

# Perspectives in Leadership



*People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other.*

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Blazers executive to address young professionals

The Urban League of Portland Young Professionals, a volunteer group helping build a pipeline of young new leaders who consider Portland as their home, will host a free career and leadership discussion for young professionals on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Moda Center.

Co-sponsored by the Portland Trail blazers, the event will feature Michael Lewellen, an African American and Blazers vice president of communications, as guest speaker. The event, "Leadership Narratives, Transition Moments that Shaped my Career," will start with a networking opportunity at 5 p.m., followed by a discussion and question and answer session with Lewellen.



Michael Lewellen

Before directing the Trail Blazer's corporate communications and public engagement strategies in 2012, Lewellen held senior positions spanning 30 years with companies like Nike, Turner Sports, Fox Sports Net, Black Entertainment Television, and NBC Universal as a media strategist, reputation manager, sports and entertainment publicist, and brand communicator.

The National Black Public Relations Society honored Lewellen in 2005 with its highest honor – the Founders Award – for his achievements in the public relations profession, one of many the honors he's received throughout his career.

The Urban League of Portland Young Professionals encourages young professionals to empower their communities and change lives through the Urban League Movement and encourages volunteerism in the areas of advocacy, civic engagement, and leadership development.

## Service Projects Honor King

Clark County Parks is seeking volunteers to assist with two service projects at Lacamas Lake Regional Park in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, volunteers will team up with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance for trail maintenance, and

on Monday, Jan. 15, volunteers will partner with Clark County Parks to remove non-native Scotch broom and English ivy.

Having two work parties for this national day of service will offer greater opportunity for volunteers to give back to their community and honor the legacy

of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The events will take place rain or shine and volunteers should wear long pants, closed toe shoes weather-appropriate clothing. Tools, gloves and light refreshments will be provided.

To register for either event, go to [clark.wa.gov/public-works/volunteer](http://clark.wa.gov/public-works/volunteer) or call 360-397-6118, extension 1627.

*' The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. '*

-- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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