



Washington State Commission on African American Affairs



The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community - advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The Commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity for African Americans.

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Next Public Commission Meeting: November 3, 2017 Seattle, WA. Additional Details TBA

NOW YOU KNOW

Fritz Pollard African American Football Trailblazer

Frederick Douglass Pollard, nicknamed "Fritz" was the first African American to play in the Rose Bowl, and coach a major league football team in the United States.

The Chicago-native was born in 1894 and grew up playing multiple sports in high school. Winning a scholarship to Brown University, Pollard majored in chemistry and was a starter for the football team. In 1915, the team was selected to play in the Rose Bowl. Pollard frequently gained first downs during the game, and because of his performance, was the first African American to play on the Walter Camp's All America Team.

At Brown, he studied dentistry. Then served in the Army during World War I before being recruited to play professionally for the Akron Pros in 1919 as a running back. Football, in the early days of was a brutal sport and Pollard faced plenty of racism. In an interview, Pollard recounts: "The fans booed me and called me all kinds of names...you couldn't eat in the restaurants or stay in the hotels. I had to get dressed for the games and they'd send a car over for me before the game." On the field, he perfected the art of falling down when tackled, rolling onto his back and sticking his feet in the air to deter players from piling on him. The Akron Pros went on to win the championship in 1920.

Soon Pollard began to assume coaching duties of the Akron Pros, but was not officially listed as a head coach until 1923 with the Hammond Pros of Indiana. At the end of the 1926 season, Pollard and the nine other black players in the NFL were removed from the league. He founded the Chicago Black Hawks in 1928, an all African-American team that enjoyed moderate success through exhibition games in an attempt to demonstrate Blacks and whites could compete without incident. Pollard was the quarterback, running back, coach and owner. The team disbanded because of the Great Depression. Between 1934 and 1946, the NFL refused to recruit African American players. In response to high unemployment rates caused by the Great Depression and wanting to avoid the controversy of integrated teams, the league only hired white players. Pollard resumed exhibition games coaching the high-profile Harlem Brown Bombers between 1935 to 1938.

Outside of football, Pollard opened an investment firm for African Americans, founded the New York Independent News and worked as a tax consultant. He was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1954 and received an honorary Doctor of Letters from Brown University in 1981. Pollard died in 1986 at age 92 and inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2005 posthumously.

Sources: Aarlarchives.blogspot.com; Blackamericaweb.com; Library.brown.edu; History-Link.org; Ivy50.com; NFL.com; NYTimes.com; Wikipedia.org;

CAAA SEEKS INTERN

We have an exciting opportunity for a part-time volunteer intern in our Olympia office! We seek an energetic, well-informed individual with a demonstrated interest in policy and African American issues. Our intern will attend legislative hearings, speak with legislators and support our Commissioners in advocating for our community. Basic to intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Office and good writing skills are required. Experience interacting with elected officials is preferred. Please complete an application and a one page statement describing why public service is important to you. Position open until filled. Questions, please call 360-725-5664 or email ckerney@caa.wa.gov

House and Senate Page Positions Now Open!

For one week during each legislative session, students ages 14 to 16 from all across the state serve as legislative pages. They assist with the Legislature's work by making deliveries and performing other necessary tasks. Pages "earn while they learn" receiving \$35 dollars per day.

Pages also spend part of each day attending Page School. Page School is an opportunity for pages to learn about the Legislature's role, its process, and participants. A certificated teacher and assistant with experience bring a wealth of knowledge, and enthusiasm teaching civics to those in the program.

Applications are now being accepted! Students can apply for both House and Senate Page Programs, but can only serve in one chamber, not both.



House Page Application Senate Page Application

Legislative Internship Program



WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM APPLY AT WWW.LEG.WA.GOV/INTERNSHIPS

Every year, the Washington State Legislative Intern Program brings over 70 college students to Olympia for a one-of-a-kind educational and professional opportunity. During the internship, which takes place in winter quarter or spring semester, interns work for members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate while earning academic credit from their schools. Interns work alongside legislative staff to learn first-hand about public policy, build real-world professional skills, and serve the citizens of Washington State. Interns are placed with legislators' offices and work in Olympia as full-time staff while the Legislature is in session (January through March or April every year).

In addition to their office work, interns take part in a hands-on academic program including training in legislative ethics, writing and research, a budget exercise, mock committee hearings and floor debate, and a job shadow at a state agency. Interns also participate in seminars and workshops with state officials, policymakers, journalists, and lobbyists, offering networking opportunities and a global view of the political process.

Apply at www.leg.wa.gov/internships.

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WSDOT ON THE JOB TRAINING

For grant and program information, visit the WSDOT OJTSS website. Sign up for WSDOT grant and OJT updates click here. Follow the directions to sign up and under News Information - News Releases and Topical Updates, select WSDOT OJT Supportive Services Updates.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Advertisement for Veteran's Job Club & Networking Event on September 20, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at WorkSource Affiliate Rainer. Includes contact info for Robert "Bob" Mortenson and USAJobs.gov.

Advertisement for Ethnic Media Startups workshop on September 23, 2017. A free full-day workshop on startup media skills and the basics of business models for journalism. Hosted by Seattle Neighborhoods and Globalist.

