

Events & Announcements



East African Community Dinner

The Yousuf Family joined other families and community members at the New Holly Gathering Hall for an East African Community dinner held at the New Holly Gathering Hall on, Sunday January 6. The event which was hosted by Rainier Beach Action Coalition in partnership with Voices of Tomorrow gave families and community members an opportunity to help prepare and eat traditional East African food.

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Visitors will be able explore the center and talk to representatives from Oregon State colleges and divisions to learn about their programs, including admissions to OSU. Light refreshments will be provided.

OSU's College of Business will host three informative salon sessions on how businesses can leverage workforce trends and changes for success. Each session will be led by college experts. The salons will be followed by a networking session with faculty and Portland business leaders; refreshments will be served.

Oregon Leads Settlement with For-Profit Education Company

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and 48 state attorneys general yesterday announced a settlement with for-profit education company Career Education Corp. (CEC) that will provide \$493.7 million in relief to 179,529 students in the United States. Under the settlement, which was led by Oregon, 2,185 Oregon students will get student loan relief totaling almost \$6.1 million.

In Oregon, CEC operated Le Cordon Bleu, American InterContinental University, and Sanford-Brown College, all of which have closed.

Nationally, the average individual debt relief under the settlement will be about \$2,852 per student.

CEC currently offers primarily online courses through American InterContinental University and Colorado Technical University. CEC has closed or phased out many of its schools over the past 10 years. Its brands have included Briarcliffe College, Brooks Institute, Brown College, Harrington College of Design, International Academy of Design & Technology, Le Cordon Bleu, Missouri College, and Sanford-Brown.

Rukaiyah Adams To Speak at PSU Jan. 28

Rukaiyah Adams — native Portlander, community activist and chief investment officer at Meyer Memorial Trust — will speak about economic inequities and how to advance social change in our communities on Jan/ 28 in the Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom at Portland State University.

Adams oversees investment activities at Meyer, the third largest foundation in Oregon. Meyer recently went through a fundamental shift in its funding priorities driven by diversity, equity and inclusion priorities. Adams brings here skills in the finance world together with a deep commitment to all Portlanders, including communities of color.

She believes that our highest goal should be taking care of one another.

Celebrate Dr. King's legacy and consider the link between his work and confronting economic injustice today.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., program starts at 6:30 p.m. Reserve free tickets online, in person at the PSU Box Office, or by calling (503) 725-3307.

Seattle News Briefs

Seattle Communities Rally to Defend Southeast Asian Refugees and Urge Trump Administration to Maintain Repatriation Agreement with Vietnam

Community members and elected leaders are gathering Jan. 11 to rally against the Trump administration's efforts to renege on a 2008 Repatriation Agreement that supports Vietnamese refugees who came to the US after the Vietnam War. The event will feature speakers from the communities who would be directly impacted as well as elected officials. There will be short march following the program through the Chinatown-International District to Little Saigon and back.

Thousands of Vietnamese refugees are being targeted by the Trump administration, the latest in a string of anti-immigrant actions. The 2008 Agreement between the U.S. and Vietnam protects these refugees from deportation, recognizing the dire and complex situations of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese — U.S. allies during the war -- who fled their homeland to escape persecution.

Violating this Agreement, as the Trump administration seeks to do, would tear apart families and endanger not only those directly impacted, but also the lives of their partners, children, parents, and the community. It is not in the interest of either country to retraumatize and destabilize a whole community contributing to the economic and social vitality of both countries, and especially so since it is also a violation of international laws.

The demonstration will begin Jan. 11 at noon at Hing Hay Park, Chinatown-International District. 423 Maynard Ave S. (NW corner with S. King Street). At 1:15 p.m. there will be a short march to Little Saigon.

The event will be live-streamed.

For more information, visit the Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/events/2831535956905621/

Stadium ramps to State Route 99 have closed, 3-Week Closure of SR 99 to begin Jan. 11

On Jan. 11, the SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct bridge closes permanently. Then tunnel-related construction will begin and last for over three weeks. Crews will work around the clock to move SR 99 off the viaduct and into the new, two-mile SR 99 tunnel beneath downtown Seattle. During what we are dubbing “the

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the recurring question about who has the right to be an American citizen. The story is told through the lives of three ordinary and extraordinary American families who changed history by their courageous challenges to the powerful status quo. Filmmaker Anne Galisky will join us for a discussion after the film. Free, 6 - 8 p.m., Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, 724 NW Davis St.

JO ANN HARDESTY AT PORTLAND AUDUBON'S NATURE NIGHT: Portland Audubon Nature Night is proud to host Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty for a presentation about vision, unity, and progression. Whether you're an experienced organizer or new to community building, you will surely learn something new and be inspired to bring positive change to Portland by attending 2019's first Nature Night Speaker Series event. 7 - 9 p.m., Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St.

WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP: Free workshop where participants learn how to stop drafts in their home, especially around doors and windows to save energy and increase comfort. Great for renters too! Qualified participants receive a free kit of weatherization supplies. Register at www.communityenergyproject.org or call 503.284.6827 x108. From 5 - 6:30 p.m., Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Way.

GEORGE LAKEY, 'HOW WE WIN': In How We Win, activist, sociologist, and writer George Lakey distills a life spent fighting for social change into a timely and easy-to-digest guide for the next generation of activists hitting the streets. Free, 7:30 p.m., Powell's City of Books, 1005 W Burnside St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

OPEN SIGNAL 'ALTAR': Join us for the opening of Open Signal's next exhibition: 'Altar', by artist, educator and summer 2018 New Media Fellow Lynn Yarne. Altar collects audio recordings, images and animations to tell the stories of nine elders from Portland's Chinatown/Japantown district, looking at Portland's history through a different scope. From 7 - 9 p.m., Open Signal, Portland Community Media Center, 2766 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

BLACK HISTORY 101 MOBILE MUSEUM: Clark College will honor the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King with two events—a traveling museum exhibit and a keynote speaker—focused on the African American experience. Both events are free and open to the public. The Black History 101 Mobile Museum will be on exhibit in Gaiser Student Center on Clark's main campus. Founded by Khalid el-Hakim, this is an award-winning collection of over 7,000 original artifacts of memorabilia dating from the trans-Atlantic slave trade era to hip-hop culture. 10 - 4 p.m., Gaiser Student Center, Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

OREGON ZOO PUB TALK: Join Oregon Zoo Director Dr. Don Moore and Amy Cutting, who oversees the zoo's marine life area, as they discuss the similar conversation challenges faced by polar bears and penguins. \$15 (free for kids 2 and younger), Oregon Zoo Cascade Grill, Southwest Canyon Road.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

SOLIDARITY WITH UNIST'OTEN: Bring signs and banners to support the Wet'suwet'en people in their efforts to protect their home and the rest of the Salish Sea against the TransCanada pipeline. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Consulate General of Canada, 1501 Fourth Ave #600.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

STATE OF AFRICATOWN 2019: The sixth annual State of Africatown will be held on Saturday January 12th, 2019 at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute and will feature presentations on the accomplishments of the last year, as well as the vision, opportunities, and challenges facing the African American and African Diaspora community in 2019 and beyond. Free, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, 104 17th Ave S.

Realign99 closure,” both the viaduct and new tunnel will be closed. This will be the longest highway closure in Seattle's history.

Why is so much work needed? Currently, the stretches of SR 99 immediately north and south of the tunnel are temporary roads, detours built years ago to keep traffic moving during tunnel construction. On January 11, crews will start removing those detours and completing the ramps to align SR 99 with the new tunnel.