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CAAA Public Commission Meeting Friday, May 18, 2018. 1 PM to 4 PM. Spokane, WA. Details forthcoming

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**NOW YOU KNOW**

**Ron Sims  
Former King County Executive**

A native of Spokane, Washington and graduate of Central Washington University, Ronald Sims was the longest-serving King County executive to date — appointed in 1996 and serving until 2009.

Sims moved to Seattle in the early 70's and started working for the State Attorney General's office in the consumer-protection division. He made his first bid for a seat on the King County Council in 1981, but lost. Four years later, he won the seat and became the first African American elected to county government in Washington State.

As a member of the council, he established himself as an advocate for civil rights and lead the campaign to rename King County in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sims, with fellow councilmember Bruce Liang, were among the first politicians in the Northwest to call for government responses to problems created by global climate change. Both members were ridiculed, but by the early 2000's they were being taken seriously. Sims became a leader on global warming policy.

As King County Executive, Sims managed a county with a population of 1.8 million; home to 30 percent of all the people living in Washington state and 40 percent of all its jobs. He is credited with strengthening growth-management controls, and being apart of the group that saved Sound Transit from a fiscal crisis in 2000. He was firm in protecting areas from suburban sprawl, drawing opposition from many groups, but earning him the title of "champion" from the Master Builders Association of King & Snohomish Counties for negotiating the Brightwater sewage treatment project in Snohomish County.

Sims left his position as executive in 2009 when he was nominated by President Barack Obama for Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sources: [Blackpast.org](http://Blackpast.org); [Governing.com](http://Governing.com); [HistoryLink.org](http://HistoryLink.org); [SeattleTimes.com](http://SeattleTimes.com)

**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT  
PORT OF SEATTLE  
CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP**



Blacks in Government will be awarding two deserving students with Scholarship Awards valued at \$1,000 each. Students will be judged by their Academic Achievements and Outstanding Community Services. All applicants must provide evidence of being enrolled in college in the fall 2018. To apply, follow the links to the [cover sheet](#) and [application](#).

Applications must be received by June 1, 2018. Recipients will be honored at the 2018 Juneteenth Celebration at Port of Seattle Corporate Headquarters.

For questions, contact Duane Hill at [hill.duane@portseattle.org](mailto:hill.duane@portseattle.org)

**Port of Seattle High School  
Summer Internships  
130 Positions Available  
APPLY NOW!**

The much anticipated posting for 2018 summer high school internships is now live and open. 90 high school positions are available at the Port this year (8 more than in 2017) plus at least 40 college and graduate positions. Thank you to all of the employees, managers, and intern

supervisors who are helping to jump start the careers of our region's youth. Help us spread the word by sharing the link below

**All eligible youth are encouraged to apply early!**

Follow this link to view the details: <https://www.portseattle.org/employment/summer-internships>

Questions? Contact HR Outreach Coordinator Amberine Wilson at [wilson.a2@portseattle.org](mailto:wilson.a2@portseattle.org)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**FOR FIRMS INTERESTED IN WORKING IN SEATTLE/KING COUNTY-  
WANT TO HELP GROW YOUR BUSINESS?**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY!!!

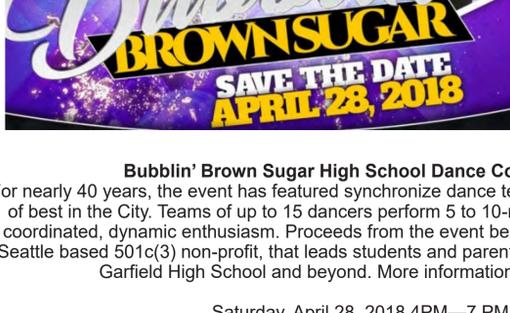
Your first step to greater business revenue is to fill out the city of Seattle's WMBE Technical Assistance Survey. You may have been sent the survey by email — fill it out as soon as you can. If you did not get it, you can use the following weblink:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F9M7Q53>

It takes less than five minutes and all responses are CONFIDENTIAL.

