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Holmes-Sullivan

Robin Holmes-Sullivan Leads with Purpose

Back-to-school is Lewis & Clark President Robin Holmes-Sullivan's favorite time of year. After the comparative quiet of summer, she says, she looks forward to all the energy and activity that students bring to the campus. Under her direction, Lewis & Clark faculty and staff are ready to match the students' enthusiasm with the expertise needed to ensure students thrive inside and outside the classroom.

As enjoyable as it is to reconnect with returning students, President Holmes-Sullivan especially loves welcoming new students to Lewis & Clark each year. As someone who was a first-generation college student herself, she remembers how easy it is to feel doubts about whether a college is really the right place to be. But when the school responds to each student's doubts by making them feel welcome and valued as members of the campus community, they can build the foundation for success throughout college and in the years after they graduate. She especially loves assuring first-gen students that a first-generation undergraduate can become a first-generation graduate student, and

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REACH 73Foster Groundbreaking

A New Affordable Housing Community in Southeast Portland

REACH Community Development Breaks Ground on 73Foster

Today, REACH Community Development (REACH), has officially broken ground on 73Foster, a new 64-unit affordable housing development in Portland's Foster-Powell neighborhood. This \$31.2 million investment in deeply affordable, service-enriched housing is being built by Walsh Construction and designed by Holst Architecture.

73Foster will include 22 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units and 42 apartments for households earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Residents will benefit from on-site wraparound services, in-unit heating and cooling, laundry facilities, bike storage, and a food pantry. A central landscaped courtyard will offer spaces for quiet relaxation and active play, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for individuals and families.

In a moment when housing insecurity is one of the most urgent crises we face, 73Foster is a reminder that we are not standing still. We are building forward," said U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Dexter, M.D. (OR-3). "These homes will provide safety, dignity, and stability for individuals and families who need it most. It is downpayment on a future where every Oregonian can thrive—and

exactly the kind of project our public dollars should support."

Located just one block from REACH's earlier development, 72Foster, and adjacent to the Portland Mercado, 73Foster strengthens REACH's long-term commitment to equitable development in a neighborhood where 50% of residents identify as people of color and the average household income is approximately \$24,400.

"This investment means that families and individuals in our community who want to stay in Southeast Portland can afford to live here," said Senator Khanh Pham (SD 23). "73Foster affirms that everyone deserves a home where they feel welcome, safe, and supported."

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A Collaboration that Aims to Address the Growing Need for Early Childhood Educators

PCC, MHCC Launch CDA Program to Train Next Generation of Preschool Teachers

The Child Development Associate: Preschool (CDA) Program, with support from the Child Care Resource and Referral of Multnomah County (CCR&R), WorkSource Portland Metro and WorkSource Gresham, is a 12-month certificate designed to equip students with the essential skills, training, and support needed to become effective preschool educators. The program blends PCC's workforce preparation courses with MHCC's Vocational English for Speakers of Other Languages (VESL) instruction, using an Integrated Education and Training (IET) model and CCR&R providing the CDA training courses.

A key part of this support is WorkSource Gresham providing a dedicated Career Pathways Specialist for the recruitment, intake, ongoing support, support services, and regular check-ins with all of the



Student works with kids in Early Childhood Development Center (Sylvania)

students and a VESL instructor at MHCC and PCC.

"This flexible, part-time program is tailored to meet the needs of busy students, providing wrap-around academic, employment, and support services throughout the journey," said Bryan Jones, PCC's manager of Career Pathways & STEP programs. "It is demanding, but it truly prepares stu-

dents for a successful teaching career. Students graduate ready to enter the workforce and grow in the field."

A key highlight is the program's real-world application. Students complete 480 hours of hands-on fieldwork in preschool or in-home childcare settings, reinforced by paid internships through PCC's Opportunity Center PDX Metro Works

program. These internships allow students to earn income while gaining professional experience in early childhood education.

"By leveraging local and state expertise and resources, the program is designed to meet the specific needs of our region, while offering a portable national credential to students," said Kristen Kulongoski, Manager for Adult Basic Skills and Career Pathways at MHCC. "It also establishes a long-term educational and career pathway for both new and current early childhood education professionals."

Participants also benefit from one-on-one support through Career Pathways, Workforce Gresham & STEP coaches at both colleges.

Upon completion, graduates earn a national CDA certification that is recognized and portable across states.

