

Economic Justice Advocate Coming Home

Oregon Community Foundation names new CEO



Lisa Mensah

A nationally recognized advocate for economic justice will return to Oregon to lead the Oregon Community Foundation, a major institution that works with donors and volunteers to award grants and scholarships to improve lives for all Oregonians.

Lisa Mensah will be the foundation's next chief executive officer when she begins her official duties in September. She was named last month as the Oregon Community Foundation's fourth CEO in its nearly 50-year-old history, succeeding Max Williams who is transitioning out of his role after a decade of leadership.

Since its founding in 1973, OCF has distributed more than \$2 billion toward advancing its mission to improve lives for all Oregonians.

Mensah is widely considered an expert on access to capital in distressed and low-wealth communities and on the role of finance in social, economic and racial justice. She has served as the president and CEO of the Opportunity

Finance Network and currently heads one of the nation's leading networks of Community Development Financial Institutions.

Born and raised in Oregon, Mensah is returning to her home state following an illustrious career that has taken her from working on rural poverty with the Ford Foundation to serving as Undersecretary for Rural Development at the USDA in the Obama Administration, managing a \$215 billion loan portfolio, officials said.

"I am excited to return to my roots here in Oregon; to leverage my expertise and the sum of my experiences," Mensah said. "In this moment, I feel very fortunate to join hands with a 50-year tradition at Oregon Community Foundation, working to help this state and its people flourish."

Obituary



In Loving Memory of Paul E. Stewart Jr.

Paul E. Stewart Jr. was born October 22, 1945 in Portland, and passed away June 23, 2022. Paul enjoyed the outdoors and was a long time Portland resident.

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