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MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST PHOTO BY JEREMY BITTERMANN/JBSA

The new Meyer Memorial Trust building on North Vancouver Avenue was built in the heart of the historically-Black Albina community under an unwavering commitment to equity and sustainability. The building features a series of roof lines that recall the gabled houses once plentiful in the neighborhood.

Top Ranking for Design

Meyer building recognized for equity and sustainability

The new Meyer Memorial Trust building, constructed under a commitment to equity and sustainability in the heart of the historically Black Albina community, has achieved the highest rating ever given under a national standard for energy and environmental design.

Located on North Vancouver Avenue to reflect the organization's unwavering commitment to creating a flourishing and equitable Oregon, the construction was led by

Michelle J. DePass, the organization's Black chief executive officer and president.

Portland's LEVER Architecture, described as a values-driven real estate developer, was behind the project. The new three story headquarters for one of Oregon's largest private foundations became the first LEED v4 Platinum Building in Oregon last week, earning a score of 84 points, the highest energy and environmental rating ever

given for a new construction building in the United States.

The \$10.8 million, 19,829 square foot building was specifically designed for collaborative office space and to purposefully connect the application of sustainable building design with social equity and community development. The project also accomplished aggressive equity targets with 47 percent

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Activist Named Marshall Leader

Historic Trust recognizes achievements

The achievements of 13 community leaders, including the work of Vancouver NAACP President Jasmine Tolbert, were recognized last week at the annual General George C. Marshall Leadership Awards from the Historic Trust, in partnership with the city of Vancouver.

Every year, Marshall committees undertake the difficult task of choosing a young professional and a high school senior as examples of new leaders that honor General George C. Marshall, a former commander at Fort Vancouver, who was known for coordinating the U.S. response to World War II, and for promoting economic recovery for the European allied countries following the war.

This year's Young Profession-



Jasmine Tolbert

was directly involved in the establishment of the military aviation program geared to Black troops at the Tuskegee Institute, Tolbert has worked tirelessly to respond to systemic racism and racial inequities within Clark County by organizing listening sessions.

In the past year, she organized a Black Lives Matter peaceful car demonstration attended by 3,000 Clark County re

al Award went to Tolbert and the High School Senior Award to Pukai Tseng of Union High School.

At the age of 26, Tolbert has already made her mark on the community. She works in the human resources department for the Vancouver Clinic, serves as president of the Vancouver NAACP, and is on the board for the YWCA of Clark County.

Like General Marshall who

Tseng immigrated with his family from Taiwan when he was in 3rd grade. Through his volunteer involvement with OMSI's Teen Science Alliance Program, he learned that not all students have the same opportunities to explore STEM fields. He responded to that need by founding the Send2Space non-profit organization where he serves as president. The mission of Send2Space is "To create a world where all youth, regardless of their backgrounds, are connected to opportunities that create a new generation of STEM leaders."

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