There is also an opportunity to participate in a focus group on technical assistance to WMBE firms. You can sign up after taking the survey.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



APR 28  
**Bubblin' Brown Sugar 2018**  
by 100 Black Parents  
\$15

**Bubblin' Brown Sugar High School Dance Competition**

For nearly 40 years, the event has featured synchronize dance teams competing for the title of best in the City. Teams of up to 15 dancers perform 5 to 10-minute routines filled with coordinated, dynamic enthusiasm. Proceeds from the event benefit 100 Black Parents, a Seattle based 501c(3) non-profit, that leads students and parent engagement programs at Garfield High School and beyond. More information at [Eventbrite](http://Eventbrite)

Saturday, April 28, 2018 4PM—7 PM  
Garfield High School Gym  
400 23rd Ave., Seattle, WA 98122

**Tabor 100 General Meeting**

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10:00am – 12:00pm

Breakfast Served at 9:45am

Central Area Senior Center  
500 30th Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98144

Contact: 425.882.4800 x 107



**NOMINATIONS  
BEING ACCEPTED**

**Val Joshua Racial Justice Award  
& Youth Social Justice Award**



Val Joshua

Each year the Val Joshua Racial Justice Award and Youth Social Justice Award are presented to those who have demonstrated leadership working toward eliminating racism and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

The Val Joshua Award was originally given to Val Joshua in 1989 to recognize her life-long commitment and work toward eliminating racism. Honorees will receive a distinguished award and the Youth Social Justice Award recipient will be given a \$500 scholarship.

This year, YWCA Clark County is proud to partner with NAACP Vancouver to present the Val Joshua Awards at the Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 23rd.

**NOMINATE  
SOMEONE  
TODAY**

- > Download a nomination form at <http://ywcaclarkcounty.org>
- > Complete the nomination packet
- > Email the completed nomination packet to [sbarr@ywcaclarkcounty.org](mailto:sbarr@ywcaclarkcounty.org)
- > Nominations due May 11th

Nominations will also be accepted by mail or in person to YWCA Clark County, 3609 Main St., Vancouver, WA 98664. For more information contact Stephanie Barr, Director of Programs at [sbarr@ywcaclarkcounty.org](mailto:sbarr@ywcaclarkcounty.org) or 360-906-9143.

YWCA Clark County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



Opening Reception Friday, April 27, 2018 - 6PM to 9 PM  
Admission: Free  
Northwest African American Museum  
2300 S. Massachusetts Street  
Seattle WA, 98144  
Visit: [www.naamnw.org](http://www.naamnw.org)

**Uniting Talent With Opportunities**

**RENTON CAREER FAIR** Fourth Annual  
WED. MAY 2, 2018. 3-6 P.M.  
Renton Technical College Cafeteria  
Roberts Campus Center (Building I), 3000 NE 4th St



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| <p><b>JOB SEEKERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Free admission</li> <li>&gt; Meet 60 different organizations who are hiring</li> <li>&gt; Metro bus line stops available at Renton Technical College</li> </ul> | <p>&gt; Free parking is available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Come dressed for success and bring copies of your resume!</li> <li>&gt; For a list of participating employers, visit <a href="http://bit.ly/RentonCF2018">bit.ly/RentonCF2018</a></li> </ul> | <p><b>BUSINESSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Hundreds of job seekers attended the event in previous years</li> <li>&gt; To register as a vendor, visit <a href="http://rtc-cm.splendix.com">rtc-cm.splendix.com</a></li> <li>&gt; Registration fees will benefit scholarships at Renton Technical College</li> </ul> |
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**EMPLOYMENT & CAREER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**WASHINGTON STATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL**  
[Assistant Director of External Affairs](#) open continuous  
[Policy Associate for Policy & Program Division](#) closing 5/4/2018

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
[Correctional Officers](#) Keyword: CO1  
[Nurses](#) Keyword: Nurse  
[IT Professionals](#) Keyword: IT and Computers

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
[Maintenance Technician 2](#), Everett, WA. Open until filled  
[Assistant Capital Program Manager](#), Olympia, WA. Closing 5/6/2018  
[Transportation Engineer 2](#) in-training, Multiple locations. Closing 6/30/2018

[Transportation Engineer Internships](#), WSDOT Eastern Region. Recruitment closes 6/16/2018

**WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION & CONSERVATION OFFICE**  
**SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE** [openings](#) ;  
**CLARK COLLEGE** [openings](#); **BATES COLLEGE** [openings](#) ;  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE** [openings](#) and [Application Guide](#)