Urban Pioneer Awards Honor Visionaries

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Community Health program earns national recognition

This year the School of Community Health and the Public Administration Department in the Hatfield School of Government, in conjunction with the Oregon MPH program, received a distinguished honor. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the Oregon MPH program second nationally among community health programs offered at graduate schools.

This unique program is a collaboration among Portland State University, Oregon Health & Science University, and Oregon State University.

"This is a great program for Oregon and it is wonderful to see it get the national recognition it deserves," said Larry Wallack, director, School of Community Health.

The Oregon MPH program provides leadership in the fields of education, research, and service to the public health sector. Students receive broad training in the general field of public health and choose a specialty track for further study.

With more than 700 people attending, the College of Urban and Public Affairs celebrated its second annual Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner June 3, honoring state and community leaders whose visionary thinking has led to this region's reputation for livability.

The recipients, Tom Moyer, Ernie Bonner, and Nohad Toulan, were honored for their contributions to the political, social, or physical landscape of the region. In an inspirational challenge to the audience, Bonner asked each person to think about how they can contribute to a better tomorrow. Tom Moyer's contributions—including looking to Singapore and Vancouver, B.C., as models for urban living—were highlighted by former governor Neil Goldschmidt. Toulan reminded those attending to acknowledge the past while looking to the future.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski invited the four other Oregon governors—Mark O. Hatfield, Victor Atiyeh, Neil Goldschmidt, and Barbara Roberts—attending the event to join him onstage as he announced the renaming of the Urban Pioneer Awards for Public Service to the Nohad A. Toulan Urban Pioneer Award.

The dinner also serves as a scholarships fund-raiser for students at the college. This year State Treasurer Randall Edwards announced another $50,000 contribution from partners of the Oregon-529 Plan (in addition to the $50,000 he raised last year).
2003 Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner

Guests enjoying this year’s Urban Pioneer Awards dinner included: (top left) Wajdi Said, Gretchen Kafoury, Abeer Etefa, Jim Hanna, Linda Morrell; (center left) Dirce Toulan and Mary Clark; (center) Masami Nishishiba, Brenda Sulick, and Arezu Movahed; (center right) Carol Musgrave and Homer Williams; (bottom left) Roy Jay, and Gerry Frank; (bottom center) Mike Lindberg; (bottom right) Fern Schlesinger, President Dan Bernstine, and Paul Schlesinger.