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Dr. Homer Harris

Born March 4, 1916 in Seattle, Washington, Homer Harris became the first Black captain of Seattle's Garfield High School football team. While at the University of Iowa, he was elected team captain, most inspirational, and Most Valuable Player. Harris was the first African American team captain in Big Ten history with hopes of playing in the National Football League.

However in 1933, the National Football League banned African Americans from playing. Upon graduation, Harris instead accepted a coaching job at A & T College in Greensboro, North Carolina. His mother persuaded him to enter Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and after serving in World War II, Harris interned in dermatology at the University of Illinois.

Harris returned to Seattle in 1955 and opened his own dermatology practice. After encountering difficulty renting office space, he built his practice which was reputed to be the largest west of the Rockies. Considered a Black pioneer in dermatology, Harris retired after 43 years of service.

In honor of his service to the community, November 13, 2002 was proclaimed as Dr. Homer Harris Day and the Seattle Parks Foundation announced an anonymous contribution of \$1.3 million to build Homer Harris Park that opened on May 14, 2005. The University of Iowa inducted Harris into their Hall of Fame in August 2002, and the Pacific Northwest chapter of the African American Sports Hall of Fame followed suit in 2003.

Sources:
Blackpast.org; Wikipedia.org;



SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

2021 REGIONAL CONTRACTING FORUM

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

LOCATION: TABOR 100

7100 FORT DENT WAY, SUITE 100 TUKWILA

CONNECTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS TO STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. DISADVANTAGED, MINORITY, SMALL, VETERAN, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

If you know an employee or a recent or upcoming high school graduate of Seattle Public Schools who is interested in a TUITION-FREE PATH to teacher certification, please share about the Academy for Rising Educators at Seattle Central College.

Demystifying Philanthropy:

MOVING TOWARD BLACK ABUNDANCE

August is **Black Philanthropy Month**
in **Washington** and around the world.

Join Black philanthropic leaders to
explore the legacy of Black
generosity and investing in a
liberated future by, for, and with
Black Washingtonians.

Virtual Event Series

Black Philanthropy Is Community Care

Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 12 to 1:30 pm

**From Institutional Philanthropic Redlining to
Black Freedom**

Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 12 to 1:30 pm

Where Is the Money?

Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 5 to 6:30 pm

JOIN US

RSVP at BlackFutureWA.org/BPM2021

**BLACK
FUTURE
CO-OP
FUND**



**BLACK
PHILANTHROPY MONTH**

WASHINGTON • AUGUST 2021

Organizers: Black Future Co-op Fund, ESK Family Fund, Lindsay Hill, Morgan Dawson,
Philanthropy Northwest, Renton Regional Community Foundation, and Seattle Foundation.

EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Please see our website for additional announcements WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL [openings](#)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE [openings](#)

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS [openings](#)

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT [openings](#)

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[Security Systems Specialist, Locksmith](#). Open continuous

[IT Application Development \(Journeyman\)](#). Open continuous

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT [openings](#)

DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE [openings](#)

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[Ignition Interlock Counselor](#). Closing August 31, 2021

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