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Christopher Ponce Campuzano, an OHSU medical student from the Class of 2023 gets a hug from mentor Carolyn Zook, a member of the undergraduate medical education program team. Campuzano is the first immigrant of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival status in the school's most racially diverse incoming class.

Diversity in Medicine

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Pathway.

"I'm so much more confident and comfortable not only in the idea of becoming a physician but just starting medical school," said Kyna Lewis, a Tlingit Alaskan Native and Wy'East cohort member. "I found a place where I actually belong. I have a community. That's more than I could have hoped for."

Another student from incoming class represented the first immigrant student who has Deferred

Action for Childhood Arrival status. Ponce Campuzano was one of three members of the class of 2023 to have participated in the OHSU Equity Summer Research Program, an eight-week, hands-on internship with research and clinical elements.

"That summer I fell in love with the medical research I was doing at OHSU, and the amount of support I was getting from the faculty and staff on a daily basis," he said, describing the roots to his inspiration for applying to the medical school.

Brand to Lead PCC Diversity Office

Portland Community College has promoted an interim school leader and former dean of students as its new permanent chief diversity officer.

Tricia Brand held the post on a temporary basis since last year and has been responsible to other duties related to equity over the past few years. She recently played an instrumental role in the college's presence as part of the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education, school officials said.

Brand began her tenure at the college in 2014 as the Associate Dean of Students at PCC's Southeast Campus. There she helped establish the campus' first ever Resource Center for providing direction to services such as academic advising, the orientation center, testing and placement and career exploration. She



Tricia Brand

was also the campus' Title IX investigator.

In the past six months, Brand sponsored multiple college-wide social justice workshops, attended by more than 200 employees. She has assisted the president's office with organization of PCC Faculty

and Staff of Color caucuses and the Communities of Color Council. In April, she represented the college on a panel regarding equity in the workforce called "How Oregon Works."

Brand previously served in a variety of administration positions at Lewis & Clark College since 2009, and before then worked at the University of Arizona starting in 2006.

Blood Pressure and Sleep Research Study



Researchers at OHSU are interested in studying how sleep impacts blood pressure in White and Black adults ages 30-60 years old with aims to develop better therapies for hypertension.

Participation requires 2-3 screening visits and a multi-day inpatient stay at OHSU; participants are compensated for their time.

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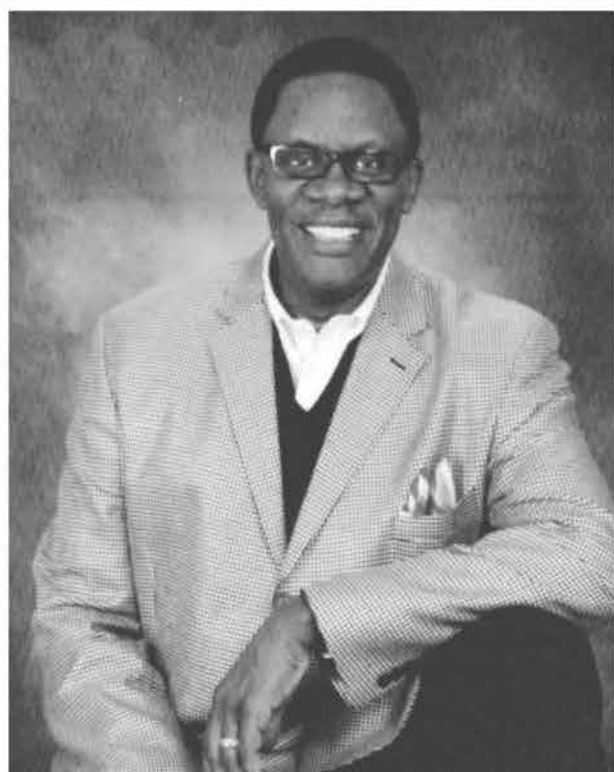
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