

Oregon Black Political Convention

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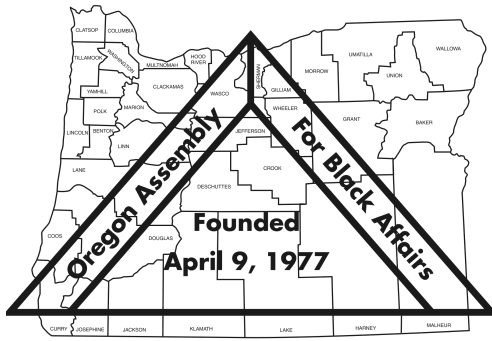
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The Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC)

The **Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC)** is a nonpartisan convention, and it is educational. It is held during the spring of election years and is hosted by the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) through its Political Action Committee. The focus of this convention is threefold: (1) To serve as a forum for delegates to discuss issues and conditions, and to establish, through resolutions, the positions of the Black Community, collectively, on these issues and conditions affecting it; (2) to endorse candidates running for public offices in the upcoming Oregon Primary Election who are sensitive and responsive to the critical issues of the Black Community in Oregon; and (3) to engage Black American college students and other students as interns to learn and participate in political processes that would benefit themselves, their colleges, their communities and society-at-large. The convention is statewide in its focus. OBPC is open to the public. Any individual or organization addressing the concerns of Blacks in Oregon may be a delegate to the convention. The delegates carry out the business of the convention. OBPC seeks to engage students as interns to learn and participate in political processes that would benefit themselves, their colleges and society-at-large. The actions and endorsements of the Oregon Black Political Convention are the positions of the convention and not those of the Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs (OABA) or the sponsors. What is done at this convention to help Black Oregonians benefits all Oregonians.

The 2018 Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC) will be held on April 6-8, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza Portland Downtown Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. The convention is statewide in its focus. OBPC is open to the public. Any individual or organization addressing the concerns of Blacks in Oregon may be a delegate to the convention. The delegates carry out the business of the convention. What is done at this convention to help Black Oregonians benefits ALL Oregonians. Politics plays a key role in everything we do. Understanding the role of the citizen in politics is essential to change. It is the view of OABA that the OBPC can assist Black Oregonians to understand their issues and to develop their positions on the needs and aspirations of the Black Community by using their power of citizenship to build futures for themselves and their children as well as this nation.

Since the United States of American was established in 1787 and the State of Oregon was established in 1857 Black Americans and Black Oregonians have been faced with State Sanctioned discrimination. “State sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans in the USA is discrimination established by laws, actions and activities of the federal, state and local governments to deny opportunities, rights and citizenship to Black Americans.” The Oregon Black Political Convention is needed to help Black Oregonians and others to understand this phenomenon and to work together to eliminate it and its effects on the people.



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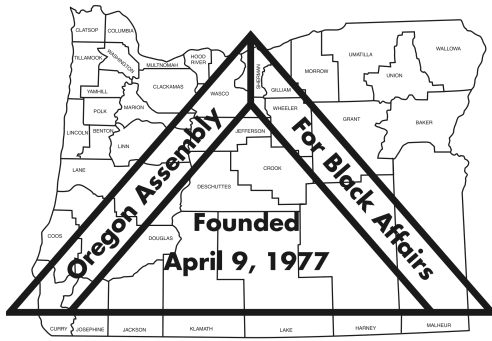
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Since 1978, twenty (20) Oregon Black Political Conventions have been hosted by the Political Action Committee of the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA).

2018 OBPC College internship Program

The 2018 OBPC College Internship Program is an internship program whereby the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) is working with Oregon's colleges and universities to set up non-paying internship programs for college students who want to assist in the planning and preparation of the Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC). Politics plays a key role in everything we do. Understanding the role of the citizen in politics is essential to change. Many Black American students are conditioned to not be political or to not fully understand the political processes that drive the education discipline in which they are engaged. These students attend a college, yet they do not see themselves as really being a part of the college. Oftentimes, their early schooling has not taught them how to be a part of something, what it means to be a part of something and how to share their identity and humanity with others. The faculties at these colleges need to teach and encourage Black American college students to understand process as they work through their situations of getting an education. The purpose of this internship program is to get Black American college students interested in the political processes and to encourage the colleges and universities to work with Black students and the Oregon Black Community. This internship involves the student working with other citizens from Oregon and candidates running for public offices as well as developing issues and positions of Oregon Black Community. Getting these college students to know, understand and use processes will benefit the college, the students and society-at-large. This program will give these students some hand-on experiences in dealing with the political processes that will affect them at the college that they attend and for the rest of their lives. The internship is open to all students. The internships are for the 2017-2018 Year (Fall, Winter and Spring Terms) at colleges and universities in Oregon.