The graduates begin their careers with competitive wages ranging from \$17-\$19 per hour, with opportunities to earn up to \$22 per hour in full-time positions. The program also provides a clear pathway to continued studies in early childhood education. After completing the program, they can continue their education and career pathway in an early childhood education degree program of their choice. For more information on STEP and Career Pathways at PCC, visit <https://www.pcc.edu/career-pathways/>



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LOCAL NEWS

Speeding Up MAX Through Downtown



TriMet will close Skidmore Fountain MAX Station on Aug. 24 (Photo Courtesy of TriMet)

TriMet to Close Skidmore Fountain

TriMet is permanently closing the Skidmore Fountain MAX Station, starting Sunday, Aug. 24. The TriMet Board of Directors voted to close the station last year, after a yearslong process of community engagement and outreach.

MAX currently has to make three stops to serve stations spaced closely together on 1st Avenue in Downtown Portland. As a result, trains move slowly along this stretch, causing trips to take longer.

Once the Skidmore Fountain MAX Station is closed, MAX trains will proceed directly between the Old Town/Chinatown and Oak St/SW 1st Ave MAX stations. Those stations will remain open, continuing to serve riders along 1st Avenue.

TriMet first proposed closing four stations on the MAX Blue and Red lines in 2018. The goal was to speed up trains and reduce travel times for riders in Downtown Portland.

Three of the stations — Kings Hill/SW Salmon, Mall/SW 4th Ave and Mall/SW 5th Ave — closed permanently in 2020. Skid-

more Fountain is the fourth station we considered for closure.

Since TriMet closed the stations in 2020, trip times through Downtown Portland on the MAX Blue and Red lines have been about a minute and a half faster. Closing the Skidmore Fountain MAX Station will save riders another 45 seconds every trip.

In speeding up MAX service in Downtown, we focused on stations that were less than 600 feet from another station. The Skidmore Fountain MAX Station is just 500 feet from the closest station. For comparison, a two-car MAX train is about 200 feet long.

In 2018, when TriMet first proposed closing the Skidmore Fountain MAX Station, they asked riders and the public, including employers located in the Skidmore Fountain area, for their feedback. In response to the input they received from the community, they postponed a final decision on whether to close the Skidmore Fountain MAX Station, waiting to see if ridership at the station increased.

Historically, Skidmore Fountain has been among their least used stations along the MAX Blue and Red lines in Downtown Portland. The station has not seen ridership increase over the past five years, so in January 2024, they once again proposed closing it, which their Board approved in April 2024.

Today, average weekly ridership at the Skidmore Fountain Station is less than half of what it was before the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the employers in the area have closed, moved elsewhere or transitioned to remote work.

The Skidmore Fountain MAX Station is located between two nearby MAX stations on the Blue and Red lines: the Old Town/Chinatown MAX Station, which is about 500 feet (two blocks) to the north, and the Oak St/SW 1st Ave MAX Station, approximately 1,000 feet (four blocks) to the south.

If you currently use the Skidmore Fountain Station, you can use either of these stations instead. You can also access the Portland Saturday Market, held at nearby Tom McCall Waterfront Park, from these stations. TriMet will be making changes to MAX schedules and some bus lines on Aug. 24 as well. Visit trimet.org to plan your trip. Be sure to set your travel date for Sunday, Aug. 24, or later.

Berrydale Park Reopens After Major Upgrades

New Playground, Skatepark, Paths, and More

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) invites the community to celebrate the grand reopening of Berrydale Park in Southeast Portland's Montavilla neighborhood on Friday, August 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The event is free and open to everyone.

Berrydale Park has undergone significant renovations and now features a brand-new playground, a skateboarding area, improved pathways, upgraded lighting, street enhancements, newly planted trees, and much more. Deputy City Administrator for Public Works Priya Dhanapal will be attending and offering brief remarks, as will City Councilors Tiffany Koyama Lane and Angela Morillo.

"Berrydale Park's transformation shows what's possible when we invest in strong infrastructure and work across city teams," said Dhanapal. "Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Bureau of Transportation delivered not just a playground and skate area, but safer streets, better lighting, improved accessibility, and resilient park infrastructure that will serve the Montavilla community for decades to come."

Park improvements include a new playground, a dedicated skateboarding area, new park lighting, and accessible pathways throughout the park. Additional upgrades feature new accessible picnic tables, more



Berrydale Park AFTER 2025 improvements (Photo Courtesy of Portland Parks & Recreation)

benches, drinking fountains, and trash cans. The Portland Community Garden has been expanded with new fences and gates, while the baseball field received upgrades such as accessible bleachers, a revitalized infield, and a new irrigation system. Street improvements by PBOT include a new sidewalk, curbs, curb ramps, and street trees along the south side of SE Taylor Street, as well as new walkways, stormwa-

ter drainage, landscaping, and curb ramps on SE 89th Avenue.

"The reopening of Berrydale Park is a beautiful example of what happens when public resource investments are driven through a definition of public safety and livability," says District 3 City Councilor Tiffany Koyama Lane. "That includes safe spaces for our children, families, and communities to gather and play."

