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then known as the Maryland State Highway Administration. She then relocated to Oregon and worked at the Oregon Department of Energy in 2015. Soon after, she was tapped by former

Gov. Kate Brown’s administration and served in multiple roles, including as a Veterans Affairs advisor and director of equity and racial justice, while concurrently serving as the deputy director of the Oregon Youth Authority.

“I am honored and deeply committed to serve Oregon’s veterans, our true American heroes. They deserve the utmost quality in services and benefits tailored to their unique needs,” Daniels said. “I am grateful and humbled for the opportunity to lead the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, and I pledge to carry out this important work with diligence, dedication, and duty.”

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“Growing up, my father was unfortunately incarcerated all my childhood,” he said. “My mom was trying her best, but I started down on the wrong path, getting involved in the juvenile justice system. Ultimately I found support in my life, and when I found that support in my life, I really developed who the real me was, that it wasn’t my fault that my father was incarcerated, it wasn’t my fault that my mother had barriers that she had to endure, and I started putting my best foot forward and just learning.”

Trillo told his story for the Pathfinder Network’s Impact of Incarceration video library, alongside other adults who grew up separated from family members who were serving time.

The video library is one of the nonprofit’s tools to counteract the isolation

and shame youth impacted by the correctional system often feel. The school-based Pathfinder Club is another.

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Trillo said. “You don’t have to come to club and say why you’re there. But time and time again, through that community and through that food, you get these masterpieces created where you have stories where they’ll just write about what they endured.”

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it wouldn’t bear the name of Dr. King. Can you imagine?

“But in fact that has happened over the course of our history, in terms of denying opportunities, particularly for Black Americans – veterans who returned from World War II when my father could not buy a home in Laurelhurst, even if they had the money. And the legacy of that discrimination, particularly in housing, has rippled forward, denying economic opportunities to tens of thousands of families.”

He continued, “I am pleased that we as a community are starting to re-address that: Putting in place equitable policies, we’ve had some federal money available to try and heal the scar that was created in our community, with Interstate 5 and other projects moving out thousands of Black families, destroying hundreds of Black businesses. Setting us back. I think we as a community are prepared to turn that corner, and

the gathering that Bernie and Bobbie have hosted for as long as I’ve been in Congress and beyond, is a part of that process.”

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden praised The Skanner’s cofounders as “indestructible in terms of making sure that there is visibility and attention to the issues that are so important in the community.”

“I’m reminded that many of the injustices named in Dr. King’s iconic address persist today,” Wyden continued by video. “He said then, ‘Now is the time to make real the promises of democra-

about it. I just kind of understood – for a while I was just on my own about stuff.”

Even though he lived in a neighborhood where many families experienced similar absences, Stonebraker said, “I didn’t really have anyone I could talk about it with, it was just kind of eating me alive and I was really embarrassed about everything.”

Though initially skeptical about the Pathfinder Club, Stonebraker now views Trillo as a mentor – one who checks up on him regularly and helped him find jobs last summer.

“Personally, I don’t think I would be here without the Pathfinder Club,” Stonebraker said. “I would end up like everyone else in my life, either dead or in prison. It’s given me more opportunities. It’s opened up my eyes to see that I

have a future, that I really do matter.”

Understanding The Pain

Obstacles to visiting incarcerated loved ones include distance, the often-intimidating process of going through security and getting cleared to visit an inmate, and the often prohibitive cost of staying in touch by phone or email, for which most correctional facilities charge fees. (A year ago, President Biden signed the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022 to regulate the often predatory rates private, third-party telecommunications companies charge inmates and their families. At the time, a 30-minute phone call averaged \$5, though rates were sometimes as high as \$1 a minute.)

“It’s a very scary situation, it was very emo-

tional, very traumatizing having to go through those doors, walking through metal detectors, being watched by guards,” Trillo said of his visits to see his father in prison. “And ultimately, I wanted to follow in his footsteps. I yearned to go to prison to be with my dad, because I missed him so much and I couldn’t take him home with me.”

Though estimates vary, data suggests that children of an incarcerated parent have a significantly higher chance of ending up in custody themselves.

Trillo did end up in prison at 19, and ultimately served just over two decades. Even that experience has given him valuable perspective he can share with students.

“It was about survival,”

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Harlem’s Fashion Row Partners With Nordstrom for New HBCU Scholarship

At historically Black colleges and universities, there’s a new scholarship available for students, thanks to Harlem Fashion Row (HFR) partnering with Nordstrom. The retailer announced that the scholarship will continue ICON360’s mission to provide financial assistance to Black designers and fashion programs at HBCUs to help advance marginalized talent through education. HFR launched in 2007 and aimed to give designers of color recognition because they were consistently getting overlooked. Now, HFR is considered a leading agency that builds connections between brands and designers of color in the fashion world.

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