

## UO Plans to Start Construction on Black Cultural Center

Officials expect to open by September 2019



University of Oregon

### Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Construction begins this summer on a Black Cultural Center at the University of Oregon, and school officials expect to open the \$2.2 million building by September 2019.

The Black Student Task Force sought the center in 2015 when it made a list of 13 demands to improve the experience of Black students on the Eugene campus. Other demands, some of which remain unmet, included changing building names, hiring more Black teachers and enhancing Black studies.

“Black students need a place that will provide us an opportunity to gather, explore resource prospects for success, and reinforce our academic pursuits,” the task force said in a statement Wednesday. “The Black Cultural Center will indeed be this place for black students.”

The UO has raised nearly \$1.7 million for the two-story, 3,500-square-foot building and still needs \$500,000, The Register-Guard reported.

Roughly \$1 million of the money raised so far came from Dave Petrone, who earned an undergraduate degree and a master’s degree in business administration

from the UO in the 1960s.

The cultural center will include room for small gatherings, classes, tutoring and meetings, said Kevin Marbury, the UO’s vice president of student life. Planning documents submitted to the city of Eugene last month show the center having a courtyard, a gallery and a lounge.

The Many Nations Longhouse is currently the only building on campus dedicated to an ethnic group, Marbury said. Native American students asked school leaders to build it in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Information from The Register-Guard.

## Gunman Kills at Least 17 People at Florida High School

By Terry Spencer and Kelli Kennedy  
Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — A former student opened fire at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending scores of students fleeing into the streets in the nation’s deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

Frantic parents rushed to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the campus as classes prepared to dismiss for the day. Live footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks.

“It is a horrific situation,” said Robert Runcie, superintendent of the school district in Parkland, about an hour’s drive north of Miami. “It is a horrible day for us.”

The 19-year-old suspect was taken into custody without a fight about an hour after he left the scene, authorities said.

Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said the suspect, who was previously expelled for disciplinary reasons, had at least one rifle and multiple magazines.

“It’s catastrophic. There really are no words,” Israel said on Twitter.

Most of the fatalities were inside the building, though some victims were found fatally shot outside, the sheriff said.

The gunman was identified as Nicolas Cruz by a U.S. official briefed on the investigation. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the information publicly.

In a cul-de-sac near the school, Michael Nembhard was sitting in his garage when he saw a young man in

a burgundy shirt walking down the street. In an instant, a police cruiser pulled up and officers jumped out with guns drawn.

“All I heard was ‘Get on the ground! Get on the ground!’ Nembhard said. He said he could not see the suspect’s face, but that the man got on the ground without incident.

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The day started normally at the school, which had a morning fire drill, and students were in class around 2:30 p.m. when another alarm sounded.

Noah Parness, a 17-year-old junior, said he and the other students calmly went outside to their fire-drill areas when he suddenly heard popping sounds.

“We saw a bunch of teachers running down the stairway, and then everybody shifted and broke into a sprint,” Parness said. “I hopped a fence.”

Beth Feingold said her daughter, Brittani, sent a text at 2:32 p.m. that said, “We’re on code red. I’m fine,” but sent another text shortly afterward saying, “Mom, I’m so scared.”

Brittani later was able to escape the school, which is one of the largest in the state, with about 3,000 students.

Inside the school, students heard loud bangs as the shooter fired. Many of them hid under desks or in closets and barricaded doors.

Television footage showed those students who fled leaving in a single-file line with their hands over their heads as officers urged them to evacuate quickly. Parents hurried to the scene.

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est was captured while the camera was on. To be honest, what I found most memorable was learning that you can hear rats scurrying around in the

White House ceiling in the middle of the night. And that the place has roaches, too! Who knew?

Overall, an unremarkable “fly-on-the-wall,” or should I say, “roach-on-the-wall” documentary strictly for political junkies and Obama fans

who might miss the man.

Good ★★

Unrated

Running time: 89 minutes

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