"I'm thrilled to celebrate the reopening of Berrydale Park – a cherished space for families and neighbors in Montavilla to connect, play, and heal," says District 3 Councilor Angelita Morillo. "When we invest in shared green spaces, we invest in community safety and wellbeing. I'm proud to represent this beautiful neighborhood and am excited for its bright future."

A New Affordable Housing Community in Southeast Portland



A community presentation was held about the design and development of the new 73Foster affordable housing units.

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REACH partnered with Community Vision to incorporate universal design elements that promote accessibility for people of all abilities. The project also draws on partnerships with Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) and El Programa Hispano Catolica (EPHC) to provide culturally responsive outreach, translation services, leasing support, and ongoing resident engagement.

"This development represents an intentional investment in a thriving, diverse neighborhood – and a commitment to ensuring all Oregonians, regardless of income or ability, have access to a safe and stable home. We are proud to support this project through our Local Innovation and Fast Track and Permanent Supportive Housing programs and to stand alongside our partners, including REACH, in advancing equitable housing solutions that reflect the voices and

needs of the community," said Oregon Housing and Community Services Executive Director Andrea Bell.

"Foster-Powell is one of our most culturally diverse neighborhoods - but also a community where far too many live in poverty," Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang said. "73Foster will enable people with disabilities and others who are left out of Portland's housing market to thrive, offering stability, accessibility, and connection."

"Regulated affordable housing is a critical tool for addressing our region's homelessness crisis," said PHB Director Helmi A. Hissrich, "which disproportionately impacts those living with disabilities. PHB is proud to fund 73Foster, an innovative development which will serve this community, along with other low-income Portlanders, for decades to come."

The building's mixed-income, service-enriched model is designed to serve a wide range of residents, including individuals who have experienced homelessness or live with disabilities.

"REACH is proud to be building homes in a neighborhood where families and individuals can thrive with dignity and support," said Margaret Salazar, CEO of REACH. "This development reflects the values of our organization: equity, accessibility, and the power of community-driven partnerships."

Project funding sources include Portland Housing Bureau and Metro Bond funds, Oregon Housing and Community Services LIFT and PSH funds, Metro Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant, Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF), Energy Trust of Oregon, and private bank financing from Network For Oregon Affordable Housing (NOAH).

Construction begins in June 2025, with residents expected to move in by 2026.

For more information, visit www.reachedc.org

With Purpose: Warner Pacific Graduates Embody Bold Futures



Ivonne, WPU Nursing Grad

A Commitment to Transformative Education is Seen in Students Answering the Call to Serve Their Communities

At Warner Pacific University, purpose isn't a slogan. It's a calling. And for this year's graduating class, it's a calling they answered with conviction, compassion, and courage.

Two of those graduates, Ivonne, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing recipient, and Jacob Ribail, who earned his MBA, exemplify what it means to pursue an education that transforms not only their own futures but the lives of others.

Ivonne chose nursing because she was drawn to spaces where urgency meets impact. Her clinical rotations, especially in psychiatric care, revealed a deeper passion: serving vulnerable populations often overlooked in conversations about healthcare. After graduating in May, she began her career at Oregon State Hospital, stepping directly into the work of mental health advocacy and compassionate care.

Her time at Warner Pacific was defined by more than academics. As a student government leader, she grew into a voice for her peers, balancing a demanding course load with a commitment to justice, service, and equity. Her journey was not easy. There were long nights, moments of doubt, and the weight of responsibility, but it was deeply formative.

"WPU has been more than just a school," Ivonne said. "It's been a community that challenged me, supported me, and shaped me into the person and nurse I am becoming."

Jacob's path to purpose was shaped by both community and ambition. A member of the Men's Soccer team and a resident assistant, he also worked as an intern in the School of Business while

completing his graduate studies. With roots in the Seattle area, Jacob returned home after graduation and is now pursuing opportunities within Costco's corporate division. This next step is fueled by his belief in business as a tool for leadership and impact.

"WPU is a special place, and I have been blessed to be able to spend the past four years there," Jacob said.

Their experiences reflect the heart of Warner Pacific: a Christ-centered, Minority-Serving, and Hispanic-Serving Institution committed to equipping students not only with knowledge, but with the spiritual foundation and moral courage to serve others and lead lives that reflect Christ's love in action.

Here, students are not just prepared for careers. They are prepared to step into their God-given calling. Whether in hospitals or boardrooms, on soccer fields or in city councils, Warner Pacific graduates are sent out as servant-leaders, equipped, empowered, and grounded in faith.

From Portland to the world beyond, Ivonne and Jacob have joined a growing network of alumni who are reshaping systems, challenging norms, and bringing hope, healing, and purpose into the communities they serve.

