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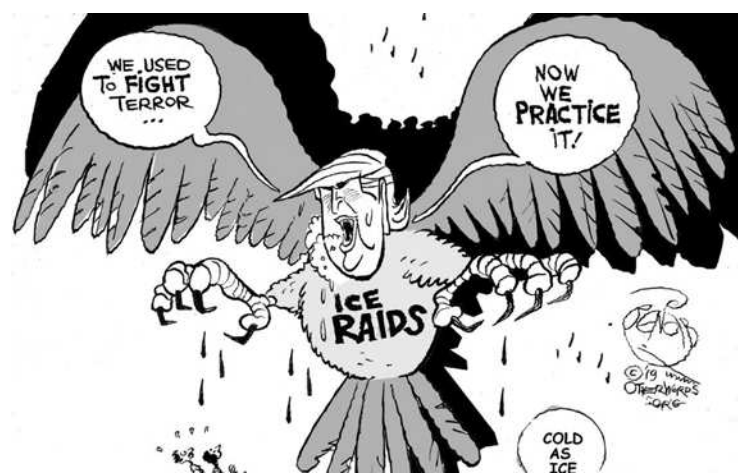


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Oregon Health and Sciences University welcomes incoming students to campus, the school's most racially diverse group ever of future doctors. The class of 2023 includes Native Americans and Native Alaskans recruited as part of a special outreach, pictured here with faculty and program staff.

Diversity in Medicine OHSU welcomes most diverse class ever

Oregon Health and Sciences University is celebrating an incoming class of future medical doctors that is the most racially diverse group in school history. The class of 2023 stood shoulder-to-shoulder on Friday donning their white medical coats for the first time and reciting the medical Oath of Geneva as an audience of physicians, family members,

friends and mentors gave their smiles and tears. The ceremony marked the beginning of the 160 students' formal training. Over 60 percent of the class is female, and over 30 percent are from racial or ethnic backgrounds other than white and from a disadvantaged background, OHSU said. Fourteen percent also came from a racial

or ethnic group underrepresented in medicine. For the first time, the incoming group also include recruits from a new OHSU program specifically aimed at preparing Alaska Native and Native Americans to excel in medical school, called the Wy'East Post-Baccalaureate

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Child, Family Services Jobs Posted

The Oregon Department of Human Services this month is posting more than 300 jobs related to helping children and families in Oregon. The hiring initiative is driven by an executive order from Gov. Kate Brown aimed at improving safety and building capacity in Oregon's child welfare system.

"In order to ensure our children are safe, we need more caring and dedicated people on the ground working with families," Brown said. "Hiring more child welfare workers is one important step to right-sizing the system so that it better serves our most vulnerable children and families. Oregonians with a passion for helping children and families thrive can make an enormous impact through state service at the Department of Human Services."



Gov. Kate Brown

Some of the jobs available include hotline screeners who serve as first responders to child safety concerns; child protective service caseworkers to investigate safety concern reports; certifiers to identify and certify relative caregivers,

foster parents and adoptive parents across all ethnic and cultural groups; and permanency caseworkers who specialize in working with children, families, foster parents and caregivers to ensure children are safe in their homes. "These new hires will reduce caseloads, which will help us better address safety issues and provide more support to foster families," Department of Human Services Director Fariborz Pakseresht said "An influx of new staff also will provide much-needed relief to our current child welfare caseworkers and help reduce turnover." The Oregon Legislature approved funding for these new positions during the 2019 legislative session. For more information on available jobs and to apply, visit oregon.gov/dhs/children.