

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2020 Portland Metro

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

SEEING IT THROUGH: A VISUAL MANIFESTATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY'S LEGACY IN PORTLAND OPENING RECEPTION: Explore the legacy of the Portland Black Panther Party through art, music and storytelling featuring Kent Ford. Light refreshments will be served. On display January 11-March 1. 3-5 p.m., Multnomah Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

A NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS WATCH PARTY: Hobbs Waters in collaboration is hosting A Nightmare Before Christmas Watch party fundraiser event to assist Steps PDX, to attend the 32nd Annual International Association for Blacks in Dance(IABD) Conference, hosted in Philadelphia, 2020. Admission is a \$10 suggested donation. Complementary snacks provided. 5:00 pm, 3940 N. Williams Ave.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

CULTURAL DEMONSTRATION: BONSAI: Join in an interactive bonsai presentation at the Cathy Rudd Cultural Corner by Andrew Robson, Director of the Portland Bonsai Village. Included with garden admission, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., Portland Japanese Garden, 611 SW Kingston Ave.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

PDX DEATH CAFÉ: Death Cafe is an international movement of people who meet in a relaxed and safe setting to talk about death and drink tea. Our goal is to increase awareness of death so we can all make the most of our (finite) lives. Made possible by The National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation. Registration opens on Dec 24, 2019. 5:30-5:30 p.m., Multnomah Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

FROM HISTORICAL TRAUMA TO HISTORICAL WISDOM: HOW A GENERATION IS HEALING: As part of Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads, join us for a talk from the Indigenous 20-Something Project. The Indigenous 20-Something Project began as a movement to heal Native young adults from the lasting impacts of intergenerational trauma caused by colonization. In this interactive talk, Shalene Joseph (A'anih, Athabaskan) and Josh Cocker (Ka'igwu, Tongan) will share their perspectives on the power of historical wisdom to create resilience, hope and community connection. 6:30-7:45 p.m., Multnomah Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN: USING HUMOR DURING CONFLICT: Enjoy these free lunch time programs that will help you develop and increase your professional and personal skills. Cosponsored by Portland Community College. 12-1 p.m., Multnomah Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

Seattle Metro

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

DOG GONE SEATTLE ADOPTION MEET AND GREET: Meet adoptable pups from Dog Gone Seattle and learn more about this local rescue. 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, All The Best Wallingford Store, 3830 Stone Way N.

EVENING BEACH WALK: Explore Constellation Park/Richey Viewpoint beach in West Seattle during two winter nighttime low tides with Seattle Aquarium beach naturalists and discover what creatures we see at this time of year. This is a free, family-friendly, drop-in program—no registration necessary. Charles Richey Sr Viewpoint in West Seattle. 8:30-10:30 p.m., meet Beach Naturalists near the Seattle Aquarium canopy located at the corner of 63 Ave SW and Beach Dr SW.

FREE FAMILY MUSIC CLASS: Music Together provides a relaxed and non-threatening environment for children to begin experiencing their musical path through songs, rhythm rhymes, movement, and instrument play. Rhythm Kids was created and developed by musician, composer and percussionist, Tom Foote to help children integrate and assimilate rhythm into their lives in a way that will keep them engaged, and actively participating in music, for as long as possible. Try a class for free but registration is required. Call 206-526-8443 or email at musictogether@musiccenternw.org. 1:30-2:30 p.m., 901 N 96th St.

JANUARY 22

SEATTLE 'S 20th ANNUAL DIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT DAY CAREER FAIR: 100's of Jobs and Career Positions from over 30+ Major Seattle Employers await you at Seattle's 20th Annual Diversity Employment Day Career Fair. The 20th Annual Diversity Employment Day Career Fair is the largest and best diversity and inclusion recruiting event in the United States! This event is FREE for candidates - must be 18 years of age and older. Multicultural/ Bilingual, People with Disabilities, Women, LGBTQ, Veterans and Mature candidates are encouraged to attend. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 305 Harrison Street.