Their stories are not exceptions. They are the fruit of a university that believes wholeheartedly in the transformative power of Christ-centered education and in the students who are called to carry it forward.

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Seth Stigall Barranco

How a Community College Honor Society Empowers Clark Students

A new school year at Clark means introducing a new cohort of students to the supports and resources we've developed over our 90 years as a college. We're always looking for new ways to make student journeys easier, whether it's offering free food or creating clearer career pathways.

One important resource on campus is Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a respected international honor society for two-year

colleges. Clark College's chapter—a top 100 chapter out of 1,247 chapters—has a track record of helping students make friends, get scholarships, transfer to four-year schools, and achieve their goals.

PTK is Community Support. Students who join PTK at Clark join a community of other determined students. They meet up to study and commiserate about the challenges of school, have opportunities to join leadership training, and lead community service activities such as school supply drives.

PRK International also offers material support to members, distributing up to \$90 million in scholarships. Clark students regularly bring home national recognition and scholarships.

The Advisors Who Change Lives. PTK at Clark College wouldn't make such an

impact without the dedication of their advisor, Darci Feider, and other staff members who donate time and support. Feider is extremely busy as Senior Executive to the President but takes time to plan events and offer wisdom to students.

One PTK member, Mary Chavez, credits Feider as the person who's had the biggest impact on her student journey. "It's just nice, someone seeing the hard work that you put out there... If I talk myself out of applying for a job she's like 'Oh, no, no, no you can definitely do that. You should apply.'"

Feider is focused on the students. At an induction ceremony in March, Feider said "Phi Theta Kappa is all about recognition... we recognize people for being scholars, for their achievements, and for being a part of our community."

Clark Students Defy the Odds. The stories of Clark's PTK members are examples of how a supportive community and material support at the college level empowers student dreams.

Gurraj Singh Dhami, a 2025 graduate of Prairie High School and Clark College, was named the 2025–2026 recipient of the Community College President's Scholarship Award, a scholarship for full tuition at Washington State University Vancouver. Dhami balanced college coursework, multiple jobs, and extensive volunteer commitments—all while serving as the ASCC President. Dhami has aspirations to become a doctor and expand access to healthcare in rural communities.

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Sending Students Back to School with the Tools They Need to Learn



KGW8 School Supply Drive. Photo provided from KGW

Onpoint Community Credit Union to Match Donations for Supply Drive

To support local students heading back to school in the fall, OnPoint Community Credit Union announced today that it will be accepting school supply donations during the month of August to help local teachers and students, and distributed with the help of Schoolhouse Supplies. The credit union will

also give an additional \$5 for every \$1 donated to the KGW School Supply Drive at any OnPoint branch between August 4-9, 2025*.

The drive, which runs from August 1-28, 2025, aims to send 15,000 students across Oregon and Southwest Washington back to school with the

tools they need to succeed in the classroom. All donations will stay in the community in which they are made.

"More than half of the students in our community start the school year without necessary supplies, and that affects their confidence," said Rob Stuart, president and chief executive officer, OnPoint Community Credit Union. "We know how critical education is to future success, and the School Supply Drive gives our students what they need to keep learning and growing. We're proud to support the drive again this year and encourage everyone in our community to join us."

As part of this year's drive, OnPoint will host a collection event where the community can drop off new school supplies and cash donations at its Clackamas Promenade Branch (8854 SE Sunnyside Rd. Clackamas, OR 97015). To learn more or review other drop-off locations, please visit KGW.com/School.

OnPoint Collection Event is Friday, August 15, 2025 from 11:00 – 2:00 PM at the Clackamas Town Center.

Look for the Schoolhouse Supplies/OnPoint table in the parking lot outside the branch.

"Getting ready for a new school year can be stressful enough for families and teachers without also having to worry about kids missing critical supplies. Schoolhouse Supplies works to level the playing field and create education equality by providing supplies to students across Oregon and SW Washington," said Alice Forbes, executive director, Schoolhouse Supplies. "OnPoint has been a longstanding partner in these efforts, and we are grateful for their commitment to education and supporting the School Supply Drive."

Portland Festival Celebrates Multicultural Films and Plays



Regina Taylor, Actress/director/playwright/educator/activist

Film Festival Features Dynamic Films, and Captivating Readings along with a New Showcase Addition

The Pacific Northwest Multicultural Readers Series and Film Festival (PNMC Fest) kicks off its third year on August 14, 2025, in Portland, Oregon. The event includes a film festival, a reader's series of plays, a formal gala, and

master classes. The festival is produced by the Passionary Theatre under the leadership of Artistic Director, Jerry Foster.

