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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2021  
DISTINGUISHED PATRON AWARD NOMINEE

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REPORT: PCC Foundation recommendation for the 2021 Distinguished Patron Award are Anne Naito-Campbell and The Honorable Margaret Carter.

**Anne Naito-Campbell**, daughter of Portland business and civic leader Bill Naito, approached PCC President Mark Mitsui in the spring of 2020 looking to partner with PCC to help our region rebound from the economic crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Her relationship with President Mitsui and her respect for the work of PCC led her in a decision to make a \$1M cash gift, the first in the history of the PCC Foundation, to support workforce development, to honor her family's arrival in the United States one hundred years ago, and to serve as an inspiration to immigrant and disenfranchised people and families like hers seeking opportunity through education.

Anne made a \$1M cash gift to establish the **Naito Family Fund for Opportunity**, an endowed fund that will be used to support the Pathways to Opportunity initiative. The earnings from this fund will serve as a reliable funding stream to fortify PCC's ability to continually grow and innovate Pathways to Opportunity, or PTO.

By creating a bridge to connect gaps in funding sources, this gift will help ensure that PCC will forever have the ability to meet the needs of those who seeks opportunity. In honor of this extraordinary gift, the PCC District Board voted to name the Library on the PCC SE Campus the Naito Family Library. In conversations with Foundation staff, Anne shared that this dedication to Portland Community College, and to serving her city in ways to promote equitable opportunity, was part of her **Ikigai**, a Japanese concept that means "a reason for being". She is proud to serve our students and be a partner in our

mission of equitable student success.

**Former State Senator Margaret Carter**, the first African-American woman to be elected to the Oregon Legislature, has been a lifelong supporter, advocate and champion for Portland Community College. She came to Oregon in 1967 as a single mother with five young daughters, no job, and nowhere to stay. She quickly enrolled at PCC to continue her studies, going on to earn her undergraduate degree in education from Portland State and a master's degree in educational psychology from Oregon State. She then returned to PCC, first as a counselor and later as an instructor.

After a decade of teaching psychology to students at PCC Cascade, she made history when she was elected to represent North Portland's District 22. She spent the next 25 years in the Oregon Legislature, where she wrote the state's landmark divestiture laws from apartheid South Africa as well as the act that created a state holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Throughout her legislative career, Senator Carter worked to ensure that the state's education systems remained accessible, equitable and well-funded. After leaving the Oregon Senate, she continued her strong support for PCC by establishing an endowed student scholarship that helps remove financial barriers to attending college. In 2012, she was honored with the PCC Diamond Alumna Award for her tireless advocacy to make a difference in the lives of PCC students.

The Margaret Carter Skill Center and the Senator Margaret Carter Technology Education Building, both on PCC's Cascade campus, are also named in her honor. This summer, Senator Carter will retire as a trustee of the PCC Foundation Board after four years of generous service and be welcomed as a member of the PCC Foundation Emeritus Board.

To date, Patron Award recipients include: Richard and Sharon Helzer; Doreen S. Margolin (*posthumously*, 2007); Norma Jean Germond (2008); Barbara Raz; Mary Holmström (2009); Lee and Virginia Finders (*posthumously*, 2010); The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation (2011); Intel Corporation; The Oregon Community Foundation (2012) ; No award in 2013; Ross

Lienhart and Sheila Edwards-Lienhart (*posthumously*) (2014); The Renaissance Foundation—Irving Levin and Stephanie Fowler (2015); Meyer Memorial Trust (2016); and Betty Duvall (2017); Robert Wimmer and Howard Butzer (2018); Chris and Tom Neilsen (2019), PCC Retirees (2020).

RECOMMENDATION: The PCC Board of Directors award the 2021 Patron Award to Anne Naito-Cambell and The Honorable Margaret Carter.