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FBI Portland seeking women and people of color as Special Agents

Have you ever thought about working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)? Are you between 23 and 36 years old and a U.S. citizen? Have you earned a bachelor's degree? If your answers to these questions are yes, you might consider attending an upcoming FBI Diversity Agent Recruiting (DAR) event on Tuesday, April 23.

The DAR event allows pre-screened Special Agent candidates an opportunity to find out about the application process, qualification requirements, and physical fitness standards. Attendees are also able to ask questions about the agency's culture, training, work/life balance, and more. This month's national-level DAR event is focusing on the bureau's efforts to hire more women and people of color.

"Having diverse viewpoints allows us to challenge each other to aim higher while our shared values of leadership, respect, and integrity keep us grounded in the constitutional foundation on which the FBI was built," said Renn Cannon, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Oregon. "We need agents who possess a variety of skills and attributes across the board. We need diversity in educational background; life experiences; race, ethnicity, and national origin; language skills; sexual orientation; and professional experience."

At a recent media tour in northeast Portland, reporters learned about some of the qualifications Special Agents must possess and also participated in an evidence-gathering exercise, a shoot-don't-shoot simulator, and parts of the fitness test.

Beth Anne Steele, a spokesperson for the FBI, said the bureau is seeking to recruit, develop, and retain a more diverse workforce that better reflects the demographics in the U.S. She also explained that Special Agents have varied careers and experiences before joining the agency. Some have science, technology, teaching, or accounting backgrounds, while others might be fluent in a second language. All candidates must possess high-level critical thinking skills.

The recruiting event takes place April 23 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in southeast Portland. People who are interested in attending must pre-register by April 18 at <https://www.fbijobs.gov/career-paths/special-agents/diversity-agent-recruitment-program>.

New documentary explores the rich history, unjust treatment of Oregon Japanese Americans

Oregon's Japanese Americans
Written & produced by Nadine Jelsing
Edited by Dan Evans
Narrated by Cathy Kiyomura
Airs April 22 from 9:00pm to 10:00pm on Oregon Public Broadcasting & online

Oregon Experience, an original television series by Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), is premiering a new historical documentary on Monday, April 22 at 9:00pm. *Oregon's Japanese Americans* explores the history of the Japanese community in Oregon, from its early pioneer beginnings to its forced incarceration during World War II, and beyond.

In the early 1900s, Japanese Americans had established a vibrant community in the Old Town district of Portland, Oregon, where more than a hundred businesses thrived. Japanese-American businessmen and farmers also staked their futures in the Hood River Valley, where they cleared forest land, planted strawberries, and created orchards of apples and pears. The *Issei*, or first-generation Japanese immigrants, began raising children, who were American-born citizens.

Families laid down roots in Oregon and were here to stay. Their success, though, fuelled anti-Japanese attitudes long before the start of World War II. The bombing of Pearl Harbor greatly magnified the growing racial hatred toward Japanese Americans.

In February 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which authorized the forced removal of all people of Japanese ancestry — regardless of citizenship — from the U.S. west coast.

Approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated at 10 internment camps located in isolated parts of the country. Most from the Portland area boarded a train for Minidoka near Twin Falls, Idaho. Those from the Hood River Valley were transported to Tule Lake in northern California or Heart Mountain in Wyoming. Families lived in rudimentary, uninsulated barracks surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. They were denied their civil rights.

Decades later, camp survivors, as well as their children and grandchildren, fought for an official apology from the U.S. government — and won.

The one-hour documentary traces the rich history and painful experiences of Oregon's Japanese Americans. It follows the people who were forced to suddenly abandon homes, schools, and businesses, only to return after the war and start over as intense prejudice prevailed.

Oregon's Japanese Americans visits the national historic sites of Minidoka and Tule Lake to learn what life



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was like there during World War II. The program features archival film, photographs, and firsthand accounts from camp survivors.

Some of the interviews feature Linda Tamura, author and professor emerita, Willamette University; Henry Sakamoto, a Portland businessman and community activist who helped create Portland's Japanese American Historical Plaza; retired surgeon Homer Yasui, who is the son of Hood River pioneer Masuo Yasui and brother of

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