

Joe McFerrin II, president and chief executive officer of the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center and Rosemary Anderson High School, celebrates 50 years of leadership in workforce training.

## Jobs Training Program Turns 50

Community advocates, including Mayor Ted Wheeler and Andrew Colas of Colas Construction, joined Joe McFerrin II, president and chief executive officer of Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) and Rosemary Anderson High School (RAHS) communities of color.

POIC was established in Portland in 1968 to provide employment training and industrial deof African Americans resisting the trades

persistent racism and discrimination through their own community-based programs and organiza-

"Our doors are open to everyone. We work with high-risk youth and their families to provide education, job training, and to celebrate POIC's 50 years as job placement for low-income a leader in workforce training for citizens in our community," said McFerrin.

Colas, the keynote speaker, recently helped POIC launch a new pre-apprenticeship program for velopment programs for people of trainees to develop construction color, demonstrating the strength skills and prepare for a career in



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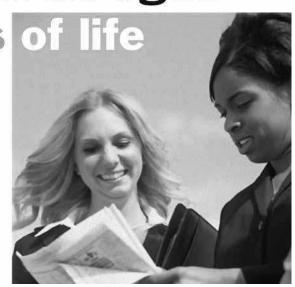
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