



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.

June 11, 2018

Next CAAA Public Commission Meeting Friday, September 14, 2018 1 PM to 4 PM. Additional information to be announced

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NOW YOU KNOW

Nettie Craig Asberry Tacoma NAACP Founding Member

Activist Nettie Craig Asberry was born free in Levenworth, Kansas in 1865. Her mother Violet was a slave and her father, William Wallingford, the owner of the plantation. Asberry's interest in music developed at an early age. She studied piano at age 8, composed her own music and although very few women of any color were enrolled in college, earned her Ph.D. from the Conservatory of Music and Elocution in 1883. She is believed to be the first African American woman in the United States to receive a doctorate degree.

Asberry was teaching music when she and her first husband moved to Seattle in 1890. She was the first organist and musical director in the newly established First African Methodist Episcopal Church also known as FAME. After her husband's death, she met and married Henry Asberry. They settled in Tacoma and she became the organist and choir director for Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was considered the best music teacher in Tacoma and taught students of all colors and socio-economic class.

In 1913, Asberry was a founding member of the Tacoma chapter of the NAACP—the first chapter west of the Rocky Mountains. Their first action was a protest against a bill, that if passed would have prohibited interracial marriage in Washington state. The bill died in committee. An avid writer and NAACP Secretary, she wrote letters to the press protesting the showing of *Birth of a Nation* and segregation at Fort Lewis. Successfully, their protests and letter writing campaign stopped the practice of restricting blacks to the balconies of theaters, mistreatment of blacks by store clerks and eliminated the use of window signs stating that 'management reserved the right to refuse service to anyone.'

Because of her efforts many prominent African Americans visited the Pacific Northwest including Madam C.J. Walker, James Weldon Johnson and W.E. B. DuBois. Nettie Asberry died in 1968 at the age of 103. Tacoma Mayor A.L. Rassmussen proclaimed May 11, 1969 as Dr. Nettie Asberry Day the following year.

Sources: Archiveswest.orbiscascade.org; Blackpast.org; Historylink.org; Washington State Historical Society.org

Washington State Dyslexia Advisory Council Seeks Applicants

Applications now being accepted

Dyslexia has been defined in statute as a specific learning disorder that is neurological in origin and characterized by:

Unexpected difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition, and poor spelling and decoding abilities that are not consistent with the person's intelligence, motivation, and sensory capabilities.

These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological components of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities.

The Washington State Dyslexia Advisory Council was created via Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6162 during the 2018 legislative session. The Council will advise the superintendent on matters relating to dyslexia in an academic setting.

Applicants can apply [here](#): Deadline is July 12, 2018. Appointees are expected to:

- Attend in-person meetings;
- Respond timely to emails and meet deadlines and,
- Spend time beyond council meetings to support outcomes of the council.

Appointments are voluntary for a two-year term with an option to renew for an additional two years. Travel for meetings and meals (based on per-diem) will be reimbursed by OSPI.

EDUCATION

South Sound Circles Mathematical Problem Solving Workshop June 26—28, 2018

South Sound Circles will be holding a three-day workshop in mathematical problem solving Tuesday through Thursday, June 26-28 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. This latter group includes tutors and those involved in out-of-school math and science programs.

Mathematical problem solving does not require a particular background in mathematics but just a willingness to explore quantitative and geometric problems through reasoning.

In this workshop participants will explore a variety of questions that will connect them to the joy of mathematics and will expose them to a variety of problems and problem solving 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.

TIME: 9:00 to 3:30 each day with refreshments available starting at 8:30. South Sound Circles will host lunch. Registration required. Please contact David Scott at scott@pugetsound.edu or 253-879-3565 with your name, email address and phone number by Tuesday, June 19. Share this announcement along to anyone you think might be interested.

Office of Small Business Development and Labor Compliance

Sound Transit and University of Washington Mobile App Workshop

June 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) and small businesses with an overview of mobile applications to improve business agility and efficiencies. Applications will focus on reducing cost through paper elimination, streamline document sharing, customer relationship management and engagement in social collaboration.

The workshop will include select University of Washington students trained to explain and implement the applications. Students will work in small groups with participants to demonstrate and explain functions of each application and provide any necessary solutions or assistance. For successful implementation of the applications for business use, we encourage each business to send up to two staff members to the workshop.

Participants need to bring a laptop, tablet or mobile device to the workshop.

