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SUPERINTENDENTS CONVERGE AT CLARK COLLEGE

On Friday, June 1, Clark College hosted the June meeting of Clark County superintendents of public education. After the meeting, members of the Penguin Nation – including faculty, staff, administrators and students – joined the superintendents for a luncheon prepared by our own Culinary Arts department. Promoting broad-based partnerships and meeting the needs of community partners is a major strategic priority and mission imperative for Clark College.



Executive Dean of Planning & Advancement Candy Bennett visits with Dr. John Erickson, superintendent of the Vancouver School District, during the recent superintendents' meeting held at Clark College.



LaCenter High School and Clark College Running Start student Baylie Freeman (left) visits with her superintendent, Mark Mansell (right), and Clark College administrators Sylvia Thornburg (foreground left) and Miles Jackson (foreground right).



Vice President of Student Affairs Rachel Ruiz (left) greets Dr. Twyla Barnes, superintendent and chief executive officer of ESD 112, during the June 1 meeting of Clark County superintendents.



Hockinson School District Superintendent Delcine Mesa-Johnson (left) speaks to Ted Broussard, Travis Kibota and Miles Jackson.

Paul Casillas (left), interim dean of Math, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Teresa Baldwin, superintendent of the Washougal School District, take advantage of the opportunity to discuss the educational needs of students.



RUNNING START STUDENTS CELEBRATE DUAL GRADUATION

Fifty-nine of this year's Running Start students are celebrating dual graduations this spring – completing an associate of arts degree as they graduate from high school. A reception was held in their honor on Wednesday, May 30.



The 2007 class of Running Start graduates.

The graduates were congratulated by Interim President Robert Knight and Running Start Program Manager Linda Calvert, who shared some facts about this year's Running Start graduates:

- Almost half of the 59 graduates have cumulative Clark grade point averages (GPAs) above 3.4 and will graduate with honors.
- One of the graduates has a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA at Clark.
- Each of the Running Start graduates saved themselves and their parents approximately \$5,600 in tuition over their two years at Clark.
- This year Clark's youngest-ever Running Start student, Ariel Richer, will graduate with her associate of arts degree at the age of 15.
- For the second year in a row, the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) president is also a Running Start associate of arts graduate.
- Christina Jenkins, daughter of Clark College faculty member Debi Jenkins, is one of this year's Running Start associate of arts graduates.
- Derek Huegel, another Running Start associate of arts graduate, started his own woodworking and shelving business at the age of 16 and was recently featured in an article in *The Columbian*.

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(from left) Christopher Jenkins II, Christopher Jenkins I, and Clark College faculty member Debi Jenkins celebrate with her daughter, Christina, who will graduate with her high school diploma and an associate of arts degree this spring.

Running Start graduate Derek Huegel (left) shakes hands with Interim President Robert Knight during a reception held in honor of this year's class of program graduates.



There were smiles on the faces of parents and students alike as the Running Start graduates gathered to celebrate their achievement on May 30.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES FIRST COHORT AS NEW CLASS ANNOUNCED

Members of the first Clark College Leadership Academy celebrated their completion of the program in May, just as the next group of participants was being selected and announced.

During its first year, the Clark College Leadership Academy brought advanced leadership information and training opportunities to members of the first cohort and to the college as a whole. Some of the topics covered included building trust, moving beyond conflict, leadership and responsibility. Each session included a half-day workshop that was open to the entire college community; in the afternoon, cohort members then received further professional coaching on the topic of that day's workshop. Over the course of the 2006-2007 program, 248 people attended the sessions.

“The purpose of the Leadership Academy is to build capacity within Clark to help fill the gaps that exist in higher education

administration – gaps that are part of a nationwide trend and shortage of individuals to fill the positions,” said Rebecca Wale, environmental health and employee development program manager for Clark College. “It is Clark’s way of saying that we will ‘grow our own’ leaders from within the organization.”

The Leadership Academy brings together employees from all different levels of the college – including faculty, staff and administration – and is stratified to ensure that leaders will emerge from across the college. Of those who applied to participate in the 2006-2007 cohort, 26% were faculty members, 43% were classified staff and 31% were administrators; among the applicants for 2007-2008, 20% were faculty members, 64% were classified staff and 16% were administrators. “It is the intent of the program to get a mix of people from across the college,” said Wale, “in part to break down the silos in which individuals work on a daily basis. This helps build relationships across the boundaries of position or role at the college.”

