to the U.S. with his undocumented family in search of a better life when he was just 5 years old. He hopes to become a social

justice attorney.

Clayton is a 31-year-old mother who returned to school to achieve her dream of becoming a nurse practitioner. She is enrolled at Portland Community College and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Fleming was born in northeast Portland to a family of 11 brothers and sisters. His dream is to become a plastic surgeon and he is studying pre-medicine at Portland State University while working on a bachelor's degree in biology.

Carter is an aspiring educator with a passion for promoting community growth as an active change agent. Pursuing her dream in education is a way to uplift, encourage and give back to those she encounters.

Wilson made it out of a cycle of addiction that trapped her biological mother and members of her family for generations to become a student at Pacific University. She will graduate with a degree in early education and plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration.



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