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Euphemia Lofton Haynes, first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics in 1943

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Celebrating Diversity at PCC-Cascade Campus

Just recently, here at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, a group of people saw fit over the winter holiday to come onto our campus and leave behind an assortment of anti-Semitic and white-supremacist posters, fliers, and stickers. The current political climate, it seems, has emboldened some racists and bigots to come out of the shadows and impose their views on others.

It is safe to say, I think, that we are experiencing a period of profound transition in American life. At no time since the Civil Rights Era have we witnessed such a sustained and insistent questioning of the existing power structure in our nation. Movements like Black Lives Matter have repeatedly shown — sometimes in excruciating detail — the yawning gulf between how communities of color and the white community experience the criminal justice system. The Occupy Wall Street movement laid bare the corrosive effect that extreme concentration of wealth has



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on our social fabric. And more recently, a procession of women has come forward to declare “Time’s up!” and hold powerful men accountable for their misdeeds.

Yet even as all these movements have unfolded, we are seeing a pushback, an uptick in the sort of public racism and sexism we have worked so long to put behind us. Nonetheless, our quest for social justice will not wane.

This is why I am proud to say that at the Cascade Campus, we take this responsibility very seriously. We are consciously, deliberately, and unapologetically committed to making our campus a warm and welcoming place for everyone who chooses to study or work here, and to make ourselves a beacon of free thought and discourse

for our community. And this is why there is no room at our campus, or in our community, for the kind of racist and bigoted propaganda that was distributed here over the holidays.

Over the past couple of years, we have endeavored to develop a road map — the Cas-

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cade Inclusion Plan — to take our campus to where we want it to be. Using critical race theory as our guidepost, we are intentionally working to reshape our campus culture into something better, more enlightened, and more compassionate. A key component of this effort lies in examining, challenging, and decon-

structing privilege.

I’ll be the first to tell you — this effort has made some people pretty uncomfortable. When your life has been shaped by the privilege you enjoy, even an attempt to simply question that privilege — let alone dismantle it — can feel like a personal attack. But to this I say — you’ve got to lean into that discomfort, because what’s on the other side is worth it.

We’re not perfect at the Cascade Campus. We haven’t found the silver bullet that will transform us into a model of enlightenment for the world. But I can promise you this: if you choose to enroll here and begin shaping your future, you will find a place that welcomes you no matter your background; that affirms your worth as a human being; that is actively working to remove the barriers that divide us; that is part of the greater effort to move humanity forward.

And if all the haters have to push back with some tired old posters and stickers — I’d say we’re already winning.

Trump’s Parade Plan a Waste of Money

Why President Donald Trump really wants an elaborate military parade

Now “45” wants a parade. He wants it in November, probably before the mid-term elections. Some see it as move to mobilize his base and stroke his own ego; others actually believe that he wants to celebrate and honor members of the military. It’s been reported that he wants the parade, because he saw a parade in Paris on Bastille Day. If he went to the zoo, would he want zebras and tigers roaming the lawn at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue next?

The last parade we had in Washington was in 1991, when we “won” the Gulf War. That parade cost \$14 million (\$21 million in today’s dollars), and drew 800,000 people. Given 45’s propensity for wanting the biggest and “the huuuugest,” he’d probably want to spend twice what George H.W. Bush spent in 1991. That \$42 million represents less than a millionth of one percent of the nearly \$500 billion federal budget increase that the Senate proposed in bipartisan legislation on February 7. I am among the many who will look askance at the possible cost of a parade. There are lots of things we could do with \$42 million, like job creation, small Pell grant increases, or even more amenities for our armed forces. But in the scheme of things, some will argue that \$42 million is not



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that much money; they might suggest that a parade is more about symbolism than anything else.

What does a show of military might signal in these

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times? There has been no significant military victory, nothing to celebrate, except 45’s already-inflated ego. France’s Bastille Day parade is a response to the fact that France had been invaded twice, most devastatingly by the Germans in World War II. Their parade is as much a show of military might as it is of European unity. These days, troops from several

countries, including Germany and the United States, participate in the parade. Some carry the flag of the European Union, even though the EU has no military. Would 45’s parade include other countries, or is this exhibition just about “us”?

Instead of the show of unity that Bastille Day parade represents, 45’s parade will likely be a reflection of his braggadocio. His button is bigger, so is his parade, and so is the U.S. military. The president’s parade sounds like a show of muscle, but to what end? Even the inhabitant of the world’s smallest country must know that the U.S. has the world’s “greatest” military. So, why do we need to show off? Because 45 is a show-off, a blowhard, and an Electoral College-selected buffoon.

Meanwhile, consider the impact a parade might have on the District of Columbia, the used-to-be majority Black city that is mostly occupied by Democrats. How will the streets survive huge tanks rolling down Pennsylvania Avenue, and who will pay for repairs? How extensive will this parade be, and will it happen on the weekend or a weekday? What will it mean for workers, transportation, and the District’s infrastructure? The president could care less about any of it. He passed the hot potato of the parade

to the Secretary of Defense, and now General Jim Mattis and his team are stuck with the task. Both Democrats and Republicans have verbalized opposition to the parade, and they are likely to be labeled “treasonous” by 45, since anyone who disagrees with him, or fails to clap (or bow) when he speaks is obviously a traitor. He is behaving like a despot like his rival, North Korea’s “Supreme Leader” Kim Jong-un.

While 45 finds it convenient to idolize the military and insist that the rest of us do so, as well, he didn’t find it convenient to serve in the military. He was excused from military service during the Vietnam era, because he had flat feet or bone spurs or something like that. More than likely, he was excused from military service, because his family had money.

The president wants a parade to celebrate the military and glorify our country’s military might. Next he will want to have someone crown him king. Yes, it is a good thing he doesn’t go to the zoo, because we might end up with a menagerie in the backyard at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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