Session topics within the Leadership Academy focus on the personal self-reflection and self-assessment of the cohort

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Members of the first Clark College Leadership Academy celebrated their accomplishments as the year-long training program drew to a close in May. From left: Barbara Miller, Robert Jeffers (coach), Sue Williams, Erin Morgan, Lori Jimerson, Debi Jenkins, Kelly Benson, Tracy Reilly-Kelly, Rebecca Wale, Gail Liberman and Lee Brand. Not pictured: Priscila Martins-Read.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES FIRST COHORT AS NEW CLASS ANNOUNCED



The 2007-2008 cohort of the Leadership Academy has been announced and includes (from left): Rebecca Wale, Deena Bisig, Stacey Mitcham, Mirranda Saari, Marta Dragomir, Tina Barsotti, Janet Owens and Barbara Chen. Not pictured: Mary Deal, Joy Horning, Dwight Hughes, Robert Hughes, Miles Jackson, Lisa Quednow-Bickler and Janet Turner.

participants. This focus enables the participants to evaluate and determine how they fit into the larger organizational leadership structure. In addition, a leadership skills assessment tool has been developed for use with cohort members to evaluate their leadership skills at entry and upon completion of the program. “Participating in the Leadership Academy cohort has been the best professional training opportunity in my career,” said 2006-2007 cohort member Barbara Miller. “The presenters covered topics relevant to Clark College, and the individual coaching helped me better understand my strengths and limitations with a focus on the skills I need to develop to positively impact my department and the entire Clark community.” Lori Jimerson echoes the Leadership Academy’s perspective that being a leader begins with the individual. “I’ve realized that my successful implementation of emotional intelligence, maintaining objectivity and open mindedness, avoiding the perpetuation of mistrust, the ability to produce and participate in open and honest dialogue, is only possible when I master myself, when I ‘lead’ myself,” said Jimerson.

While members of the 2007-2008 cohort will still experience the same combination of workshops and personal coaching,

there are some changes in store for the academy’s second year – namely that the cohort is larger. They will also benefit from the experiences of this year’s cohort, who collectively want to connect with and provide support to next year’s participants. “The Leadership Academy will open up challenges and opportunities that you haven’t contemplated yet,” said Erin Morgan.

“I’m walking away from the first year of the Leadership Academy feeling extraordinarily optimistic about the future of Clark,” said Wale. “There are people here who are completely committed to students and their position here, who work so hard to be able to better serve students. This has been a very positive experience.”

In addition to the Leadership Academy, a new employee success training (NEST) and supervisory boot camp have been developed and implemented – all part of the college’s effort to create a holistic organizational development program. “There has been a significant investment by the college in the Leadership Academy and the employee development program

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overall,” said Wale. “The support we receive from [Associate Vice President of Human Resources] Katrina Golder and the Executive Cabinet as a whole is important and to be recognized.”

For more information on the Leadership Academy, NEST or supervisory boot camp, contact Rebecca Wale, environmental health and employee development program manager, at 360-992-2251 or rwale@clark.edu.



Health & Physical Education Division Chair Lee Brand (right) receives his certificate for completing the Leadership Academy training during the 2006-2007 academic year. Associate Vice President of Human Resources Katrina Golder presents the certificate.

2006-2007 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Kelly Benson, Admissions

Lee Brand, Health & Physical Education

Debi Jenkins, Child & Family Studies

Lori Jimerson, Central Receiving

Gail Liberman, Teaching & Learning Center

Priscila Martins-Read, English as a Second Language

Barbara Miller, Clark College Foundation

Erin Morgan, Registrar

Tracy Reilly-Kelly, Mature Learning

Sue Williams, Human Resources

2007-2008 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Christina Barsotti, Engineering

Deena Bisig, Communication Studies

Barbara Chen, Clark College Foundation

Mary Deal, Health Services

Marta Dragomir, Communications & Marketing

Joy Horning, Social Science & Fine Arts

Dwight Hughes, Data Networks & Telecommunications

Robert Hughes, Computer Technology

Miles Jackson, Social Science & Fine Arts

Stacey Mitcham, Plant Services

Janet Owens, Workforce Development

Lisa Quednow-Bickler, Athletics

Mirrandra Saari, Assessment Center

Janet Turner, Financial Aid

Rebecca Wale, Human Resources

SAVORING EXCELLENCE CELEBRATES DONORS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

The 2007 Clark College Foundation Savoring Excellence event was held May 31 in the Student Center at Clark College. Savoring Excellence recognizes donors whose contributions to Clark College support the college's mission and ultimately aid in the success of our students.

A "virtual tour" of Clark by Student Ambassadors Kseniya Kracheninnikova and Narek Daniyeyan was shown to guests. The video highlighted the steps Clark is taking to pave the path to the future and how the tradition of excellence at Clark has shaped the lives of current leaders in our community.

Displaced homemaker and scholarship recipient Laurel Hill shared the impact that Clark had on her life. Laurel, who has overcome many challenges, is a lifelong learner with a passion for education. She stated, "Clark College has saved my life!" In return, she would like to impact the lives of other students



Clark College supporters Robin Terjeson (left), who recently retired from her position as dean of Math, Physical Science & Engineering, and emeritus faculty member Gaydena Thompson (right) enjoying the recent Savoring Excellence event.