This year's festival ambassador is award-winning actress, playwright, and director, Regina Taylor. Taylor earned a Golden Globe Award, NAACP Image Award and two Emmy nominations for her role as "Lily Harper" in the television drama, *I'll Fly Away*. She was the first Black woman to play "Juliet" on Broadway's *Romeo and Juliet*. Taylor will kick off PNMC Readers Series with her newest play, *Exhibit*. Winner of the Theatre Aspen Solo Flights Award,

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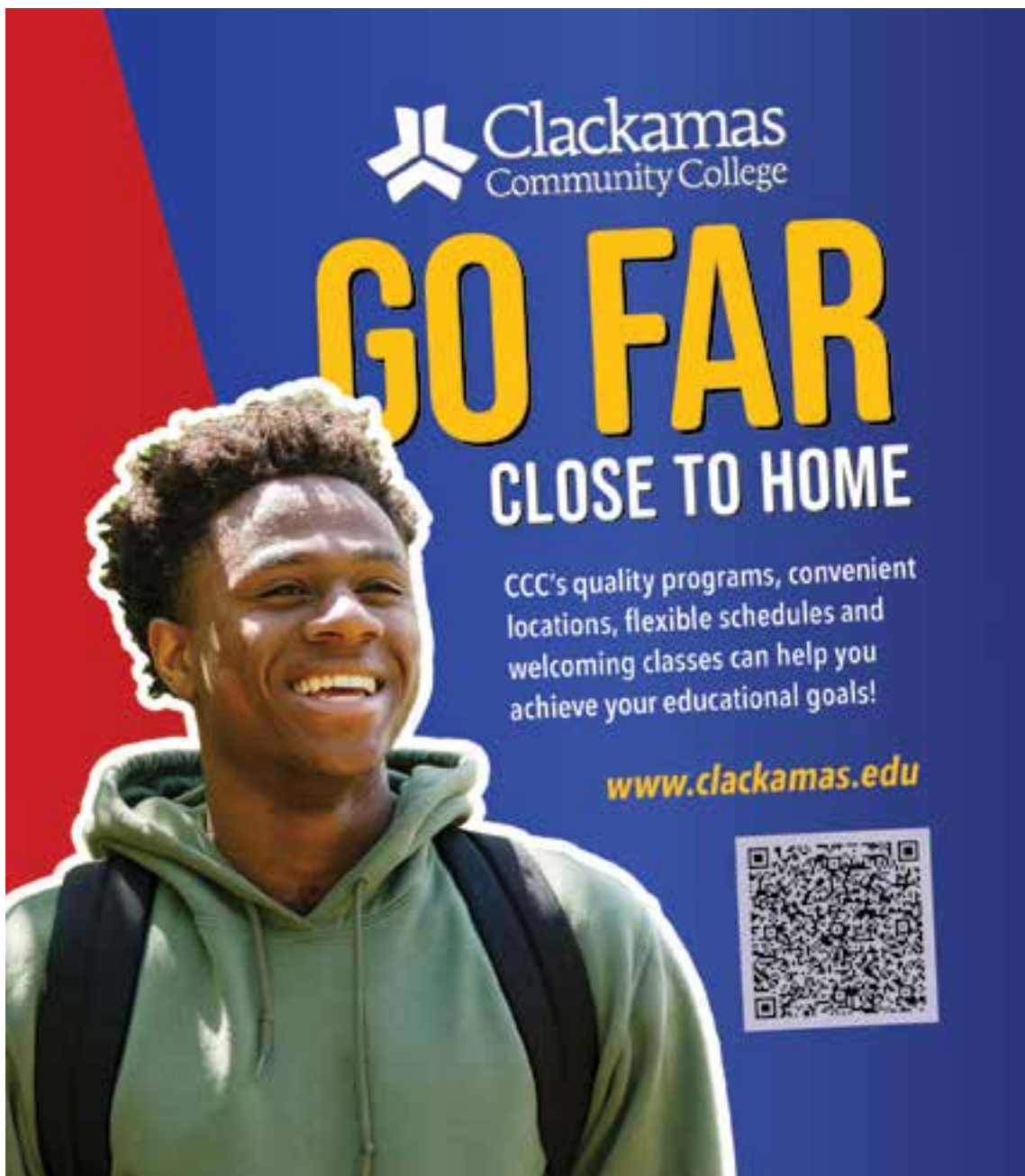
Beheshta Egbali was named a PTK Visual Arts Award recipient for her painting *Afghan Girl*, which represents her deep connection to Afghan culture. In January, her work was published in the 30th edition of *Nota Bene*, Phi Theta Kappa's honors anthology, and she received a \$500 scholarship. Egbali balances her creative life by studying web development. She graduated in June with an associate degree in applied technology.