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2018 OABA-OBPC College Internship PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

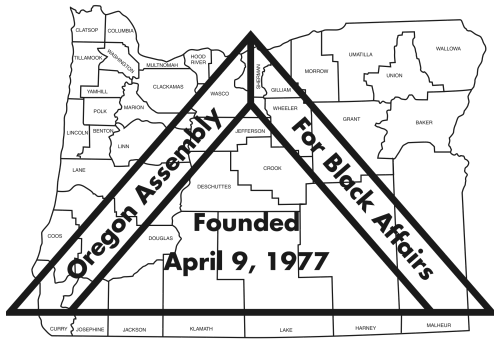
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REQUIREMENT

Students who want to participate in this internship must be enrolled in one of the colleges or universities in Oregon.

HOW TO APPLY

1. The students should contact their advisors, professors or academic department internship coordinators of the college or university that they are attending, and should let it be known that they want to participate in the 2018 OABA-OBPC College Internship Program.
2. The students should apply with their academic departments and they should meet the internship requirements of their academic departments. The academic departments will give the students credit for the internship. After the student has applied and been accepted as an intern in 2018 OABA-OBPC College Internship Program, the advisors, professors or academic department internship coordinators should notify OABA contact person and provide that person the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the students who will be interns.
3. **OABA CONTACT:** Dr. Calvin O. L. Henry (henryc@peak.org)



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Application to be a 2018 OBPC Intern

The OBPC Internship Program is an internship program whereby the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) is working with Oregon's colleges and universities to set up non-paying internship programs for college students, who want to assist in the planning and preparation of the 2018 Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC). The purpose of this internship program is to get Black American college students interested in the politics and process (the 2Ps) and to encourage the colleges and universities to work with Black American students and the Oregon Black Community. This internship involves the student working with other citizens from Oregon and candidates running for public offices as well as developing issues and positions of Oregon Black Community. Getting these students to know, understand and use political processes will benefit the college, the students and society-at-large. This program will give these Black American students some hand-on experiences in dealing with the political processes that will affect them at the college or university that they attend and for the rest of their lives. In the past, Black Americans have spent a great deal of their time trying to achieve freedom, civil rights and human rights without truly recognizing the roles that politics plays in achieving freedom, civil rights and human rights. Understanding the role of the citizen in politics is essential to change. Students who want to participate in this internship must be enrolled in one of the colleges or universities in Oregon.

I hereby make application to become a 2018 OBPC Intern and I will contact my advisor, professor or academic department internship coordinator of my college or university and let it be known that I want to participate in the 2018 OABA-OBPC College Internship Program.

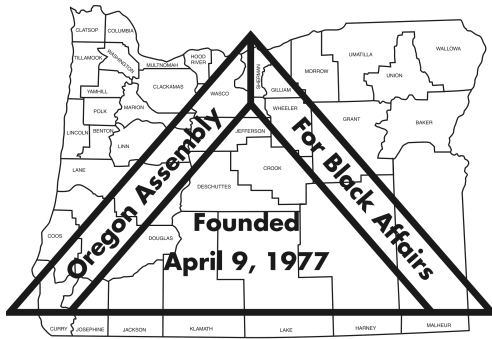
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Student Name & Signature:	Institution:
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Student Advisor Name & Phone #	Signature
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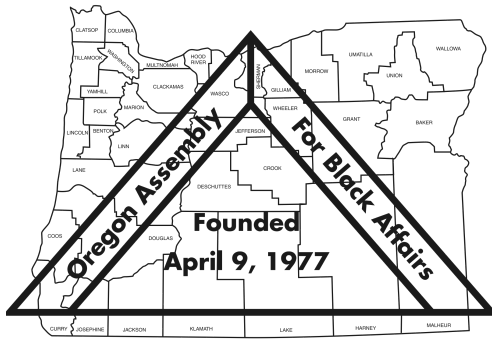
After students, who want to participate in the 2016 OBPC College Internship Program, are approved by their advisors, professors or the internship contact person for their college or university to register for the internship credits, OABA contact person should be notified and provided the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the students who will be interns. The interns in the 2018 OBPC College Internship Program will work with the OABA contact person. The university or college that intern attends is expect to provide the intern with college internship credit, convention registration and lodging. Upon registration and acceptance in the 2018 OBPC College Internship Program, the duties of the interns shall be to:

