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ACT-SO Winners to Compete in Orlando in July

The four gold medal winners of the 22nd Annual ACT-SO Talent Competition in Eugene are headed to the national competition in Orlando, Florida, in July. They are: Brianna Stubbs (pictured at right), North Eugene High School, for contemporary vocals; Audre Davids, Thurston High School for original essay; Simon Longnight, South Eugene High School, for dance; and Maya Agapito, South Eugene High School, painting.

The Eugene/Springfield branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the City of Eugene presented the local competition on March 23. The ACT-SO program centers on the dedication and commitment of community volunteers and business leaders who serve as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence among African-American students. ACT-SO is an acronym for Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics.

This year ACT-SO students from Eugene, Bethel, and Springfield school districts competed in humanities, science, and visual and performing arts categories such as music vocal and instrumental, dramatics, music composition, mathematics, health and science, poetry, original essay, drawing, painting, and dance.



Seven South Eugene High School students took medals home. Sheldon High School, Churchill High School, ATA Middle School and Oak Hill School each had two medalists. North and Thurston High schools each had one medalist.

For more information, contact Peter Chavannes at 541-682-5521.

Annual Book Sale to Benefit Eugene Public Library: April 13 and 14

The Annual Friends of Eugene Public Library Book Sale will be held Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Lane Events Center (Fairgrounds) Performance Hall. Proceeds from this all-volunteer project support Eugene Public Library programs and services, including Summer Reading for children and teens. Admission and parking are free.



Browse and choose from thousands of gently used and like-new books on all topics, at bargain prices of only \$1- \$2. The sale also includes DVDs, audio books, sheet music, and a huge selection of music CDs. Recent bestsellers will be available in the "Good as New" section, and collectors can check for rare and specialty books in the "Individually Priced" section. In the children's area, find a large selection of books, DVDs, and CDs for kids. VISA/Mastercards will be accepted, as well as cash and checks.

The Book Sale is the Friends of Eugene Public Library's major fundraiser each year. More than 300 volunteers work on the sale, many year-round. For more information, contact the Eugene

Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library , or Friends of Eugene Public Library at 541-484-1452 or www.friendseugenelibrary.org.

Biggest Dinner Party in Town Being Held at Hult Center

FOOD for Lane County's 23rd Annual Chefs' Night Out community event and fundraiser returns to the Hult Center on Tuesday, April 9. For the past 22 years, the Hult Center Lobby has been the destination point for foodies and friends to gather and sample local gastronomic delights while supporting a worthy cause - the fight against hunger in Lane County.

According to Dawn Marie Woodward, events and media relations coordinator for FOOD for Lane County, Chefs' Night Out is one of their most successful fundraisers because of the number of attendees and the amount of money raised.

The small plate form allows participating restaurants, wineries and breweries to showcase their culinary and presentation skills. Locally owned and operated restaurants in the community contribute staff time and food to this event, and King Estate Winery is again the title sponsor.



The biggest dinner party in town nearly always sells out, and 100 percent of ticket sales benefit FOOD for Lane County. For tickets go to <http://www.experienceeugene.com/Chefs-Night-Out> or call 541-682-5000, or visit the Hult Center Ticket Office, Tuesday – Friday, from 12 – 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.