Seth Stigall Barranco represented Clark College as a member of the prestigious All-Washington Academic Team, PTK's statewide program that honors high-achieving students from the state's 34 community and technical colleges. He helped to start a new club for video game design and organized an event for MESA students while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average. A first-generation college student, he graduated with an associate degree in computer science and will join the first

cohort of Clark's Bachelor of Science in computer science program this fall.

Anton Vlasov was also a member of PTK's All-Washington Academic Team. Vlasov and his family left Ukraine to seek safety from the war when Russian rockets leveled the apartment building next door, leading him to enroll at Clark College. At 40 years old, he maintained a 3.81 grade point average and graduated with an associate's degree in computer and information sciences. Next, he plans to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in cybersecurity at Clark with a goal of working as a cybersecurity analyst.

PTK Embodies Clark College's Mission. Clark students come to campus with stories of perseverance and purpose, and we provide the tools and support they need to turn their goals into reality. As a catalyst for that transformation, Clark is proud to serve a student community in Southwest Washington as diverse and dynamic as the region itself.




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Columbia Sportswear Sues Columbia University!

Alleging Merchandise is Too Similar and Causes Confusion

AP- Outerwear retailer Columbia Sportswear has sued Columbia University over alleged trademark infringement and a breach of contract, saying that the university's merchandise looks too similar to its own offerings and can confuse shoppers.

In a lawsuit filed July 23 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, Columbia Sportswear, whose roots date back to 1938, alleges that the Ivy League university intentionally violated an agreement the parties signed on June 13, 2023. That agreement dictated how the university could use the word "Columbia" on its own apparel and accessories.

As part of the pact, the university could feature "Columbia" on its merchandise provided that the name included a recognizable school insignia or its mascot, the word "university," the name of the academic department or the founding year of the university — 1754 — or a combination.

Columbia Sportswear clothing is sold at more than 800 retail locations including more than 150 of its branded stores as well as its website and third-party marketplaces.

But Columbia Sportswear alleges



Customers browse the Columbia University Bookstore

the university breached the agreement a little more than a year later, with the Portland, Oregon-based company noticing several garments without any of the school logos being sold at the Columbia University online store. Many of the garments feature a bright blue color that is "confusingly similar" to the blue color that has long been associated with Columbia Sportswear, the suit alleged.

The lawsuit offered photos of some of the Columbia University items that say only Columbia.

"The likelihood of deception, confusion, and mistake engendered by the uni-

versity's misappropriation and misuse of the Columbia name is causing irreparable harm to the brand and goodwill symbolized by Columbia Sportswear's registered mark Columbia and the reputation for quality it embodies," the lawsuit alleged.

The lawsuit comes at a time when Columbia University has been threatened with the potential loss of billions of dollars in government support.

Last week, Columbia University reached a deal with the Trump administration to pay more than \$220 million to the federal government to restore federal research

money that was canceled in the name of combating antisemitism on campus.

Under the agreement, the Ivy League school will pay a \$200 million settlement over three years, the university said.

Columbia Sportswear aims to stop all sales of clothing that violate the agreement, recall any products already sold and donate any remaining merchandise to charity. Columbia Sportswear is also seeking three times the amount of actual damages determined by a jury.

Neither Columbia Sportswear nor Columbia University could be immediately reached for comment.

Breaking Barriers and Building Futures

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even a first-generation college president. As Lewis & Clark's first Black president and first woman president, she delights in the fact that her presence inspires L&C students to think of their own futures as full of possibility. As the saying goes, "if you see it, you can be it."

President Holmes-Sullivan didn't know when she started college, or even when she started graduate school, that one day she would be a college president. After earning a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, she became a clinical coordinator in the counseling center at the University of Oregon. During her 25 years at U. of O., she worked her way up to become vice president of student life. From there, she went to the University of California, where she served as vice president for student affairs, overseeing the undergraduate admissions process and other student-related issues for the 10-campus, 270,000-student system.

So, what drew her to Lewis & Clark, a comparatively small school tucked in the beautiful wooded acres above the Willamette River in Portland? The answer is two-fold. First, she knew she'd get much more of what she loved about her early career: the chance to get to know individual students. Being part of a large, public uni-

versity system meant her leadership had a broad impact — which was wonderful for students, even if they were students she never got to know. By contrast, at Lewis & Clark, "President Robin" is a familiar presence on campus, where she loves seizing opportunities to interact with students.

Second, the presidency gives Dr. Holmes-Sullivan new challenges, as she is now the leader for the entire institution. In addition to the undergraduate college, Lewis & Clark has a Law School that is nationally renowned for its programs in fields like Environmental Law, Public Interest Law, and Business Law; and a Graduate School of Education and Counseling, which prepares students for careers as teachers, administrators, psychologists, and counselors in K-12 schools, and as mental health professionals, with expertise in much-needed areas like treating addiction and family therapy.

