

DIVERSITY DIGEST

February 2013

Celebrating Black History Month



The African-American Employee Resource Group (ERG) invites the OHSU community to a talk by Michael Alexander, President and CEO of the [Urban League of Portland](#), a nonprofit, community-based organization that advocates, serves and empowers African Americans and other Oregonians to create an equitable place to work and live. The event will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Vey Conference Center. Samplers of traditional African-American cuisine will be available.

A proven leader with an established career in the health care industry, Mr. Alexander assumed leadership of the Urban League in 2012, after nearly seven years in management for Regence. Since moving to Portland in 2005, he has contributed to the oversight of several local organizations to include serving on the board of directors for Portland Parks, LifeWorks Northwest and the American Leadership Forum: Oregon Chapter, as well as the Campaign Cabinet for the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

At OHSU, the African American ERG is among several [employee-led affinity groups](#) that provide networking and professional development opportunities for all employees across all OHSU mission areas. To learn more about the event, or how to get involved in the African-American ERG, contact [Ebony Lawrence](#) or [Bobbie Jenkins](#). [Click here](#) for more information about Employee Resource Groups.

[March 14: OHSU State of Diversity](#)

Join us as we celebrate accomplishments in creating a community of inclusion, and renewed commitment to develop strategic and integrated approaches to advancing diversity and inclusion at OHSU. [read more](#)

[Diversity and Inclusion Awards](#)

Do you know a diversity champion? The Diversity and Inclusion Awards recognizes outstanding contributions of diverse students, faculty, staff, and community members to creativity, innovation, quality patient care, educational excellence and outstanding service. Nominations are due March 22. [read more](#)

[Health, Science and Engineering Careers Conference](#)

The Center for Diversity & Inclusion is working alongside the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, and Nursing and the College of Pharmacy to host a one-day conference for high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in the health care and science professions. [read more](#)

[Diabetes and Native Elder Care](#)

On March 5, Turner Goins, Ph.D, Associate Professor at Oregon State University, presents findings about diabetes among Native American elders in a lecture co-hosted by the Prevention Research Center, the Center for Healthy Communities and the Native American ERG. American Indian elders suffer from high rates of both type 2 diabetes and physical disability. However, research regarding the association between diabetes and physical function in American Indians remains sparse. The talk will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 at the OHSU School of Nursing, Founders Auditorium. [read more](#)

Important Links

- [February 6: LGBT Live Webinars: Culturally Competent Patient Care](#)
- [February 14 and 15: Diversity and Inclusion Workshop](#)
- [Summer Equity Program: Call for Students and Mentors](#)
- [Ted R. Lilley Cancer CURE Program](#)
- [New edition of the Diversity Resource Guide](#)
- [125th Anniversary Lecture Series](#)
- [School of Dentistry Appoints Diversity Committee](#) (page 5 of "Dental Bites")
- [May 20-24: Save the Date for OHSU Research Week](#)
- [Partnerships for Neighborhood Health Highlighted in School of Nursing "Connections"](#)

Coming Soon

Watch your campus mailboxes for the Diversity News print newsletter!

More Resources and Links

- [FYI: Minority Resources... Money & More](#), from the Office of Minority Health Resource Center
- [An Unsettling Profile: Health Disparities Among Communities of Color in Multnomah County](#)
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