

Citizen Recipients



Willie Poinsette

Willie Poinsette co-founded Respond to Racism to educate and empower Lake Oswego residents and institutions with the tools to combat racism in all its forms. Additionally, she serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Black Lives Matter Committee for the School District.

As a retired Portland Public School principal, she uses her experience and knowledge to mentor and support students, parents, and staff in fighting

racism in our community. She received the 2019 “Leader of the Year” Award from the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce. As Christine Thomas said in her nomination, “Willie Poinsette has done more for the citizens of Lake Oswego and Oregon than can be measured. She exemplifies all that the SASEE Award stands for.”