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Committed to Cultural Diversity

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics!

ORABSE and OMSI Partner Up For An Epic Science Night

OMSI, in partnership with Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators (ORABSE), hosted their third annual Black Community Science Night on Friday, October 18th. This family-friendly event welcomed visitors of all ages for a night filled with all things STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics!

This year's Black Community Science Night was heavily coordinated by OMSI's new Project Manager, Jasmine Cottrell; and ORABSE's newly installed President, Nichole Watson. Together, OMSI and ORABSE hosted an incredible evening filled with culturally specific activities that everyone could enjoy! From Laser Beyoncé and Motown - to storytelling, science demonstrations, museum exploration and much more!

There were vendors from Mud-bone Farm, Black Futures Farm, Multnomah County Public Library



ORABSE Members Renee Anderson and Melanie Ramsey at the Black Community Science Night at OMSI. Photo by Naim Hasan.

and AfroVillage PDX. There were local Black authors like Nate Carter of Party Nazari and Valentine Barker. Local musicians and DJs like Alonzo

Chadwick Sr. of Zouful Music and DJ Eddie on the turntables. Food carts, chemical oceanography, science playground and even a little Line Dancing

to set the vibes! We experienced the biggest Black Community Science Night yet with more than 1,000 people in attendance.

25 Years Of Homeownership Fairs



Photo Courtesy of African American Alliance for Homeownership

Offering a \$25,000 Down Payment Assistance Grant to One Lucky Fair Goer

African American Homeownership Fair to Focus on Obtaining, Maintaining, Retaining, and Sustaining Homeownership, while continuing to close the minority homeownership gap!

With the homeownership rate for African Americans in Portland still lagging below the national average. AAAH recognizes the high interest rates and the lack of affordable homes a huge barrier for most African Americans. On the flip side, more prospective buyers are trying to bridge the gap with additional down payment assistance and first-time homebuyer programs.

This year's homeownership fair is scheduled for Sat., October 26 from 10am

to 3:00pm at the Double Tree by Hilton, 1000 NE Multnomah in Portland. Parking is free. The event is FREE and OPEN to the public. Pre-registration is NOT required; however, the first 25 registrants will be entered to win a \$100 gift card.

AAAH has recruited 25 homeowners who purchased within the last 25 years of hosting the fair. The 25 Homeowners will be recognized during the fair's celebratory program beginning at 12 noon. Guest speakers include Commissioner Carmen Rubio and Bernie Foster, Skanner Publisher & founding member of AAAH. Invited and not confirmed: Governor Tina Kotek. Music will be provided by DJ Tha Jewler, and Alonzo Chadwick, Sr.

Back by popular demand is the "Homes for Sale" Bus Tour, designed to encourage and inspire homebuyer activities within a collective and fun atmosphere. A chartered

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