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# LOCAL NEWS

## Edwards to Lead Clark College

### PCC Cascade leader hired for new post

The Clark College Board of Trustees Friday named Dr. Karin Edwards, the current president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in north Portland and a member of Portland's African American community, as the next president of Clark College in Vancouver.

"Dr. Edwards is an incredible leader," said Trustee Paul Speer. "Her ability to help close achievement gaps between student populations, her work in equity, her work in partnerships in workforce development, and her previous experience in a presidential role were certainly very influential in the board's decision."

Edwards will be the college's 15th leader in its 87-year history. "I'm excited to begin a new



Dr. Karin Edwards

chapter as President of Clark College and grateful to everyone at Portland Community College who has walked with me these past six years," she said in a statement. "We have a great deal to be proud of, developing programs and support services that help our students succeed."

Dr. Sandra Fowler-Hill, who has served as Interim Clark College President while the college conducted a presidential search, will continue in her current role until Edwards is able to join the college this summer.

Edwards has a 36-year career at community colleges. Her community service includes serving on the board of Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives and on the advisory board of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, as well as being an active member of the Partners in Diversity Leadership Council and the Oregon Presidents Council of the Oregon Community College Association.

Edwards earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's degree in higher education administration at State University of New York at Albany, and her doctorate degree in educational leadership at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I.

## A More Inclusive Women's March

### Sunday rally will be call for action

Thousands of women, children and their allies are expected to gather on the streets of Portland Sunday for an annual march and rally to build social, political, organizational and economic power.

"We're advocating for women's interests. We're remembering whose shoulders we stand on. We're remembering whose land we're on and paying that forward to rise up, to do better," said Della Rae, the organizer for this year's march and a Portland native and longtime women's advocate.

A rally will kick off the family-friendly event on Sunday, March 1 at 12 p.m. in the park blocks near the Portland State University campus at Southwest Montgomery and where a 17-block march will begin at 1 p.m.

Rae says this year marks a new commitment to including communities of color and nonbinary and transgender individuals in the organizing, and among the roster of speakers at the rally. Portland was one of the first cities to break its ties to the nationally run Women's March because of concerns about a lack of diversity.

Rae is the director and owner of the Oregon Women's Health Network, a former KBOO-FM



Della Rae is organizer of the annual Women's March and Rally coming Sunday, March 1 to the Portland State University Park Blocks, downtown.

radio host, and the former founding director of two Portland area nonprofits that helped low-income people get access to resources from community members.

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