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**Best-selling author Van Jones schedules Portland appearance  
Social entrepreneur and CNN contributor will offer solutions to political divides at  
September event.**

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Van Jones, CNN host, best-selling author and social entrepreneur, has been named the 2018 Visiting SAGE. Jones will be appearing in Portland to discuss his new bestseller *Beyond the Messy Truth*, a passionate manifesto that exposes hypocrisy on both sides of the political divide.

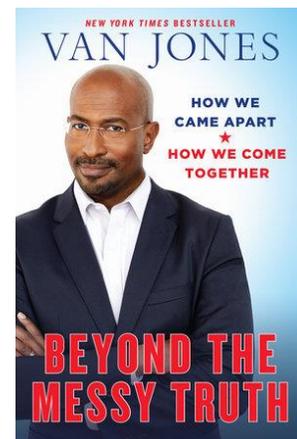
Jones will speak at the brand new Viking Pavilion at Portland State University at 7 PM on September 12, 2018.

He will offer a blueprint for transforming collective anxiety and strife into meaningful solutions.

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) is a Portland based nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges facing coming generations. Prior Visiting SAGES include New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, Harvard Professor Robert Putnam and climate activist Paul Hawken.

“Whether you are blue, red or purple, we know the future needs all the advocates it can get,” said SAGE’s President, Ward Greene. “Jones speaks to our shared purpose and provides a roadmap to bring us together instead of pulling us apart.”

The event is presented in partnership with the Coalition of Communities of Color, an alliance of culturally-specific organizations supporting collective racial justice efforts to improve outcomes for communities of color.



Marcus Mundy, Executive Director for the Coalition of Communities of Color states, “The political history of this nation continues to shape our present and has lasting impacts across different communities of color. Our communities support efforts for institutional transformation towards racial justice and accountability within our political institutions, and we look forward to hearing Mr. Jones speak to how collective action can drive meaningful change.”

Prisma Point, a management consulting firm specializing in energy efficiency and diversity management, is the executive producer of the event.

**Event details:**

**Where:** Viking Pavilion, Portland State University, 930 SW Hall St, Portland, OR 97201

**When:** September 12 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

**Tickets:** On sale now at <https://vanjonespdx.com>. General admission: \$35.

**About Van Jones.** Van Jones is a social entrepreneur, CNN political contributor and host of The Van Jones Show on CNN. Jones is a Yale-educated attorney, former adviser to President Obama, and the author of three New York Times best-selling books, *The Green Collar Economy* (2008), *Rebuild the Dream* (2012), and *Beyond the Messy Truth* (2017). Van has received numerous awards and honors, including Rolling Stone's 12 Leaders Who Get Things Done, Fast Company's 12 Most Creative Minds On Earth, and TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World. For more information, visit [www.vanjones.net](http://www.vanjones.net).

**About SAGE.** Senior Advocates for Generational Equity is a nonprofit organization that inspires people over fifty to *give forward* with their time, money and voice so that younger and future generations can thrive. The Visiting SAGE program inspires people to find new pathways to civic service to strengthen our communities and to improve opportunity for coming generations. For more information, visit [www.wearesage.org](http://www.wearesage.org).

**About CCC.** The Coalition of Communities of Color is an alliance of culturally-specific community-based organizations. The CCC supports a collective racial justice effort to improve outcomes for communities of color through policy analysis and advocacy, culturally-appropriate data and research, and leadership development in communities of color. For more information, visit [www.coalitioncommunitiescolor.org](http://www.coalitioncommunitiescolor.org).

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