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Jason Okonofua

Kúkátónón Dance Troupe to Host Community Discussion

First annual event focuses on bias in education

By Christen McCurdy
For The Skanner News

In February, Kúkátónón Children's African Dance Troupe will present a community discussion event with psychologist Jason Okonofua, a professor at the University of Cali-

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CELEBRATE LIBRARIES RALLY

American Libraries Association President Loida Garcia-Febo and Seattle Public Library Chief Librarian Marcellus Turner stand by a City of Seattle Proclamation declaring Jan. 26 "Take Action for Libraries" Day. Librarians and friends of the library held a brief Celebrate Libraries Rally in the downtown library on Jan. 26. The event was held the same weekend of the American Libraries Association conference in Seattle and co-sponsored by United for Libraries.



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Program Recruits Students of Color for City Planning

Next month, Portland high school students will learn how their city's buildings have social and environmental impact on their communities

By Melanie Sevckenko
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"Your Street, Your Voice" is a 10-session after-school program launched by Hacker Architects and The Center, a coalition-led hub for youth education in North Portland.

Beginning its third round on Feb. 11, the program is aiming to get teenagers interested in architecture and city planning — sec-

tors that are sorely lacking in diversity.

People of color and women are the most under-represented in the architectural community, with less than two percent of licensed architects in the U.S. being African American, according to The Center.

Professional architecture is "woefully male and woefully White... which suggests that we as an industry are not represent-

ing the communities that we're building for," said Joe Swank of Hacker.

In order to train the next cohort of architects and urban designers, Swank and his fellow organizers are looking to open the door at a much younger age, starting in high school.

And while "Your Street, Your Voice" is open to anyone in this age group, its aim is to recruit students from under-represented communities as a means to

drive creativity and innovation — and make way for more equitable spaces.

"It's a very targeted program," said Swank, who is also the program's instructor. "It's trying to capture young people that may not have exposure to what an architect or city planner even does — and understand that these are the people that are impacting the communities around them."

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In this Oct. 9, 2018, file photo, Gladys Knight arrives at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Big-name entertainers believe social injustice needs to be addressed during the Super Bowl, but they passionately disagree on how. Some will perform in Super Bowl-related events while others will be noticeably absent.

Social Injustice Addressed at Super Bowl Events

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Trail Blazers to Celebrate Black History Feb. 5

Event will honor groundbreaking local leaders

The Skanner News Staff

In Celebration of Black History Month, the Portland Trail Blazers will spotlight six leaders representing a new era of ground-breaking firsts for the city of Portland and state of Oregon. The special recognitions will take place

both pregame and at halftime as Portland hosts the Miami Heat Feb. 5.

Each honoree at this event is the first African American to hold the leadership position for the institution they now represent:

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Dr. Miles Davis, President - Linfield College