

Rooted In Blackness Newsletter

November Edition



Gratitude for Oregon Community Foundation Grant

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Oregon Community Foundation for awarding us a \$1,000 grant for general operating support in August. This generous contribution has played a crucial role in sustaining and expanding our programs.

Dear Rooted in Blackness Community,

As we reflect on the past months, we are thrilled to share the latest updates and accomplishments with you in our November newsletter. Rooted in Blackness continues to grow and thrive, thanks to your unwavering support. Here are some highlights from our recent activities:

Ubuntu Summer Camp: A Transformative Experience

This summer, we had the privilege of hosting the Ubuntu Summer Camp, where seven students embarked on a journey of growth and exploration from July 17th to August 10th. Not only did they engage in enriching activities, but they also had the opportunity to visit esteemed organizations like Volunteers of Medicine, NAACP, and Spark on 7th. The camp concluded with a week of hiking and a trip to the movies, creating lasting memories for all involved.



New Initiatives: Black Sistahs L.E.A.D Mentorship & After-School Program

In September, we launched the Black Sistahs L.E.A.D Mentorship Program and an After-School Program, both held at Shasta Middle School. These programs, designed for middle school African American Black-identified students, ran for eight weeks and saw an overwhelming turnout. We are proud to have created spaces for mentorship and growth.



Upcoming Black Brothas L.E.A.D Mentorship Program

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the upcoming Black Brothas L.E.A.D Mentorship Program, commencing on January 4th at Cascade Middle School. This eight-week program aims to empower and support Black-identified boys. Keep an eye out for the flyer and sign-up link coming your way in December.



Collaboration with Bethel Education Foundation

Rooted in Blackness is thrilled to collaborate with the Bethel Education Foundation and the Bethel School District. Join us for the 2nd Annual Black History Month Banquet - Blacknificent, taking place on February 23rd from 6pm to 8pm at Willamette High School. Look out for the flyer and registration link in January.

Message from the Founders

"We express our deepest gratitude for the support Rooted in Blackness has received. Your commitment fuels our vision for a brighter future for African American Black students in Lane County. Our monthly newsletters will keep you updated on our journey."

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