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Upcoming: CAAA Public Commission Meeting: Friday, March 11, 2019, 1 PM to 4 PM, Everett, WA. Additional details to follow

February 25, 2019

NOW YOU KNOW

The Tuskegee Airmen Weathermen

Well-known are the Tuskegee Airmen; the African American fighter and bomber pilots who fought during World War II. However, seldom mentioned are the Black weathermen who supported the airmen on a daily basis.

The Civilian Pilot Training Program was authorized in 1939 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. While the military was still segregated, the Tuskegee Weather Detachment formed March 21, 1942 as part of the Tuskegee Army Flying School. All 15 men would become commissioned officers.

The detachment had to complete and pass rigorous testing, coursework and effectively brief pilots. Hand-drawn weather maps, typical of meteorology in the '40s, were drawn daily requiring exceptional precision. As a result, many became experts at illustration and mapmaking. Many of the airmen preferred the precise information about flight paths provided by the detachment over others.

Captain Wallace P. Reed, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was commissioned into the U.S. Army Air Corps (later known as the U.S. Air Force) and became the first Black meteorologist in the military. Assigned as the Tuskegee station weather officer, he led and trained the detachment. After the war, Reed worked for Pan American Airways and is believed to be the first African-American meteorologist for the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Still, some 70 years later, Black meteorologists make up a tiny fraction of the profession: In 2014, the American Meteorological Society reported only 2% of meteorologists are African American.

Sources: Accuweather.com; Airweaassn.org; Blackhistory.mit.edu; PressofAtlanticCity.com;

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services Paid Summer Internships

Students - dont miss this fantastic summer internship opportunity! Explore a career in public service at DSHS!

Application closes March 1, 2019. Apply via Handshake or using this [link](#).



The Washington State Department of Transportation launched its Mentor Protégé Program in July 2018, and now with Sound Transit joining the effort, the program is expanding and being renamed as the Capacity Building Mentorship Program.

The Capacity Building Mentorship Program is geared toward construction and transportation firms, and is designed to foster partnerships among successful large enterprises (mentors) and emerging small and diverse businesses (protégés). The program provides opportunities for participants to improve their business practices, grow their firms and develop relationships with other companies.

Access more information about the Mentor-Protégé Program [here](#).

EWU AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS



RECLAIMING BLACK EXCELLENCE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019

Black Idols: Gone
Before Their Time
presented by BSU
12-12:50 pm
MON 205

LIVE TELECAST with
Black Lives Matter
co-founder
Alicia Vasquez
12-1:30
SHO Auditorium

History of Black
Lives Matter
Kianna Baker
TRIO McNair Scholar
12-12:30 pm
MON 205

Annual Silent Auction
Benefits Africana
Studies Student
Scholarships
11:00 am-4:00 pm
MON 205

MON **25**

TUES **26**

WED **27**

THURS **28**

To make arrangements for access accommodations,
call 509.359.2205.

To make donations to our Annual Silent Auction,
please contact our secretary at bnicholson37@ewu.edu
or call 509.359.2205.



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

Keepers of the Flame NW LUNCHEON



Saturday, March 9th
11:00 a.m.
La Quinta Inn
1425 E. 27th St., Tacoma, WA
SPEAKER: DR. MICHELE ANDRASIK

RSVP BY MARCH 1 TO ANN MUMFORD:
253.906.0278 | ABCTMUMFORD@GMAIL.COM

Our Mission. Working together with community partners to address health disparities that impact communities of color, particularly the impact of HIV/AIDS in the African American community. We aim to eliminate stigma while increasing opportunities for individuals and families to lead healthy lives and to build a stronger sense of community.

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Mathematical Problem Solving Workshop

South Sound Circles will be holding a one-day workshop in mathematical problem solving Saturday, March 16 at the University of Puget Sound. This workshop will be valuable for both math teachers and individuals in the community who are supporting efforts to close the achievement gap in mathematics.