The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, in partnership with The Seattle Globalist, will host a free full-day workshop on startup media skills and the basics of business models for journalism. The workshop will take place on September 23, 9am - 5pm at the 2100 Building (2100 24th Ave S. in Seattle). Sessions will include: Welcome and networking breakfast, Identifying your target audience and their information needs, Funding sources for media startups, Building your own media outlet, Hands-on workshop time with facilitators to map out your resources, next steps, and additional needs. You can pre-register for the event at bit.ly/ethnic-media. If you have questions or would like more information, send an email to PACE@seattle.gov.

NW METASTATIC BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE

September 22-23, 2017 | Seattle, Washington. Attend the second annual Northwest Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference: Living Well. Living Longer, and get the most current information on treatments, research trials, patient support and national issues for metastatic/stage IV breast cancer (MBC). Friday, September 22. Focuses on "breast cancer rehab" with sessions on integrative care, inflammation and disease and nutrition in medicine. Saturday, September 23. Covers the latest news in metastatic/stage IV breast cancer and bring the leading researchers and doctors in our area together with national experts to learn about treatment advances, clinical trials and national advocacy issues for MBC. View the conference agenda. Thanks to the generous support of sponsors, attendance is free. Registration is required.

Advertisement for the 2nd annual Renton Multicultural Festival on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23, 2017. Features music, dance, stories, arts, play, food, and fun for the entire family.

African-American Diabetes Community Forum "Know Your Health Numbers and Take Control of Your Health" FREE BLOOD PRESSURE, CHOLESTEROL AND DIABETES SCREENING

Date, location and time: The African-American Diabetes Community Forum will be at the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, located at 1700 23rd Avenue in Seattle, on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 11am to 4pm. Location information: https://www.seattleyymca.org/locations/meredith-mathews-east-madison-ymca Did you know? African-Americans have the highest diabetes rates of 12% compared to 7% for the general population. African-Americans have the lowest life expectancy of residents in King County (77.1 years vs. 81.6 for overall population). African-Americans have the highest rates of hypertension (33% of African-Americans vs. 25% for overall population). Reasons why you should attend the forum: 1. Free blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screening for anyone attending. 2. Learn how to prevent and control diabetes through nutrition and physical activity. 3. There will be information on how to obtain health insurance, access to basic food, health & dental services, and information on breast, cervical, colon and kidney health. 4. Join a Weekend Walking Club to increase physical activity and to improve their health. 5. Opportunity to learn about community health resources, including programs offered by the YMCA.

Healthy Cooking and Physical Activity Demonstrations Join a Walking Club

For more information, contact Gary Gant at 206-615-2318 or ggant@hrsa.gov or Jesus Reyna at 206-615-3678 or jesus.reyna@hhs.gov



EMPLOYMENT & CAREER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listed are a few of the newest employment announcements. A more comprehensive list of jobs is available on webpage - www.caa.wa.gov. Resources and job fair information for job seekers available at worksourcewa.com. Click on 'career tools' and 'workshops and hiring events' for timely, state-wide information.

WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE Assistant Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Olympia OR Seattle. Closing 9/24/2017

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL recruitments

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES Behavioral Health Administration Budget Analyst 4. Closing 9/21/2017

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - www.jobs.doc.wa.gov. Currently accepting applications for multiple Correctional Officer positions throughout the state! For more information or to APPLY, visit jobs.doc.wa.gov | keyword: CO1

DIVERSITY CONSULTANT: The Department of Corrections recognizes staff as our greatest asset and places a high value on Workplace Diversity and Inclusion; so much so, that we employ three (3) regional Diversity Consultants to serve as both a resource and champion for these efforts! We are currently seeking a passionate and qualified candidate to fill this critical role for the Northwest region.

NURSES: Washington State Department of Corrections are currently seeking qualified nurses throughout the state to provide healthcare to incarcerated individuals serving time at a Washington State correctional facility. For more information or to APPLY, visit jobs.doc.wa.gov | keyword: NURSE

LOCAL BUSINESS ADVISOR: This position will serve as the principal business advisor and manages all financial operations for Monroe Correctional Complex. Through budget strategy and development, this position has a pervasive and direct effect upon the institution operations. As the principal financial adviser to the Superintendent, this position provides input and technical support for a broad range of activities and initiatives. It is responsible for integrating the work of the Superintendent and other institutional managers to develop budgets, budget projections, and to identify savings/reductions. For more information, or to APPLY, visit jobs.doc.wa.gov keyword: ADVISOR

WASHINGTON STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT Secretary Senior, Spokane County. Closing 9/19/2017 Grounds & Nursery Services Specialist 4, Lakewood, WA. Closing 9/20/2017

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Electronic Design Engineer, Tumwater, WA. Closing 9/28/2017 Fiscal Technician 2, Port Orchard, WA. Closing 9/26/2017 Work Zone Traffic Engineer 3, Shoreline, WA. Open until filled. Property & Acquisition Specialist 3 In-training Eminent Domain Appraiser, Shoreline, WA. Open continuous

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE openings; CLARK COLLEGE openings; BATES COLLEGE openings