

# Student Standouts

At 19, Tiffiney Hendon has big plans for the future. Finish her studies at Portland Community College, transfer to UC Berkeley and find a job as a civil engineer.

It's a tall order for a teen who didn't exactly excel in high school and eventually dropped out. But for the last two years she's been quietly working away, taking evening classes four nights a week at the Cascade and Rock Creek campuses so she can maintain a job as a medical assistant during the day.

"I couldn't imagine going back to high school so this is perfect for me," said Hendon, who is able to satisfy high school requirements while also earning college credit through the Gateway to College program. "I like PCC students because they are more mature."

Last quarter she took Spanish and physics but neither compares to her favorite subject.

"I love math and anything with a math equation," she beams. "There is structure in math but at the same time you have the freedom to be creative with how you go about solving the problem."

Mary Kelley, a Student Resource Specialist, calls Hendon, "A very strong young woman with immense integrity to live life and make a contribution to humankind."

Hendon originally wanted to teach high school math but at Kelley's suggestion, she switched her focus to civil engineering.



"At first she wasn't sure about entering a male dominated field but still remained intrigued. Her math instructors let me know she is truly gifted in this field," Kelly said. "I challenged her to pursue a career that not only needs women but a career that will excite her interests and passion."



Transferring to Portland State University last year was not a problem for Danielle Bryant. She simply jumped into the mix and got involved with student government – much like she did at PCC several years ago.

She never intended to become student body president but during interviews to serve in the Student Senate she was asked to consider the top spot. She was stunned but after thoughtful consideration and

Her speaking abilities alone impressed many people.

"She is very comfortable speaking to small and large groups, professionals, administrators and students," said Camilla Bishop, Student Leadership Coordinator. "She was respected by the students she served."

One of Bryant's finest accomplishments was organizing a Black History Month event that brought black professionals to campus

conversations with her family she accepted.

"I loved every minute of it. I loved the fact that I had the power to implement decisions," said Bryant, 21, and a communication studies major. "People put so much faith in you and they expect you to do well and they made me want to do well."

where they spoke about their careers and inspired students.

At PSU she works as an assistant in the Student Activities and Leadership Programs office, gives campus tours to prospective students and recently was elected to the Student Senate. "I guess I'm a go-getter and now that I'm here I figure I better get involved."

Even though she's moved on to PSU she won't forget PCC.

"I always wanted to go to PCC and Sylvania has the feel of a big college," said Bryant. "Besides PCC makes good financial sense. You get quality classes at a fraction of the cost. I always felt challenged in my classes and I was motivated to work hard."

Fall is the perfect time to enroll in classes or start a new program. For more about admissions and to view a class schedule visit [www.pcc.edu](http://www.pcc.edu)