Reflecting on her own educational and professional trajectory, President Holmes-Sullivan notes that might be one of the biggest lessons she hopes to impart to students. "Find meaningful work that you love and that feeds your soul," she advises "but don't be afraid to take on new challenges, and to push yourself in ways that will have you growing and learning throughout your life and your career."

Portland Festival Celebrates Multicultural Films and Plays

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Exhibit is a solo performance written and performed by Taylor.

The PNMC Fest features other celebrity guests from film, television, and theatre. Confirmed attendees include actor Javon Johnson (Tyler Perry's *The Oval*, *American Soul*), actor Roscoe Orman (*Sesame Street*, *The Wire*), director Allie Woods (Founder member of the Negro Ensemble Company), Adulco-award winning playwright Jeannette Hill, award-winning director Bobby Yan, along with an outstanding list of other talented artists.

The reader's series features nearly thirty scripts will be read, many featuring celebrity actors of stage, film, and television. The film festival will feature thirty independent, award-winning selections and some from overseas representing Italian, French and German artists. The event will screen a special presentation of *Bull Street*, starring award-winning actress Loretta Devine, a family fights to keep their land amid small-town legal and backroom shenanigans

New to the PNMC Fest this year is Youth Artists Expo. Classes and activities will be held for young people, ages 15-20, interested in filmmaking and theatre. Industry celebrities will also share their experiences of the diverse opportunities



Regina Taylor

available in these professions. Festival "all access" tickets will give attendees access to: Master Classes for skill enhancement in the film and theatre industries, a networking reception and celebrity conversations.

The PNMC Fest runs August 14th-16th and will be hosted entirely at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 1000 NE Multnomah Drive. The first PNMC Fest in 2021 was a virtual gathering with readings and film screenings shared over Zoom. For the full list of events and tickets, please visit at www.pnmcfestival.org.

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David Campbell Fire Boat Last Voyage



Portland Fire Boat (Photo Courtesy of Portland Fire & Rescue)

Send-Off Celebration Held

On Monday, August 4, 2025, Portland Fire & Rescue held a send-off celebration at Fire Station 21, located at 5 SE Madison, to honor the historic David Campbell Fire Boat. Commissioned in 1927, the David Campbell served Portland's waterways for nearly a century before its official retirement in 2021. Throughout its 100 years of service, the vessel played a vital role in numerous signif-

icant incidents, consistently providing a reliable and effective platform for firefighters responding to emergencies on the city's rivers.

There are many generations of firefighters who have had the pleasure of witnessing the David Campbell do exactly what she was designed to do--pull water up from the river in large volumes and extinguish fires. Its most recent opportunity was nearly 10 years ago with a 5th Alarm Fire at the Red Lion on the Columbia River where crews were stretching hand lines and using the large aerial master streams from the ladder trucks without much success. The David Campbell arrived on scene and turned the corner for us, put-

ting the needed gallonage on the fire to allow us to finish the job from the land side.

In the years since the David Campbell's retirement, members of Portland Fire & Rescue have worked with local nautical historians in hope of finding a publicly accessible home for the vessel, so the history of the David Campbell can live on. After many years of work, the final location was determined to be the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Attendees watched the final water display and send-off of this historic vessel as she made her last voyage to drydock storage, where she will remain until the spring of 2026, when she is scheduled to be trailered to the museum in Astoria for all to enjoy.



