

Portland Singer Profoundly Affected by Dr. King's Message

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conference to promote a gun control initiative that Oregon voters approved in November.

Keller will bring her singing talent to three different churches on Sunday, January 15, during services honoring Dr. King's birthday. She'll start at 10 a.m. at Augustana Lutheran, then at 1 p.m. at Allen Temple CME and at 2 p.m. at Vancouver Avenue Bap-

tist Church.

And her faith all goes back to the way she was raised.

"When I think back now about our elders, they lived those lives of strength and faith and quiet belief," she said. "And that's how I came to know that God was real, because I could see him in the people around me."

Reminiscing about her origins that guided her to the person she is now is because of

the "love of a blessed community that would not allow us to be anything less than we were meant to be," she said.

"I'm so glad that we now have a holiday, a chance to acknowledge this man, this great soul's contribution to the world at large," she said. "It was not just the United States that was blessed by his being. The entire world is a better place because he lived and died."

One of America's Youngest Mayors Sworn In



Harvard Business School graduate Phil Jones will be Mayor of Newport News in eight days.

Phillip Jones mayor at 33

At 33, Phillip Jones will be among the youngest Mayors in the United States when he takes office in eight days. Jones will be sworn in on Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. in Newport News. He will be the city's 27th Mayor, succeeding McKinley Price, 73, who took office in July of 2010. On Nov. 8, Jones won a competitive mayor's race in Newport News against several known elected officials who were members of the Newport News City Council. Few were able to predict what the outcome would be, but Jones came out on top as the decisive victor.

Even though he is only 33, Jones, a management consultant, has advised businesses on strate-

gic planning, marketing and their inter-connected operational goals. Even before taking office, Jones' resume is one of the most impressive in Virginia politics.

Jones graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and earned joint degrees from the Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Jones has also served on the Newport News Planning Commission. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy as a Burke Scholar. Jones then served for six years on active duty as a U.S. Marine infantry officer.

Jones' has said that his priorities as Mayor include school funding, public safety with a focus on mental health services and generally a more innovative approach to government. Jones says he will appoint a chief innovation officer as Mayor.



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