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Cultivating Confident, Creative, and Compassionate Leaders

Black Excellence Archive

The Black Excellence Archive is an ongoing project that aims to highlight and uplift the work and achievements of Black individuals and organizations within the realms of science, food, movement, and belonging outdoors.

This archive is compiled by The Science, Physical Education, and Wellness Team at KairosPDX. Submissions to the Black Excellence Archive can be sent to foodcorps2@kairospdx.org using the subject line “Black Excellence Submission”. Please include links to videos, articles, or any other media if you can. Thank you!

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- **Soul Trak Outdoors**
- **We Got Next**
- **This Land** is a short film that follows Faith E. Briggs as she runs through three national monuments from Oregon to New Mexico in a time where the U.S. administration threatens to privatize and abuse these spaces. She challenges you to think about what it means to be a public land owner, and empowers people of color to take their space in the outdoors. Recommended for 3rd to 5th grade.