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New President at PCC

Connecticut official
chosen to lead PCC
Cascade campus

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The search for a new Portland Community College cascade president has ended with selection of Karin Edwards, dean of student development and services at Three Rivers Community College, in Norwich, Conn.

She takes over from beloved former President Algie Gatewood, who last year moved to North Carolina and a job at Alamance Community College to be closer to his family. Edwards starts on July 21.



Karin Edwards

In her former position, Edwards served as chief student affairs officer, overseeing marketing, public relations, admissions, recruitment, financial aid, veteran affairs, records and registration, counseling, advising, placement testing, career services, student activities, childcare, off-campus operations, and student discipline.

PCC officials say she has worked in the past on student success strategies, planning, budgeting and assessment.

"I am looking forward to coming to Portland to join the students, staff and faculty of the Cascade Campus of PCC," Edwards said in a statement. "The level of concern, commitment and connection to the community this campus has demonstrated is so impressive. I'm absolutely honored to serve as the president."

Edwards has also worked at Orange County Community College in Middletown, N.Y., including Director of College Extension Centers, Director of the Newburgh Extension Center and Student Development Counselor.

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INNOCENT



Jonathan Fleming, right, reaches to hug his mother Tricia Fleming in Brooklyn's Supreme court after a judge declared him free, Tuesday April 8, 2014 in New York. Oregon has launched its own version of the Innocence project, the last state in the US to do so; legendary attorney Steven Wax will lead the organization.

Oregon Starts Historic Project

Oregon Supreme Court may overturn Jerrin Hickman conviction

By Helen Silvix
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Last week in New York, Jonathan Fleming walked free after being exonerated for a murder he didn't commit. Fleming spent 24 years in jail, while the phone receipt that proved he was 1,100 miles away when the crime was committed lay, decaying, inside the case file.

Fleming would still be in prison without the work of the Brooklyn Conviction Integrity Unit, dedicated to exonerating innocent people who have

been wrongly convicted.

Until the launch of the Oregon Innocence Project, April 9, Oregon was the only state in the country without some kind of group working to overturn wrongful convictions. Steve Wax, one of the country's top criminal defense lawyers, is stepping down from his long-time job as Oregon's Federal Public Defender to take the helm.

With Wax as legal director and a committed group behind him, the project is ready to hit the ground running, said Barry Scheck, co-founder of the

National Innocence Project in New York.

"Once it gets going, it's going to move in at a very high level of sophistication and competence," Scheck said.

"I think that what is going to happen initially is that the Innocence Project here in Oregon is going to be working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the judiciary to come up with best practices."

"What's very optimistic about Oregon is that this project has got enormous support from very significant stakeholders all across the state. So

we all expect that there will be great reforms coming out of this, even before the exonerations, which always take a number of years."

In Washington, the Innocence Project Northwest, based at the University of Washington Law School, has entered 12 people to the National Registry of Exonerations since it was founded in 1997.

Last April, Jeramie Davis was exonerated of murder with the help of DNA evidence. He

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Seattle's Herman McKinney, 1939-2014

He was a lifelong Civil Rights activist and former Oregon resident

Herman McKinney, civil rights activist and a community leader in Seattle died April 11, aged 75. Born in Oklahoma, McKinney arrived as a child in Portland, Ore., during WWII. His family was one of thousands of Black families who headed North to work in the Kaiser shipyards.

A home-going service is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2014, 11a.m., at First AME

Church, 1522 14th Ave, Seattle, WA, 206-324-3664.

McKinney played football at the University of Oregon before heading to the University of Washington to pursue a masters in social work.

He went on to work for University of Washington as an assistant dean, where he was responsible for increasing the number of students of color at the university.

McKinney was a lifelong advocate for diversity and equity in education, hiring and zipcode equity.

In 1976, with Ernie Dunston, Paul Mitchell and other Black men, McKinney co-founded The Breakfast Group dedicated to "mentoring and addressing the challenges of at-risk youth of color focusing on black

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