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tute is unique in that it preserves the classic costumes of barbering – shaving with a straight razor, styling without dyes or chemicals and giving a natural facial.

A lot has changed since A.B. Moler opened the first barber school in Chicago back in 1893, but Champions is intent on

means to be a professional barber.”

His institute is aiming to correct that by offering a 10-month course with in-depth training in all types of hair. Students will also spend a large portion of their schooling on the floor, where customers can receive cuts at a discounted

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keeping the craft alive, which not only extends to giving a great haircut, but inspiring students to launch a barbering business of their own.

“We have a pretty intensive business portion of our curriculum, where we cover a lot of the fundamentals of barbering, branding and marketing,” said Jamaal Lane, owner of Champions Barbering Institute. “We pride ourselves on trying to build entrepreneurial barbers. So when they finish here, students will actually leave with a business plan that they can execute.”

Originally from Portland, Lane had been cutting his own hair from a young age, but never thought of it as a profession. After a car accident hindered his ability to perform more laborious work, Lane got his barbering license and launched the upscale Champions Barbershop.

With Portland and Beaverton locations, Champions’ entrepreneurial and trend-setting ideals have been instilled into the institute.

“I felt barbers were being shorted on hands-on skills and the business aspect,” said Lane. “They didn’t have a true understanding of what it

price.

Lane said ultimately his long-term plan is to train at his institute and employ at his barber-shop.

“The goal is to potentially open up more shops where I can have a feeder system, with employees and independent contracts from the school,” he said.

And according to the data, the time to get into barbering is now. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment of barbers and cosmetologists will increase by 20 percent, from 2008 to 2018. With Portland’s continual support of small local business, Lane said he’s counting on the lucrativeness of the grooming industry, particularly among men.

“The men’s grooming industry is booming all around the country. Barbering has taken on a new look in the last five years or so, where it’s become an attractive field to be a part of it,” said Lane. “With all the growth that’s going on in Portland, there’s so much opportunity, whether for building clientele or opening up a shop. It’s big right now.”

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While Oregon’s 2017 legislative session has more members who are people of color – nine – than any time in history, 90 are still White.

Locally, the situation is direr. “Just look at who represents us in the City of Portland,” said Manjarrez. “One in three people in Portland are from communities of color, yet we’ve only ever had two people of color serve on City

Council.” Since its founding, the council has only seen eight elected women.

To challenge that, Amplify partners with community-based networks to identify leaders whose credibility is two-fold: the potential to win and the ability to pass policies or legislation that works for their communities.

Potential candidates come to Amplify

from several avenues; some surface through its free training days in Woodburn, Portland, and Gresham, while others are recommended through organizations. Roughly 65 percent of participants enter the program with a background in politics.

All individuals undergo an in-take process, during which they’re assessed on their leading issues and their rea-

Not My President’s Day

A demonstrator holds up a sign during a permitted demonstration Monday. An estimated 2,000 people attended a demonstration in opposition of Donald Trump’s administration, while a smaller, unpermitted demonstration drew about 100 people, many of whom were arrested and some of whom sustained injuries during confrontation with police.



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Vancouver immediately south of Killingworth.

The organization has owned the 5327 N. Vancouver Ave. building since 2001, according to public records, and originally planned to build a larger worship site. Director Imam Muhammad A. Najieb told *The Skanner* it has paid for the bulk of the project – but is still fundraising to complete the building.

Najieb said the congregation is seeking to raise \$158,000 to finish paying for the new structure, which will be delivered March 6 and 7 after completion by Pacific Mobile, a modular building company with facilities throughout the Northwest and California.

Prior to that, the community had raised about \$400,000 for the new mosque, which went to pay for initial payment for the structure. Najieb said the total cost for the building itself is \$319,000, and other funds have gone toward sidewalks and a building permit.

“No one can take credit for where this community is and has been,” Imam Mikal Shabazz said at a Feb. 18 open house to raise funds and invite the community to learn more about the new facil-

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According to Najieb, the congregation raised \$9,000 at the open house, which included food, prayers and updates from community members on the progress of the project.

Shabazz told the assembled group of about 20 people that the organization has had “unbroken leadership” despite several shifts in location and an expansion of its religious philosophy.

The MCCP has been without its own physical space for worship since October 2013, when a fire destroyed its meeting place on the

3800 block of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. According to witnesses quoted in *The Oregonian*, the fire was started by burning incense that, due to a lack of ventilation, quickly destroyed its

interior. Currently, the congregation holds Friday prayer services at the Matt Dishman Community Center on Northeast Knott Street.

The Muslim Community Center occupied several physical spaces in Northeast Portland since the congregation was organized in 1967. At the time of the 2013 fire, Najieb said, the group was already looking to build a new structure.

“We had a larger project on the drawing board but that didn’t materialize,” Najieb said.

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Jamila Singleton Munson received training at Amplify and is running for the board of Portland Public Schools.

With around a dozen people in Washington tying up their politico bootstraps, Parker-Milligan said he is currently working with similar numbers in the Portland metro area.

Some, like Jamila Singleton Munson, have already announced their candidacy.

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