



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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### New Washington State Women's Commission Seeks Board Members

#### NOW YOU KNOW Dorothy Hollingsworth

Elected to the Seattle School Board in 1975, Dorothy Hollingsworth was the first African American woman in the state of Washington to serve on a school board—becoming president of the board in 1979. She is widely recognized as successfully guiding the school board during the tense era of school desegregation in Seattle.

A South Carolina native, Hollingsworth and her husband arrived in Seattle shortly after World War II. When denied a teaching position with Seattle Public Schools, she was hired as an investigator for the state Department of Welfare. She completed her master's degree in social work from the University of Washington and hired as a social worker for Seattle Public schools.

Hollingsworth became involved in local civil rights issues; protesting restrictive property and housing covenants in Seattle. In 1965, she was selected by the school district as the director of Washington State's first Head Start Program—becoming the first African American woman to manage a major city agency. Her visibility and expertise in childhood education led to an appointment to the advisory committee for the public television's children's program *Sesame Street*.

After her tenure on the Seattle School Board, Hollingsworth was elected to the State Board of Education in 1984. She helped set education policy by working with the state legislature until her retirement in 1993. She still resides in Seattle.

Sources: [Blackpast.org](http://Blackpast.org); [History Link.org](http://History Link.org); [Stand.org](http://Stand.org); [Washington.edu](http://Washington.edu); [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org)

The newly-established Washington State Women's Commission is now accepting applications from individuals interested in working to address problems that contribute to inequality for women in the workplace and society. The commission was created as a result of House Bill 2759, sponsored by [Rep. Beth Doglio](#), D-Olympia, during the 2018 legislative session.

"In 2018...We still have a long way to go towards women being full equals in our society, and treated with dignity and respect. My hope is for this Women's Commission to help us reach those goals sooner," said Doglio.

The Women's Commission is tasked with a number of duties including:

- reviewing best practices for sexual harassment policies and training, and providing recommendations to state agencies;
- identifying and defining specific needs of women of color;
- consulting with state agencies regarding the effect of agency policies, rules, and practices on the unique problems and needs of women;
- staffing the Interagency Committee for State Employed Women;
- preparing for a 2020 statewide commemoration of women's suffrage;
- holding public hearings to gather input related to the unique problems and needs of women;
- advocating for the removal of legal and social barriers for women; and
- reviewing and recommending strategies to increase the number of women serving on for-profit boards;
- make regular recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor based on their research, deliberations, and public input.

The commission will have 13 members: four state lawmakers (one from each caucus) and nine members appointed by the governor that consists of a balanced and diverse distribution of ethnic, geographic, gender, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, and occupational representation. The goal is to have all commission members appointed and official meetings on the calendar by July 1, 2018.

For more information complete an application or recommend an applicant, follow this [link](#).

### EDUCATION



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

Blacks in Government offers scholarship awards of \$1000 each for two deserving students. Applicants will be judged by their academic achievements and outstanding community service.

For more information and an application, please email Duane Hill at [hill.duane@portseattle.org](mailto:hill.duane@portseattle.org).

Applications must be received by June 1, 2018. Recipients will be required to provide proof of enrollment in college for Fall 2018 and will be honored at the 2018 Juneteenth Celebration at Port of Seattle Corporate Headquarters.

The BIG Port of Seattle Chapter works in partnership with Community in Schools to help needy school children and families in the greater King County area.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**Paul Ortiz**  
Wednesday  
May 2  
7:30 - 8:45 p.m.  
for adults

Ortiz will read from and sign copies of his book that covers US history from 1776 to present, demonstrating that the nations of the "Global South" birthed democratic traditions in America.

This program is cosponsored by the Hispanic Round Table of South Sound and the Friends of the Olympia Timberland Library.

**Olympia Timberland Library**  
313 8th Ave. SE; 360-352-0595 TRL.org

Uniting Talent With Opportunities

**RENTON CAREER FAIR** Fourth Annual

WED. MAY 2, 2018, 3-6 P.M.

Rennton Technical College Cafeteria  
Roberts Campus Center (Building I), 3000 NE 4th St

**JOB SEEKERS**

- > Free admission
- > Meet 60 different organizations who are hiring
- > Metro bus line stops available at Rennton Technical College
- > Free parking is available
- > Come dressed for success and bring copies of your resume!
- For a list of participating employers, visit [bit.ly/RentonCF2018](http://bit.ly/RentonCF2018)

**BUSINESSES**

- > Hundreds of job seekers attended the event in previous years
- > To register as a vendor, visit [rtc-csm.symplicity.com](http://rtc-csm.symplicity.com)
- > Registration fees will benefit scholarships at Rennton Technical College

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**PERSPECTIVES IN PORTRAITURE**

MONTHLY VIRTUAL EXHIBITION SERIES + LIVE POP-UP FEATURING 12 SEATTLE-BASED ARTISTS OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

Free

A monthly virtual exhibition series and live pop-up featuring 12 Seattle-based artist of the African Diaspora:

Kamari Bright, Barry Johnson, Jazz Brown, Jessica Ry'cent, Delton Son, Aramis Hamer, Ari Glass, Infinite Milam, Shurvon Haynes, Vincent Keele, Kimisha Turner, Jolyn GC Portrait Reveal

The exhibit is available both online and during the live pop-up every second Thursday, starting at 3 PM until 6 PM.

Thursday, May 10, 2018  
Westlake Tower  
1601 5th Ave—11th Floor  
Seattle, WA 98101

Free admission. More information [here](#)



### 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.

### 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, statewide information.

#### WASHINGTON STATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

[Assistant Director of External Affairs](#) open continuous  
[Policy Associate for Policy & Planning Division](#) closing 5/4/2018

#### WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

[SOLA Program Administrator](#), Tacoma, WA. Closing 5/3/2018

#### WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

[Correctional Officers](#) Keyword: CO1  
[Nurses](#) Keyword: Nurse  
[IT Professionals](#) Keyword: IT and Computers

#### WASHINGTON STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT

[Administrative Assistant 3](#), Bremerton, WA. Open until filled

#### 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

#### PORT OF SEATTLE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Recruiting high school and college students. Contact HR Outreach Coordinator Amberine Wilson at [Wilson.a2@portseattle.org](mailto:Wilson.a2@portseattle.org)

#### TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

[Property Specialist](#), Tacoma, WA. Closing 5/25/2018

[Property Manager](#), Tacoma, WA. Open continuous

#### TREEHOUSE

[Wearhouse Volunteer Coordinator](#), King County

[Education Advocate](#), King County

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE [openings](#) ;

CLARK COLLEGE [openings](#); BATES COLLEGE [openings](#) ;

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE [openings](#) and [Application Guide](#)