Mathematical problem solving does not require a particular background in mathematics and will expose methods that can be used in classes and in enrichment programs in mathematics. The workshop is aimed at the middle school level, but individuals working with youth of all ages can benefit.

The workshop will run from 9:00 to 3:30 with refreshments available starting at 8:30. South Sound Circles will host lunch. Register/questions contact David Scott at scott@pugetsound.edu or 253-879-3565.

If you are interested in attending please fill out the information below and email it to David Scott at scott@pugetsound.edu. To be sure of having a place please respond by Tuesday, March 12.

Also pass this announcement along to anyone you think might be interested.

David Scott, Professor
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Tacoma WA 98416
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MARCH 23
12:30 - 4PM

Women of Color SCREENING EVENT

- » **NO COST TO PATIENT**
- » Screening mammograms
- » Complimentary spa services
- » Blood pressure checks
- » Swag bags
- » Door prizes
- » Transportation*
- » Refreshments and more!

*Transportation available depending on location.

4525 South 19th Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

Join us for an event of women empowering women to get their mammograms! Screening mammograms available at the Carol Milgard Breast Center for women ages 40 and over who may be uninsured or medically underserved**.

To schedule your appointment,
please call our Event Coordinator at
(253) 301-6615.

**Insurance will be billed; No out of pocket expense to patient.





Film screening: "Bound: Africans vs. African-Americans"

Youtube link to trailer: <https://youtu.be/1H2oPWTgw4o>

Objective: Restart the dialogue between Africans and African-Americans in the Seattle/greater King County area. Come be a part of the solution.

We want to dispel the myths and stereotypes the media has fed us for years about the two groups and show we are really ONE. We want create an environment of working together for one common cause and developing the unity necessary to improve our collective quality of life.

For this to happen we need the cooperation and participation of as many African communities in the area as possible and as well as many as possible African-Americans to come out and be a part of this history making event; shifting the landscape of the Black Community in Seattle forever.

We will have groups discussions focusing on "SOLUTIONS" after the film and there will be a reception with food from local African and African American restaurants. Informal dress code is African themed if you are able, we would love to take a picture to share our history making event.

Saturday March 9th, 2019 @ 4pm
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute - 104 17th Ave S Seattle, WA 98144

Register at Eventbrite - free admission

SMALL BUSINESS/ DBE/ CONTRACTORS

Highline High School Replacement, Burien, Washington
 Skanska USA Building (GC/CM Contractor)

DBE Bid Workshops: Friday March 1st, 2019. Skanska invites all interested parties to attend optional online workshop(s) for information and requirements regarding upcoming Group 1 Bid Packages, including project and scope overview, bidding requirements and timelines, and project contract requirements.

This project is committed to providing maximum practicable opportunity for Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs); participation may be either on a direct basis or as a subcontractor or supplier. For Additional Information or Questions, please contact: Margot vanSwearingen, Project Manager, margot.vanswearingen@skanska.com



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EMPLOYMENT & CAREER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Correctional Officers. www.jobs.doc.wa.gov keyword: CO1

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Social Service Specialist 3, In-training. King County—multiple locations, open continuous.

DCYF Jobs

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Explore career options with DSHS! Many career types available. Apply today!

2019 Paid Summer Internships, Various locations. Closing March 1, 2019

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Fiscal Analyst 1, Olympia, WA. Closing 3/7/2019

WASHINGTON STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Food Service Manager 2, Bremerton, WA. Apply now

Washington Youth Academy, Bremerton, WA. Apply now.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Financial Examiner 3, Company Supervision Division, Seattle, WA. Closing 3/5/2019

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION CORPS

Crew Member (6-month positions), seeking 18-25 year olds or veterans of any age. Start day March 20, 2019

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

Associate Director of Marketing & Communications, Olympia, WA. Closing 3/7/2019

CITY OF TACOMA OPENINGS

CITY OF SEATTLE OPENINGS

CITY OF SPOKANE OPENINGS

CITY OF VANCOUVER OPENINGS

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES OPENINGS

Community College Employment Links

BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE; SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE; CLARK COLLEGE; TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE;

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE