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### **EMO honors Wajdi Said with “Two Pauls Award”**

The Muslim Educational Trust’s Wajdi Said will be honored with the 2012 “Two Pauls Award” on April 25, 2013, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. Presented in recognition of outstanding work in the interfaith spirit of community service, dialogue and relationship building, the “Two Pauls Award” was established in 1994 to honor two significant Oregon clergy members, The Rev. Dr. Paul Wright and The Most Rev. Paul Waldschmidt.

The award will be presented to Mr. Said, co-founder and president of the Muslim Educational Trust, for his ongoing work of encouraging dialogue and bridging the gaps between Oregon’s diverse and many faith traditions.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held on April 25 at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are available at [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org) for \$75 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$750. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or [csbigg@emoregon.org](mailto:csbigg@emoregon.org).

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