Quintard Taylor was chosen as grand winner among the five Washington State Jefferson Award recipients for 2015. Taylor will go on to represent Washington in the national competition later this year.

The Jefferson Awards, established in 1972, are among the most prestigious prizes awarded for public service in the United States. The award aims to recognize acts of volunteerism and public spirit which make our communities, our nation and our world better places to live.

Taylor was celebrated for his work establishing and developing the comprehensive African American and African history site, http://www.blackpast.org. Launched in 2007, blackpast.org is designed to take the knowledge and resources of the university, and make them available on every computer screen. The site currently offers 10,000 pages of information, documents and resources, and draws an average of 20,000 users every day.

For more information, see the Washington State Jefferson Awards website: https://www.seattlecityclub.org/initiatives/jefferson-awards
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