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Heroes American Café owner John Jackson in downtown Portland. The small business was one of eight Black-owned firms hit hard by COVID-19 receiving marketing and technology help from Comcast. (Photo courtesy Comcast)

## Comcast Lifts Up Black Businesses

Eight Black-owned, small businesses in Portland are recipients of new Comcast RISE awards, allowing them to receive marketing and technology help from Comcast. The award recipients in 285 cities in 29 states include a diverse roster of small business from restaurants and salons, to professional consulting, media and creative production services from Effectv, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable, or technology upgrades from Comcast Business based on their specific needs.

The financial help is part of Comcast's broader announcement of more than 700 businesses that were selected as winners in the first round of Comcast RISE.

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Comcast RISE awardees in Portland were Zen Nail Spa; American Heroes Café; Amalfi's Restaurant; Raap Counseling and Consulting; Cottontails Personal Styling; Batter On Deck food truck; Meals for Heels and Third Eye Books.

"It's great to see Comcast, a leader in technology and entertainment, focus on the economic

divide. I'm honored to be a recipient of this new program to give Black-owned small business a much-needed boost," said Heroes American Café Owner John Jackson.

The next phase of Comcast RISE, a multi-year, multi-faceted initiative launched in October to help strengthen small businesses hard hit by COVID-19, will open eligibility to include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-owned, small businesses. They can apply at ComcastRISE.com.

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## IQ Credit Leadership Changes

Kelly Schrader, the president and chief executive officer of Vancouver-based iQ Credit Union, is departing the Northwest financial institution to pursue a new philanthropic opportunity, and Eric Petracca, currently iQ Credit Union Chief Operations Officer, will be the incoming president and CEO, company officials announced Monday.

Schrader was instrumental in the credit union's rapid growth over her 4 years tenure, including officially surpassing \$1.5 billion in assets and expanding into the Portland market with the opening of the Williams Avenue and St. Johns iQ Credit Union branches.

Through her passion for philanthropy, iQ's foundation raised more than \$160,000 to support children in local communities.



Kelly Schrader

Her focus on employee development led to more than 340 employees promoted from within iQ, officials said.

Petracca began his career as a teller at Lamas Community



Eric Petracca

Credit Union. Over the years, he grew his career and held leadership positions in many of the credit union's departments. He currently serves on the board of the Clark County Parks Foundation.

## Five Things

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from the description of the city and its potential ability to help the world, to how each of the characters defines redemption, even

amidst mistakes.

You witness the inevitability of their dreams, fueling and driving their responses to tragedy as they formulate a plan predicated on bold and big moves. It is that plan which ultimately protects them such that the harm of seeing T'Challa tossed over a cliff, does

not become the trauma that would continuously disconnect them.

Chadwick Boseman, you were once king, you will forever be king. May you be welcomed with open arms to your eternal rest as we posthumously induct you into the Portland Chapter of Black Male Achievement.