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Vivian Caver

Appointed to a 37th District vacancy, Vivian Caver was the third African American woman to serve in the Washington House of Representatives.

Caver graduated from Garfield High School in 1946, attended Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland, and eventually the University of Washington. As a student at UW in the late 1940s, she worked for the Seattle Urban League which at the time, was fighting to integrate the workforce of Seattle department stores. Through the League, she became the second Black woman on the sales floor at the store Frederick and Nelson's.

She was a ceaseless campaigner over the decades and worked behind the scenes for change in Seattle. In 1968, the Seattle City Council established its Human Rights Commission and Caver was hired later that year. By 1975, she had become director - serving in that capacity until 1981 implementating laws to protect women from discrimination. Caver unsuccessfully campaigned twice but was appointed to the Washington State House of Representatives when Gary Locke became King County Executive.

Sadly, Caver died August 22, 2021, in Seattle at age 93.

Sources: Blackpast.org; SeattleTimes.com; Wikipedia.org;

Comcast RISE Small Business Grant Initiative

Comcast announces the Comcast RISE Investment Fund. Between October 1 and October 14, businesses in King and Pierce counties that have been in production for at least 3 years and who have less than 25 employees can apply for one of one hundred \$10,000 monetary grants to be awarded in late November 2021.

Comcast RISE is part of a larger \$100 million Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative the company launched in 2020. This program was created to invest in the success of small businesses owned by people of color, which have been some of the hardest hit by the pandemic, social unrest and environmental events.

Businesses that don't qualify for the grants may qualify for the Marketing Services and Tech Makeover program which have broader eligibility and geographic reach. To date, Comcast Washington has awarded 76 businesses with RISE Marketing and Tech Makeovers.

Save the date and bookmark the Comcast Investment Fund website for more information and application materials

Seattle Black Film Festival Call for Submissions

LANGSTON is proud to announce that the call for submissions for the 19th annual Seattle Black Film Festival is now open!

September 15th - November 1st, filmmakers from around the world are invited to submit stories by and about Black people, to be considered for official selection in our upcoming showcase of cinematic Black Brilliance and have their work screened as part of the festival April 29-May 1, 2022. The Seattle Black Film Festival (SBFF) will feature its signature program of film screenings, panel discussions with filmmakers and community members and workshops to show the flipside of the industry.

SBFF proudly accepts submissions on FilmFreeway. To learn more about the festival and submit your film, visit https://www.langstonseattle.org/sbff/



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