Laurel Hill, a student in Clark's displaced homemaker program and scholarship recipient, shared the story of how Clark College changed her life.



Lisa Gibert, Clark College Foundation president; Keith Koplan, recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence; Jami Raines Shogren, daughter of Presidential Award for Excellence recipient Jim Raines (who was unable to attend); Robert Knight, interim president of Clark College.

at Clark by naming Clark College as the beneficiary of a retirement plan that she had acquired several years ago.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Foundation's Presidential Award for Excellence to Keith Koplan and Jim Raines.

Keith Koplan, owner of Koplan's Furniture, is a longstanding member of the foundation board of directors and serves as chair of the foundation's investment committee. Jim Raines is a member of the Clark College Alumni Association board of directors, where he also serves as alumni membership chair. He also serves on the college's Penguin Athletic Club (PAC) board.

The awards were presented by Clark College Interim President Robert K. Knight and Foundation President Lisa Gibert. "Jim Raines and Keith Koplan are outstanding community leaders," said Gibert. "Through their generosity and support, the foundation is able to carry out its mission to support the students of Clark College as they take 'the next step' to achieve their educational dreams."

The evening finale was a delightful performance of "Over the Rainbow" by the Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble directed by Janet Reiter. Volunteer chair Susan Edwards coordinated the event to honor donors and celebrate students.

CLARK STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM VANCOUVER ROTARY CLUB

Nearly half of the 29 high school and college students receiving scholarships from the Vancouver Rotary Club in 2007 have ties to Clark College. With interests ranging from education to veterinary medicine to welding, the scholarship recipients reflect just some of the many ways an education at Clark College is the next step for many – whether they be traditional college students seeking a transfer degree or returning adults looking for career training.

Scholarship winners who currently are or plan to become members of the Penguin Nation include:

KRISTA BARTELL, a Clark College student who is pursuing her goal of working in broadcast or promotions and worked to support her family and attain her educational goals.

AMY HAIGHT, a student in Clark College's nursing program who has devoted her training to helping people in impoverished areas around the world.

JOSH HILL, a Clark College student working toward an associate in applied technology degree and a career in welding – and who excels at what most people consider “dirty work.”

MATT KERR, an Iraq veteran and student in Clark College's welding program who hopes to reach journeyman status to provide stability for his family.

VY NGUYEN, a Clark College student in the medical assistant program, who has and will continue to work to support her family while reaching her own educational goal of becoming a nurse.

DAN POWELL, a Clark College nursing program student whose past wrestling injuries have set his goals toward a career in medicine.

ANGELINA SALFETNIKOVA, a Lewis & Clark High School graduate who plans to attend Clark College as the next step toward becoming an elementary school teacher and doing mission work in Africa.

WILLIAM SPEARS, a Clark College student pursuing a degree and career in pharmacy – and who will be the first in his family to graduate from college.

JULIE STEIGER, a Lewis & Clark High School and Clark College Running Start student who will graduate with a diploma and associate degree this spring and hopes to open a veterinary clinic for low-income pet owners.

MELANIE STEIN, a Lewis & Clark High School graduate who is also enrolled as a Running Start student at Clark and who hopes to become a veterinarian.

LAUREN STEPHENSON, a Mountain View High School and Clark County Skills Center student who plans to study at Clark College on her way to earning a hospitality management degree.

SHAWNA WARNER, a student in Clark College's welding program and single mother of two whose goal is to open her own shop.

ASHLEY WEBBERLY, a Clark College student whose work as a counselor for middle school girls inspired her goal to work with young people as an educator.

EMILY WISE, a student in Clark College's dental hygiene program who hopes to affect legislation providing medical and dental care for all, regardless of income.

International students and graduates hold year-end celebration

The International Programs office held its first annual International Student Celebration dinner on Friday, June 1 in the Student Center. Clark College currently has 77 international students from 25 countries around the globe. Of those, six will graduate on June 14 – including two who will graduate with honors; three of the graduates are from South Korea, the other three are from Taiwan, South Africa and Cambodia, respectively. During the event, international graduates were presented with sashes of their country's flag to wear at graduation.

Several members of the Clark College Executive Cabinet joined the celebration, including Interim President Robert Knight and his wife, Paula. Vancouver City Councilman Larry Smith and community leaders Dr. Dan and Hooja Kim also attended the event. International student Nick Ashitey gave a speech to the audience encouraging international students to get to know the faculty and staff at Clark and stressing that these relationships will add value to the students' experience of studying at Clark College.



Clark College international student Nick Ashitey (standing) greets Alex Montoya as Katrina Golder (far left) and Leann Johnson (second from left) look on.