1. Receive training about politics and process from OABA contact for interns.
2. Work with the Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC) Steering Committee whose duties and responsibilities are to plan and prepare for the 2018 Oregon Black Political Convention. The interns will help in the planning and preparation for the convention, and they will serve on the steering committee.
3. Gather the names of all the Black organizations within vicinity of the college or university that the intern attends, and prepare a list of the organizations' names, addresses, phone numbers, and contact persons. The interns shall ensure that these organizations are on the mailing lists for convention information.
4. Write an internship paper on their fieldwork and activities. They will provide a copy of the paper to their professors and the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA).

2016 OBPC Steering Committee

The duties and responsibilities of the Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC) Steering Committee are to plan and prepare for the 2018 Oregon Black Political Convention. This Steering Committee shall:

1. Hold meetings to plan and prepare for the 2018 Oregon Black Political Convention.
2. Prepare a budget for the OBPC and have it approved by the OABA Board of Directors.
3. Select the THEME for the Convention and have it approved by the OABA Board of Directors.
4. Be responsible for inviting candidates to attend the convention.
5. Prepare and distribute: OBPC Announcement Flyers, OBPC Brochures,
6. Prepare OBPC Program Booklet, DRAFT OBPC Platform and Resolution, 2018 OBPC Convention Rules, and ADOPTED OBPC Platform and Resolution Pamphlet by May 2018.
7. Plan and schedule the activities of the convention, including candidate's participation and endorsements and luncheon.
8. Conduct outreach to community organizations, young Black Americans, high school students and college students.
9. Be in charge of pre-registration and registration for the convention.
10. Be responsible for publicity for the convention. Work with the editor of OABA NEWSLETTER.
11. Provide and control space for candidates' exhibits or literature.



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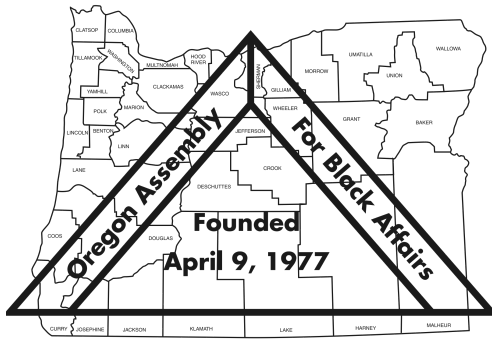
12. Work with OBPC College interns.
13. PROMOTE the Convention.
14. Register for the 2018 OBPC immediately
15. Provide a picture to be included in the 2018 OBPC Program Booklet.

CURRICULUM FOR THE 2018 OABA-OBPC INTERN

1. Introduction to the 2018 OABA-OBPC College Intern Program
 - Intern Requirement
 - Outcome of the internship
2. The Student is a customer of the education institution
3. Black Community/Black America
4. Who is a citizen?
5. What are politics and the process?
6. Black Political Action
7. Are you Committed?
8. 2018 OBPC Steering Committee
 - Work with the Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC) Steering Committee
 - Gather the names & Contact Information of all the Black organizations within vicinity of the college or university that the intern attends
 - Write an internship paper on their fieldwork and activities
 - Provide a copy of the paper to their professors and the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA)
9. 2018 OBPC Booklet
10. Publicity & Outreach for the 2018 OBPC
11. Rules for the 2018 OBPC
12. Counting Ballots at the Convention
13. DRAFT Platform for the 2018 OBPC
14. Final ADOPTED Platform of the 2018 OBPC
15. Distribution of the Adopted Platform

Documents and position papers used with OBPC Interns

1. An Educator's Perspective: The Student Is A Customer!
2. Are you Committed?
3. Black Americans: "The Problem" and "The Challenge"



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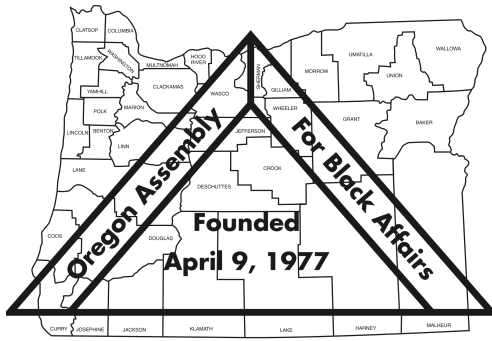
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4. Black Community/Black America
5. Black Political Action
6. Constitution of the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs
7. Constitution of the State of Oregon
8. Constitution of the United States of America
9. Informed Citizens
10. Is There A Problem Here, Today?
11. State Sanctioned Discrimination Against Black Americans in Oregon
12. State Sanctioned Discrimination Against Black Americans In The USA
13. The Need For Political Maturity And Activism Among Blacks In Oregon



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HISTORY OF THE OREGON BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTIONS - 2018		
DATE	SITE	THEME
April 6-7, 2018	Crowne Plaza Portland CC Portland, OR 97232	"A Relentless Season of Political Change"
April 22-24, 2016	Crowne Plaza Portland CC Portland, OR 97232	"Empowering People Thru Political Process"
April 11-13, 2014	Crowne Plaza Portland CC, Portland, OR 97232	"Building Influence and Mobilizing Our Voices"
April 13-15, 2012	Crowne Plaza Portland Convention Center, Portland, O	"2012 Election Politics-OBPC: Citizens Engaged and Making a Difference for All Oregonians!"
April 16-18, 2010	Crowne Plaza Portland Convention Center, Portland, OR 97232	"During The Administration Of President Obama: Black Political Action For Institutional Transformations And For Removing Barriers, Bias, Discrimination And Ineffective Legal Representation"
April 18-20, 2008	Embassy Suites Hotel-Portland Washington Square, Tigard, OR	"Recognizing and Using Black Political Action To Make Political Change"
April 28-30, 2006	Holiday Inn-Portland Downtown, Portland, OR	Black Oregonians Exercising Their Power for Political and Economic Outcomes
April 16-18, 2004	Holiday Inn-Portland Downtown, Portland, OR	"Moving the Agenda: Exercising Black Political Power"
April 6-7, 2002	Radisson Hotel Portland, Portland, OR	"OBPC Developing Political Strengths: Black Oregonians Working For The Long Run"
April 7-9, 2000	Radisson Hotel Portland, Portland, OR	"Challenge of the Century: Growth and Expansion of Black Political Power in Oregon"
March 21-22, 1998	Quality Inn, Salem, OR	"Building The Future By Acknowledging And Using Past Successes"
April 27-28, 1996	Quality Inn, Salem, OR	"Liberal? Conservative? Independent? The Black Vote Is Not Monolithic!"
April 9-10, 1994	Quality Inn, Salem, OR	"Now is the time: Black Political Action"
April 10-12, 1992	Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel Lake Oswego, OR	Today's Leaders Preparing Leaders For Tomorrow
April 11, 1990	CHUMAREE Hotel & Comfortel CC, Salem, OR	"A Decade For Political Risk Taking"
April 8-10, 1988	Viscount Hotel, Portland, OR	"Voting '88: Exercising Black Political Power"
April 12-13, 1986	CHUMAREE Comfortel Salem, O	"Crisis: Time for Black Perspective, Persuasion, and Productivity"
April 7-8, 1984	Holiday Inn at the Coliseum, Portland, OR	"In Politics, Blacks Can Make A Difference"
April 17-18, 1982	Willamette Center Portland, OR	"For the Black Community--Politics Is The Answer"
April 11-13, 1980	Holiday Inn At Airport Portland,	
April 7-9, 1978	Benson Hotel, Portland, OR	