



## News Release

### Puget Sound Energy Presents Academic Scholarship Awards to Students with Green Commitment

BELLEVUE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 17, 2008--Puget Sound Energy announced the creation of a PSE Clean Energy Scholarship Program at the Tabor 100 "9th Annual Captains of Industry Gala" on Saturday, Sept. 13. The \$34,000 program funded by the Energy Efficiency Services division of the utility is designed to grant \$10,000 awards to three college students to encourage their pursuit of a career in a clean energy field.

"It is absolutely essential to our region's future to support the new guard of clean energy," said Cal Shirley, vice president of Energy Efficiency Services for PSE. "We're pleased to work with Tabor 100 to provide this opportunity for African American students. Academic scholarships are a natural extension of our investment in efficiency product development and educational programs."

Scholarship applicants must live in PSE's service area and pursue an academic course of study that benefits a green economy. The application process will require students to submit an essay that details their commitment to green practices. Recipients will also have the opportunity to apply for a summer internship at PSE designed to help prepare them for a green career.

PSE's Energy Efficiency Services group has also contributed funding to other educational organizations, including Independent Colleges of Washington and the Environmental Education Association of Washington, and the utility runs in-school education programs in partnership with clean air agencies and educational and environmental organizations throughout the Puget Sound area.

For more information about PSE and its green programs, visit [PSE.com](http://PSE.com).

#### About Puget Sound Energy

Washington state's oldest and largest energy utility, with a 6,000-square-mile service area stretching across 11 counties, Puget Sound Energy serves more than 1 million electric customers and 737,000 natural gas customers. PSE, a subsidiary of Puget Energy (NYSE:PSD), meets the energy needs of its growing customer base primarily in Western Washington through incremental, cost-effective energy conservation, procurement of sustainable energy resources, and far-sighted investment in the energy-delivery infrastructure. PSE employees are dedicated to providing great customer service to deliver energy that is safe, reliable, reasonably priced, and environmentally responsible. For more information, visit [www.PSE.com](http://www.PSE.com).

#### About Tabor 100

The Tabor 100 is a Pacific Northwest Association of African-American businesspeople and entrepreneurs. We are committed to facilitating the development of economic power and educational excellence in combination with a passion for social equity. To this end, we will work in concert with various organizations who share our dedication to the enhancement and growth of our community. For more information, visit [www.tabor100.org](http://www.tabor100.org)

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