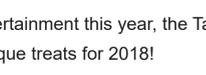
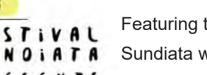
Location:
University of Washington,
Intellectual House
4249 Whitman Ct,
Seattle, WA 98105
Map: [click here](#)

Getting There:
• Transit - Multiple bus routes serve UW or you can take Link Light Rail. To plan your route [click here](#).
(The walk from light rail to the Intellectual House will take approximately 12-15 minutes.)
• Parking - Padelford Garage is near the Intellectual House

R.S.V.P. (limited seating):

Sound Transit Diversity Program Specialist
Mitzi McMahan | (206) 903-7158 | Mitzi.McMahan@soundtransit.org

Sound Transit and the University of Washington are working to level the playing field for all qualified contractors. We are committed to building DBE and small business capacity through educational opportunities and contracting outreach. Your feedback is always encouraged and welcomed.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FESTIVAL SUNDIATA 2018 June 15-17, 2018



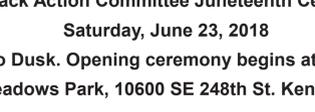
Featuring three stages of entertainment this year, the Taste of Sundiata will host a set of unique treats for 2018!

Festival Sundiata is a free of charge family event.

Sound Center Fisher Pavilion
305 Harrison St. Seattle, WA 98109

VANCOUVER NAACP BRANCH #1199
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD
1PM/6PM

GRANDMA'S BEST PIE & JUNETEENTH T-SHIRT CONTESTS
JOB FAIR!
2PM-4PM
BOUNCY HOUSE, FACE PAINTING & RAFFLE
FREE HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS
LIVE PANEL DISCUSSION FROM 4PM-6PM:
ENDING & ERASING SYSTEMIC RACISM,
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
CLARK COLLEGE - FOSTER & HANNA HALL
1933 FORT VANCOUVER WAY / VANCOUVER, WA 98661



Join the **Kent Black Action Committee** celebrating the 153rd signing of the Emancipation Proclamation with dance, a showcase of local talent, celebration of our students, and sharing of the African American culture with the community. Vendors and community service organizations will be in attendance.

Kent Black Action Committee Juneteenth Celebration
Saturday, June 23, 2018

10 AM to Dusk. Opening ceremony begins at 10:30 AM
Morrill Meadows Park, 10600 SE 248th St. Kent, WA 98030

Attend this free, family friendly event with lunch provided by KBAC. There will be games for the children and no Juneteenth would be complete without our community dance. The "Concert in the Park" will be anchored once again by nationally known and Seattle's own jazz guitarist Michael Powers. Questions? Contact KbacKent@gmail.com or Gwen Allen-Carston@ 253-486-9029 Azalea Johnson @253-631-7944 for vendor inquiries.

SAVE THE DATE
The Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee
presents
the 26th Annual Nubian Jam
Saturday, July 28th, 2018 * 10 A.M.
at Forest Park
802 Mulkielto Blvd. * Everett, WA 98203
<http://www.nubianjameverett.org> or call (425) 583-7739

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. 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 6/17/18)
[Assistant Attorney General – 2018 Honors Program](#) Closing 8/15/18) (for qualified 3Ls and judicial clerks)
[Volunteer Law Clerk – 2018 Fall Recruitment Program](#) Closing 8/31/18) (for qualified 2L law students)

WASHINGTON STATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
[Assistant Director of External Affairs](#) open continuous

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

WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
[Criminal Analyst \(Research Analyst 3\)](#), Thurston County. Closing 6/24/2018

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
[Labor Relations HR Consultant – HRC1](#), Thurston County. Closing 6/17/2018
[Transportation Engineer 2](#) in-training, Multiple locations. Closing 6/30/2018
[Transportation Engineer Internships](#), WSDOT Eastern Region. Recruitment closes 6/16/2018

WASHINGTON STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT
[IT Systems & Cloud Architect](#), Lakewood, WA. Closing 6/20/2018

KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
[Customer Service Support Intern](#), Kirkland, WA. Open continuous.

CITY OF SEATTLE
[Creative Youth Project Manager](#), Seattle, WA. Closing 6/19/2018

CITY OF TACOMA
[Entry-Level Police Officer Recruitment](#), Tacoma, WA. Closing 7/20/2018

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
Legal Assistant. To apply, letter of application and resume to Jobs@aclu-wa.org and include in the subject line of the email: your **last name** and **Legal Assistant**. In your letter, please indicate where you learned of the posting. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, at which time the job announcement will be removed from our website at www.aclu-wa.org/careers

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

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

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE [openings](#)