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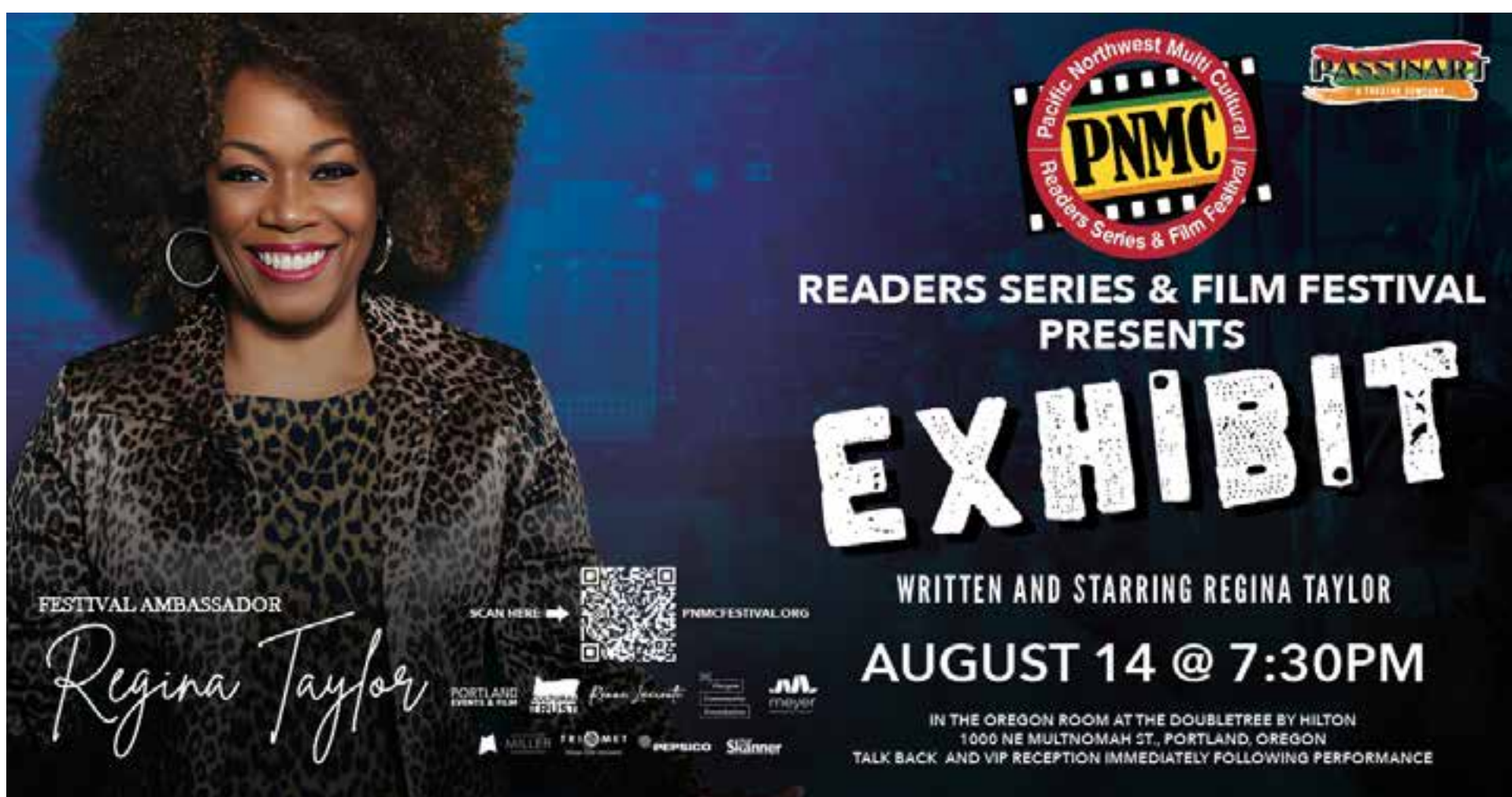
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Oregon Lottery Earns Top Honors from National Council

Oregon Lottery's Efforts to Educate and Support Responsible Gaming Being Recognized

Oregon Lottery's efforts to educate and support responsible gaming initiatives are being recognized nationally with four top awards. Each year, the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) honors individuals and organizations from around the world for their significant impact in the fields of problem gambling awareness, research, and responsible gambling.

Oregon Lottery earned awards in the following categories:

- Corporate Social Responsibility Award for Oregon Lottery's overall program
- Corporate Public Awareness Award for Oregon Lottery's "Safer Play" PSA campaign
- Corporate Multicultural Communications Award for Oregon Lottery's "multicultural digital/print media marketing campaign"



Oregon Lottery's Krystal Smith (left) and Stacy Shaw accepted four NCPG awards for the agency's efforts around responsible gaming

- Don Feeney Award for Responsible Gambling Excellence (individual honor) - Stacy Shaw, Oregon Lottery senior manager for product marketing

"These awards reflect how deeply safer play is woven into everything we do," said Oregon Lottery Director Mike Wells. "It's more than just a requirement. It's a shared commitment for the entire agency and is rewarding to be recognized as a national leader."

The awards ceremony took place on Friday, July 18, in Columbus, Ohio, during the National Conference on Gambling Addiction & Responsible Gambling 2025.

"Over the past year, we have invested in our Safer Play Program to conduct research, offer marketing outreach, and provide resources that let us reach more people on their help seeking journey," said Shaw. "Receiving these

awards shows that our peers and colleagues see the impact of this important work, which we are excited to continue."

Since 1992, one percent of Oregon Lottery profits have funded problem gambling treatment and prevention efforts throughout Oregon. Since that time, over \$148 million in Lottery funds has supported those services.

Oregonians can access online tools and connect with free, pro-

fessional counseling by going to the Oregon Problem Gambling Resource (OPGR) website.

Celebrating 40 years of selling games since April 25, 1985, Oregon Lottery has earned more than \$16.5 billion for economic development, public education, outdoor school, state parks, veteran services, and watershed enhancements. For more information on the Oregon Lottery, visit www.oregonlottery.org.

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