

Portland and SW Washington

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Employee Honored



McDonald's regional Crew Person of the Year Award has gone to Beaverton franchise employee Sharon Banks, pictured at center with the framed plaque, surrounded by her crew of workers. Officials said Banks, a six-year employee, has consistently been rated as an outstanding crew member, receiving customer compliments via voice messages, emails and in-person. Banks gets a cash prize, plaque, pin and more.

'Do It Yourself' Fair Helps Save Money, Live Green

A group of community partners will sponsor an educational fair next weekend to help local families learn skills and techniques to save money and prevent pollution.

The Green Neighbors Do-It-Yourself Fair will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in Gaiser Hall at Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

The event will include workshops on rain-friendly landscaping, bicycle basics, gardening with children, raising chickens, eco-roofs, computer maintenance, basic plumbing and wiring, tree planting, composting, nature-scaping, sheetrock repair and potential risks of radon, mold and

lead.

The fair will include exhibits from local agencies and companies.

Clark Public Utilities will sponsor a compact fluorescent bulb exchange. Each person can drop off unbroken, burned-out bulbs and receive up to six new bulbs. No fluorescent tubes or fixtures will be accepted.

Environmental Services is sponsoring the event in cooperation with other county departments, local businesses, organizations and agencies. Lunch will be provided to the first 100 people and a garage heater will be given away as a door prize.

For a complete list of workshops, visit www.ClarkGreen-Neighbors.org/happenings/DIY-Fair.

Chescaleigh Headlines Gender Symposium at Lewis & Clark

Chescaleigh, the YouTube sensation behind "Sh*t White Girls Say...to Black Girls" will be a featured speaker at the 33rd annual Gender Studies Symposium at Lewis & Clark, March 5-7; all events are free and open to the public.

Franchesca Ramsey (aka Chescaleigh), actress, comedian and video blogger seen on MSNBC, ABC, Ebony Magazine, The Daily Mail, and Anderson Cooper speaks on "Your Powerful Online Voice: Using Social Media for Social Change" March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Agnes Flanagan Chapel.

Other keynote speakers include: France Winddance Twine, professor, ethnographer, feminist theorist, and critical race theorist—"The Sexual Life of Soldiers: The Circularity of Violence in a Masculine Institution" March 5, at 7 p.m.; and Christina B. Hanhardt, who studies LGBT activism against violence in the context of broader debates about gentrification, policing, and crime—"No Safe Spaces: Violence and Gentrification in LGBT Activist History," March 6, 3:30 p.m. For a complete schedule of events and speakers, visit <http://go.lclark.edu/gendsymp>.

Emerging Young Leaders Summit

The Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and PINK Ivy Foundation host middle school girls and boys at the 2014 Emerging Young Leaders Summit, Beyond Blurred Lines, "Planning a 'CLEAR' Path for Your Life" on Saturday, March 8, at Concordia University from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The summit will offer young adults the tools to see beyond the 'blurred lines' as they encounter daily challenges, by helping them to develop clear and concise goals and objectives for making sound decisions as they mature in age.

The EYL Youth Summit features workshops and forums that are intended to excite, equip and connect middle school students. Please distribute the attached registration form to those interested students who would benefit from this program and who meet the criteria below:

*Student is enrolled at a Middle School

*Student must have a C+ grade point average, or its equivalent

*Student has not been suspended or expelled

Students can turn in completed registration forms to either the school office for pick up or mail to: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. PO Box 3792 Portland, OR 97228 by Feb. 22.

For additional information email eylsummitpdx@gmail.com.

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Thursday March 6

WSU VANCOUVER INVITES STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO NOCHE DE FAMILIA. Noche de Familia, an annual information night hosted by Washington State University Vancouver, will be

held at 6 – 8 p.m. in the Firstenburg Student Commons. The event is free and open to the public, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave. Vancouver, WA

Saturday March 8

BE HAPPY NOW! PLEASE. This is a brand new comedy showcase at The Waypost, audience members will win prizes. 21 and older. 9 p.m. 3120 N. Williams Ave. Portland, OR

5TH ANNUAL WAFFLE FEED FOR MILWAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL. On the menu this year are Belgian Waffles, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit and Beverages. The event will be held at the Clackamas Sweet Tomatoes: 13011 SE 84th Ave. 7:30 – 10 a.m. Individual tickets \$5 – A family ticket is available for \$20.

Saturday March 15

FREE NORTH PORTLAND "VILLAGE 101" PRESENTATION. Come and bring a neighbor and learn more about how you can join the team planning a Village unique to North Portland residents. Linnton Community Center, 10614 NW St. Helens Rd. Linnton, OR

ST. PADDY'S FOR KIDS. A free family-focused event with more than 20 nonprofit groups on hand. Lots of fun activities for all ages. 10 a.m. Shorty's Garden and Home, 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98664

LEARN TO DO IT YOURSELF, TO SAVE MONEY & LIVE GREEN. The fair will help people learn how to be more self-sufficient and save money. The event will include workshops and exhibits. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Gaiser Hall at Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA