

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2018

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION:** Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente African American Professionals Association. Includes soul food buffet dinner, entertainment by African and gospel musicians, local vendors, prizes. RSVP with the number of people in your party to whitney.b.pettigre@kp.org 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Kaiser Permanente, 3704 N. Interstate Ave.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates and current and future initiatives. This is an opportunity to connect with Portland NAACP's work in advancing racial justice in the community. Noon – 2 p.m., Lloyd Center, North of Ice Skating, former Deb's retail store space.

**GATEWAY GREEN COMMUNITY GATHERING AND OPEN HOUSE:** Join Portland Parks and Recreation for an open house to provide input as we plan the next phase of the unique off-road cycling destination. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., IRCO, 10301 NE Glisan St.

**BLACK HISTORY UNITY GALA AND COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE:** World Stage Theater hosts the Annual Unity Gala featuring keynote speaker, Jemele Hill, Co-Host of ESPN SC6. Visit the best vendors and organizations in the community marketplace. 7 p.m., SEI, 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND READING FAIR AND FAMILY STEM DAY:** Kappa Delta Pi and the University of Portland Education and Outreach Center will be hosting this free event. Each child will receive one free book upon attendance as well as a day full of discovery in different kinds of fields. This is a free community event. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., University of Portland, Chiles Center, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPEN HOUSE:** The Rebuilding Center, a nonprofit that has been serving the community for 20 years, will hold an open house for residents to share ideas on how the organization can better serve the community, will be served, participate in a scavenger hunt for a chance to win prizes. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Rebuilding Center Commons, 3625 N. Mississippi Ave.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**GETTING TO HEALTH EQUITY:** This is a free community event. Guest speaker will be David R. Williams, Ph.D. M.P.H. Harvard University. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 4

**ALLEN TEMPLE C.M.E. CHURCH CELEBRATING 69TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:** Theme "Built out of Living Stones." Bishop C.T. Wells Emmanuel Church will be the keynote speaker celebrating Allen Temple C.M.E. anniversary at Family and Friends worship service. 4 p.m., Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

### Seattle Metro

#### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

**FAMILY - FRIENDLY LEARNING EXHIBIT:** Visitors will receive a first-hand look at the Reggio Emilia approach to education which provides visibility to the values of its experience. 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. One Convention Place, 701 Pike St. Floor 9, Seattle, WA 98101

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

**MORNING TREATS AND TWEETS:** Are you interested in learning about birding? Join Naturalist Ed Dominquez for a casual birding experience aimed at beginning and intermediate birders. We start off by filling our cups with hot tea or coffee and a donut!

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GOV. KATE BROWN'S OFFICE

## Gov. Brown Visits Portland YouthBuilders

As part of the launch of the Governor's new Future Ready Oregon initiative, Gov. Kate Brown toured and met youth at Portland YouthBuilders (PYB) Feb. 19. PYB is an alternative school that offers the types of Next-Gen apprenticeship opportunities the Governor seeks to replicate across the state. Following the tour, and in recognition of Black History Month, Gov. Brown also met with a group of diverse entrepreneurs and tech start-up founders in a discussion moderated by WeWork community director Stephen Green. She is pictured here with DeShawn, a student and aspiring musician she met at Portland YouthBuilders. DeShawn is learning how to use computer technology to help make music. It's these types of Next-Gen apprenticeship opportunities that we hope to replicate across the state as part of our new job training initiative, Future Ready Oregon, which will help close the gap between the skills Oregon's workers have and the skills Oregon's growing businesses need.

## Portland News Briefs

### City Hosts Forum on Public Safety and the DOJ Settlement Agreement

The City of Portland will hold a forum on public safety and the Settlement Agreement on February 28, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Bureau of Developmental Services Building, Room 2500B, 1900 SW 4th Ave.

This forum will be held monthly to update Portland residents on the progress of the Settlement Agreement and the creation of the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP), and to continue the conversation with Portlanders about public safety and police accountability. City Attorney Tracey Reeve will provide an update on the City's progress towards compliance with the Settlement Agreement and Portland Chief of Police Danielle Outlaw will provide an update from PPB. There will also be an update on the creation of the Portland Committee for Community-Engaged Policing.

### PSU, Kaiser Permanente and Portland Leadership Foundation to offer \$5,000 Scholarships for Students Seeking Health Care Careers

Attracting a diverse generation of doctors, nurses and health professionals that reflects Portland's increasingly diverse population is the aim of a new academic health scholarship created through a collaboration among Portland State University, Kaiser Permanente and Portland Leadership Foundation.

Over the next five years, 100 PSU students will receive \$5,000 Ignite scholarships to complete their pre-health undergraduate education at PSU. This fall, 10 scholars will be selected.

Pre-health students take science-heavy courses to prep for professional schools in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, allied health, optometry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc. Portland State prepares over 3,000 pre-health students each year, offering future health professionals rigorous science classes and deep connections into the local health care job market.

All current PSU pre-health students who have been enrolled for at least two terms are eligible to apply for the Ignite scholarship. Applications are now available to PSU students online, and the deadline to apply is Feb. 28.

But the monetary award is just one part of the comprehensive social, career and academic supports that scholarship recipients will receive as part of the program. Through orientation events, mentorship opportunities and special courses, Ignite scholars will receive a full suite of offerings to guide them through the often complex pathway into a health career.

They'll also be welcomed into a cohort of fellow students that will shepherd them throughout their pre-health journey.

Ignite scholars will be invited to engage with colleagues on campus — classmates, incoming students, faculty and staff — and with health care and community partners outside the school, including Kaiser Permanente and Portland Leadership Foundation.

Another important component of the scholarship is that recipients must be committed to mentoring others.

Selection criteria for the scholarship include financial need, as well as the applicant's interest in the mentorship and leadership aspect of the program.

Kaiser Permanente has contributed \$250,000 toward the scholarship portion of the program, plus support of Portland Leadership Foundation's role in creating support offerings for Ignite scholars. The project leaders hope to inspire other health care organizations to participate as well, so that even more students may receive scholarships and that the program can continue for years to come.

## Seattle News Briefs

### Mayor Jenny Durkan Announces Pilot Program to Reduce Energy Bills for Seattle Seniors

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan today announced a new innovative joint pilot program by the Seattle Office of Housing and Seattle City Light to help senior homeowners stay warm while reducing their energy bills. Under the pilot program, senior homeowners with electric heat already receiving help with their utility bills will be notified that they can now automatically qualify for energy efficiency upgrades to their home that provide additional utility bill savings, freeing up resources to pay for other important household needs.

As part of the pilot, the Office of Housing and Seattle City Light will notify almost 800 senior homeowners who participate in the Utility Discount Program about their eligibility for energy-saving improvements to their home. The improvements, such as insulation and new heating systems, are made available through the Office of Housing's HomeWise weatherization program.

Seattle City Light will pay for 100 percent of the energy efficiency upgrades for homeowners eligible for this pilot program. On average, a low-income household receiving energy efficiency improvements can save \$270 a year off their utility bill before utility discounts are applied.

Since 1980, the Seattle Office of Housing, in conjunction with Seattle City Light, has offered energy efficiency upgrades, helping thousands of neighbors

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