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20/20 Vision on MLK Day in Seattle

Christina VanMiddlesworth, member of the a career and opportunity fair committee reports on the final numbers to the Martin Luther King Jr. Organizing Coalition during their January 7 meeting at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute in Seattle. The organization is finalizing the plans for the 38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at Garfield High School. This year's theme is 20/20 Vision, an invitation to envision a better world and continue Dr. King's Legacy. The day long celebration consists of workshops, a career and opportunity fair, a rally in Garfield's gym featuring Josephine Howell performing the Black National Anthem; a spoken word performance by New Orleans artist; A Scribe Called Quess; a performance by Kutt-N-Up, speeches by Logic Amen, and more. After the rally in the gym the community will march to City Hall, for another rally featuring speaker Michelle Storm, Executive Director of the Washington State branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Following the downtown rally bus transportation is provided back to Garfield where people can enjoy a late lunch. For more info go to their website: <https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org>.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Nominate Your Favorite Educator for Regional Teacher of the Year

The Oregon Department of Education is accepting nominations for awards for the state's 19 education service districts, starting a process that leads to naming the recipient of the Oregon Teacher of the Year Award. The process, run by ODE in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, is in its third year of expansion into regional winners.

Teachers from PPS are eligible for the regional award for the Multnomah Education Service District, which also includes the Centennial, Corbett, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, Reynolds and Riverdale districts. The winners of the regional awards become the candidates for the Oregon Teacher of the Year Award.

Last year, Franklin High School special education teacher Mercedes Muñoz won the regional honor in May, then was named the Oregon Teacher of the Year in October. She joined recent PPS statewide winners Matthew Bacon-Brenes of Mt. Tabor Middle School (2018) and Elena Garcia-Velasco of SEIS at Roosevelt High School (2012).

Nominations can be made at the Oregon Teacher of the Year website. The deadline is Jan. 31. Regional winners receive a \$500 cash prize, and the statewide winner gets a \$5,000 prize, with another \$5,000 going to the teacher's school.

Learn more about the Oregon Teacher of the Year program at www.oregonteacheroftheyear.org.

Wilson Sworn in to Second Term; Discusses Plans to Expand Senior Property Tax Relief Program

King County Assessor John Wilson took the oath of office for the second time on Tuesday. Wilson was then sworn in by King County Superior Court Presiding Judge Jim Rogers at the Shoreline Senior Center. He then delivered brief remarks, focused on the expansion of the state's property tax relief program

"As I begin this new term, I am pleased to let taxpayers know we'll be launching a county-wide effort starting in just a few weeks to enroll as many eligible taxpayers as possible into the property tax relief program," said Wilson. "The old economic threshold of \$40,000 will increase in King County by almost 50% - to \$58,423. This change should open the door to thousands more seniors, the disabled, and those injured former vets being eligible for help with their property taxes."

Wilson concluded, "During this second term, I will rededicate myself to our efforts to remain one of the best-run agencies of local government, delivering for

taxpayers and fighting for a more progressive, fair, and equitable tax system."

For more information on the property tax relief program visit www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/TaxRelief.aspx.

Rep. Janelle Bynum Celebrates Successful HBCU College Night

CLACKAMAS, Ore. - Rep. Janelle Bynum (D-Happy Valley) and Clackamas High School provided an opportunity last Wednesday for students to sit in on a panel discussion on Historically Black College & Universities (HBCUs). Students and parents who attended HBCU Family Night had the opportunity to network with alumni representing 12 HBCUs, ask questions and learn about the college application process.

"Black students in comprehensive educational settings here in Oregon often have little or no exposure to Historically Black Colleges and Universities," Rep. Bynum said. "HBCUs offer an empowering and transformative experience. We have to make information about these institutions readily available to more students."

Over 100 students and parents attended HBCU Family Night.

"It was a huge success," said Robert Blake, High School Success Coordinator for the North Clackamas School District and advisor for the Black Student Union. "The experiences that were shared by the alumni painted a picture for our students that they were able to see in themselves."

The Black Student Union hopes to partner with the North Clackamas School District to organize a HBCU tour during the 2020-2021 school year.

"There is clearly interest in having more of these events," Rep. Bynum said. More HBCU panel discussions are already planned for the spring in schools throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

Rep. Bynum represents House District 51 in the Oregon Legislature, which includes the communities of East Portland, Gresham, Damascus, Boring, North Clackamas and Happy Valley. To learn more, visit: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bynum>.

Fertile Ground Festival Includes 120+ Acts of Creation

The Portland-grown Fertile Ground City-Wide Festival of New Works kicks off its 11th annual festival next month beginning on Thursday, January 30 and continuing through Sunday, February 9. Fertile Ground is set in a town boasting prolific playwrights, abundant actors, innovative dancers, talented designers and adventuresome producers. Over the past ten festivals, Fertile Ground has welcomed more than 1,100 "acts of creation" from Portland's artistic communities that thrive on stages, nooks and crannies all over the city for 11 days.

For event details, visit www.fertilegroundpdx.org.