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faced extinction, but the 2018 Buick Regal TourX finds its place as a great counterpoint to popular crossover sports utility vehicles and a good alternative to sedans as they begin to decline in sales.

The Germany-built Buick Regal TourX is spun from Europe's GM's lineup, but the driver-cen-

The station wagon has long Opel Insignia Country Tourer (Opel having recently been sold by GM to France's PSA Group) with a base price of \$29,995.

The cabin's switchgear, controls, center gauge cluster and infotainment system are reminiscent of equipment found throughout

tric minor controls are canted toward the pilot.

A 7.0-inch Apple CarPlay and Android Auto-capable infotainment display is stand-ard on the base and mid-level preferred trims, and an 8-inch display is stand-ard in the top-of-the-line Essence.

Urban Champion

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two years before settling near northeast Portland's Irving Park in 1950. He attended Irvington Elementary and Grant High School, then worked for the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU) from 1956 to 1960.

Washington joined the Portland chapter of the NAACP in 1956, and he served on a committee that ended discriminatory hiring practices among local grocery stores through a successful boycott campaign.

He was the first African-American Councilor on the Metro Council from 1991 to 2001, working diligently to advance the quality of life and equity in his community. In 2013, he gave a presentation to the Metro Council about his

personal experiences with racism in Oregon. He was also featured in the CBS News documentary Race Against the Past where he discussed both the history of racism in Oregon and the history of Vanport.

"Within the African American community, we have a long tradition of preserving our story through oral history," said Michael Alexander, PSU's interim vice president for Global Diversity and Inclusion. "Ed embodies this tradition in a very personal and noble manner. He will never let us lose sight of the injustices and bigotry we faced as a community."

Washington has spoken recently at community forums to boost the voices of those who have historically been underrepresented in government, including people of color and immigrants.

He is part of Metro's 2030 Regional Waste Plan, which aims to advance the region as a leader in the protection of natural resources and ensure equitable access to Metro's services. He has been a tireless advocate for inclusion and equity and currently works as the director of Outreach & Community Engagement in Global Diversity and Inclusion for Portland State.

Ed Washington epitomizes personal and persistent commitment to improving the lives of others by fighting discrimination," said Stephen Percy, dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs. "It is our honor to celebrate the impact of his work through the Urban Pioneer Award."

The award will be bestowed during the college's hooding ceremony on Friday, June 15 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront.

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