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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September 5, 2017

Public Commission Meeting: September 8, 2017, Skykomish Public Meeting Room #1, First Floor, Bob Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave. Everett, WA. 1 PM—4 PM .

NOW YOU KNOW

Dr. Jane Cooke Wright Chemotherapy Pioneer

Physician Jane Cook Wright was a pioneer in cancer research. Her contributions revolutionized the treatment of breast and skin cancer. Wright was the first to identify the drug Methotrexate, one of the foundational chemotherapy drugs still in use today, as an effective agent against cancerous tumors.

The Manhattan, New York native was born in 1919 and like her father, uncle and grandfather, pursued a career in medicine—graduating from New York Medical College in 1945. Her father, Louis Tompkins Wright, was one of the first African American graduates of Harvard Medical school and established the Cancer Research Center at Harlem Hospital.

Leukemia was considered incurable and cancer treatments experimental. Prescribed dosages did not exist. After completing her residencies, Dr. Wright joined her father at Harlem Hospital Cancer Research Center where they were the first researchers to explore folic acid hindrance as a cancer treatment. By restricting folic acid, which is fundamental to cell division, the growth of cancer cell growth is inhibited. Through her biopsies, Dr. Wright was the first to identify Methotrexate as a treatment and developed methods increasing it's effectiveness while minimizing side effects. She also developed a non-surgical procedure using a catheter to deliver heavy doses of anti-cancer drugs to areas of the body inaccessible at that time, such as the kidneys and spleen.

After the death of her father, Dr. Wright, the only African American woman among six other doctors, founded the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). She was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke and by 1967, named Professor of Surgery, Head of the Cancer Chemotherapy Department and Associate Dean at New York Medical College—the highest post held by an African American woman in an American medical institution. In 1971, she became the first woman to serve as president of the New York Cancer Society.

She led groups of oncologists to China, the Soviet Union, Africa and Eastern Europe to treat cancer patients. Publishing over 100 articles during her career, earned her the Spirit of Achievement Award of the Women's Division of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1961 and many other awards. Dr. Wright died in 2013 at age 93. Methotrexate is still a leading chemo drug used to treat Hodgkin's disease, leukemia, lung, breast and other types of cancers.

Sources: ASCOpost.com; Blackpast.org; Blackthen.org; Jax.org; NYTimes.com; Wikipedia.org

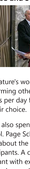
CAAA SEEKS INTERN

We have an opening for a part-time volunteer, intern in our Olympia office who is 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 dealing with elected officials preferred.

Interested? Please complete an application and a one page statement describing why public service is important to you. Position open until filled so please apply early! Questions, please call 360-725-5664 or email clerrey@caa.wa.gov

House and Senate Page Positions Now Open!



During each week of the legislative session, approximately 35 students ages 14 to 16 from all across the state serve as legislative pages. Legislators sponsor the pages, who assist with the Legislature's work by making deliveries and performing other necessary tasks. Pages are paid $35 dollars per day for their service and page for one week of their choice.

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 teacher assistant with experience bring a wealth of knowledge, and enthusiasm teaching civics to those in the program.

Apply early! Applicants can apply for both House and Senate Page Programs, but can only serve in one chamber, not both.

House Page Application

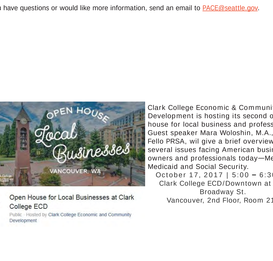
Senate Page Application

Legislative Internship Program

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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.

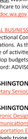
The workshop will take place on September 23, 9am – 5pm at the 2100 Building (2100 24th Ave S. in Seattle).

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.



OCT 17 — Open House for Local Businesses at Clark College ECD
Public - Hosted by Clark College Economic and Community Development

Clark College Economic & Community Development is hosting its second open house for local business and professionals. Guest speaker Mara Woloshin, M.A., APR, Pello PRSA, will give a brief overview on several issues facing American business owners and professionals today—Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.
October 17, 2017 | 5:00 – 6:30 PM
Clark College ECD/Downtown at 500 Broadway St.
Vancouver, 2nd Floor, Room 214

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 – Criminal Justice Division in Seattle, Closing 9/17/ 2017
Assistant Attorney General – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Olympia OR Seattle, Closing 9/26/2017

WASHINGTON STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE
Information Technology Specialist 2, Olympia, WA, Closing 9/14/2017

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES
DSHS Supportive Housing Specialist positions:
Spokane County – Spokane, WA
Pierce County – Tacoma, WA
Thurston County – Tumwater, WA

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

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 business 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 advisor 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, Jackson Events, Closing 9/15/2017

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Electronic Design Engineer, Tumwater, WA, Closing 9/28/2017
Communications Consultant 4, Tumwater, WA, Closing 9/13/2017
Transportation Engineer 3, Traffic Management Center Engineer, Shoreline, WA. The Washington State Department of Transportation is actively trying to manage and improve the traffic problem in the Northwest Region. A part of that solution is bringing on a new Transportation Engineer 3 Traffic Management Center Engineer. This position is responsible for the coordination of NWR Traffic services between divisions. This representative works closely with internal and external customers to answer questions and provide data as it relates to traffic analysis. We are looking for a data driven leader that is able to make an impact on our region's traffic problem by performing analysis and using excel to communicate those results. If you feel that you are ready for this challenge, we encourage you to apply. Candidates are not required to have work experience in a TMC, but it is very important that they are advanced, or expert users of excel. This position requires a significant amount of traffic and toll data manipulation and reporting. It is also important that candidates have excellent technical writing skills. Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the TMC to learn more about our operation. To schedule a visit, contact nwflow@wsdot.wa.gov . Candidates can also visit the TMC websites (Seattle Traffic homepage, WSDOT TMOs, Active Traffic Management, Ramp Meters, HOV, Express Lanes) for more information. Call Jessica Mango at 206-440-4066 or mangoj@wsdot.wa.gov with questions. Reference 17DOTNWR-12550K.

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE openings

CLARK COLLEGE OPENINGS: