

Juneteenth Established as Holiday

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June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas — two months after the Confederacy had surrendered. That was also about 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in the Southern states.

It's the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created in 1983. One of the federal holidays, Inauguration Day, happens every four years.

Biden noted the overwhelming support for the bill from lawmakers

in both parties.

He signed the legislation surrounded by members of the Congressional Black Caucus as well as the lead sponsors of the legislation in the Senate, Sens. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and John Cornyn, R-Texas. He was introduced by Vice President Kamala Harris, the nation's first African-American vice president.

"We have come far and we have far to go, but today is a day of celebration," Harris said.

The Senate passed the bill under a unanimous consent agreement that expedited the process for considering legislation.



Portland Community College flight teacher Sheri Fisher, PCC Aviation Science Chair Larry Atree and student Ivette Alonso Garcia, showcase a new aviation curriculum for high school students interested in careers as aviation maintenance technicians, avionics technicians or professional pilots.

Aerospace Careers for Everyone

New pathway for under-represented students

A new education pathway is giving under-represented high school students a chance at flying high in the field of aviation.

Portland Community College has partnered with the Hillsboro School District on its new Oregon Aerospace Careers for Everyone (O-ACE) Program.

This is a training pathway program for high school students interested in careers as aviation maintenance technicians, avionics technicians, or professional pilots. A big goal of the effort is to diversify the aviation industry by introducing more nontraditional and under-represented candidates, like women and people of color, to the field.

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Advancing Equity in the Courts

Judge honored for leadership

Oregon Supreme Court Justice Adrienne Nelson is being honored for distinguished leadership for her work to eliminate structural barriers to the courts and advancing procedural fairness for historically marginalized constituencies, including people of color.

Nelson, the first African American to sit on the state's highest court and on any appellate state court, was recently presented the



Oregon Supreme Court Justice Adrienne Nelson

equity achievement award from the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts.

The award recognizes a distinguished lifetime or an exceptional contribution to the goal of advancing and preserving a court system that is free of racial and ethnic bias and is fair to all court clients.

Nelson was given credit for leading efforts to educate judges, court staff, lawyers, jurors, and

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