Clark College Interim President Robert Knight is warmly greeted by a group of international students during the International Student Celebration dinner on June 1.



(from left) Tracy Reilly-Kelly, director of continuing education, and Erin Morgan, registrar and interim director of international programs, share a table with international student Robert Peltomaa and his cousin during the International Student Celebration dinner.

International student Sreylak Sim (right) and her aunt show off the sash she will wear when she graduates from Clark College on June 14.



Foundation Funds Allocation Committee announces 2007-2008 awards

At the first-ever Foundation funds allocation celebration, faculty and staff were awarded certificates for proposals that were approved through the fund allocation application process. The funds allocation committee met weekly during winter and spring quarters to review 44 proposals totaling \$1.1 million in requests from the college community. In some instances, the discussion took committee members back to the requesting department to gain a better understanding of what was being requested. At the end of the process, \$804,000 was awarded from foundation funds and the Roy G. Andersen endowment.

The foundation board is pleased to be able to support the college through this program support. The end-of-year appeal brought in extra dollars that were awarded during this year's fund allocation process. With continued fund raising efforts, more programs will benefit – which means more students will be positively impacted.

As committee chair Dwight Hughes mentioned at the celebration, the committee worked to revise the proposal and reporting forms for the ease of those submitting them. They have also begun work on a rubric to assist future committees in

evaluating the submittals more effectively. In the coming year, the applications will be made available earlier to allow more time for the applications to be completed. A mini-seminar has also been proposed to assist the college community in completing the forms and is planned for next fall.

MEMBERS OF THE 2006-2007 FOUNDATION FUNDS ALLOCATION COMMITTEE ARE:

Dwight Hughes, chair
Phil Sheehan, vice-chair
Karl Bailey
Chris Beaudin
Lisa Conway
Rassoul Dastmozd
Don Gonser
Andrew Kartchner
Jan Oliva, Foundation board member
Joe Pinzone, Foundation board member
Nicole Porter
Rick Rausch
Rachel Ruiz
Judy Schilz
Sandra Woodward

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Dwight Hughes addresses members of the Penguin Nation who gathered on Andersen Plaza on a beautiful spring day while Foundation funds allocation committee members look on.

Foundation Funds Allocation Committee announces 2007-2008 awards

DEPARTMENT	PROPOSAL NAME
Computing Services	Macintosh X server
SHAPE	HEOC Access Database
Athletics	OSC Gym Sound System
Agriculture/ Horticulture	Greenhouse Modernization
Art	Slide Scanning Project
Automotive Technology	Toyota Scan tools
Automotive Technology	Fluid Exchange Machines
Culinary/ Baking	Spiral Type Bread Dough Mixer
Culinary/ Baking	Chocolate Tempering Machine
Culinary Arts	Walk-in Refrigerator and Storage Area
Business & Technology	Machinery Mechanics Tool Set
Chemistry	General and Organic Chemistry Instrumentation
Dental Hygiene	Magna Clave Steam Stabilizer
Dental Hygiene	Thermal Disinfectant
Diesel Technology	Training Module
DNET	DSL Switches
Fitness Trainer	Fitness Trainer Program
Fitness Trainer	Health & Physical Education Division
Library	ERMS System
Library	Laptops at the Library
Nursing	Sim-man Patient Simulator
Welding Technology	CNC Cutting Machines
Computing Services	Computer Replacement
Workforce Development	Displaced Homemaker Center
Health Services	Emergency Medical Fund
Human Resources	Staff Excellence Awards
Human Resources	Staff Development Funds
Office of Instruction	Foundation Faculty Development Funds



Committee Vice Chair and Interim Vice President of Administrative Services Phil Sheehan hands a certificate to Ian Titterton, baking and culinary arts instructor, during the celebration of the Foundation funds allocation awards for 2007-2008.



Chemistry Professor Nadine Fattaleh (center) holds a certificate representing the awarding of Foundation funds for general and organic chemistry instrumentation for 2007-2008 while Travis Kibota (left) and Rachel Ruiz (right) look on.

The spirit of the islands comes to Clark College

Clarkers of all types – from students to faculty and staff – enjoyed the spirit of the Hawaiian islands without ever leaving the college.

On Thursday, May 24, the Clark College Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs (SL & MSA) and the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) sponsored a Hawaiian luau in the Gaiser Student Center. The luau included a live performance of Hawaiian music by Brother Noland and Hawaiian food from Hula Boy Charbroil Restaurant.



(from left) ASCC Activities Director Sarah Simpson, Oswald, and Student Life & Multicultural Student Affairs Program Director Samantha Lelo don the grass skirts and leis to promote the Hawaiian luau held on May 24.



Safety & Security's Lynn Vanhooimissen (left) and Beverly Brosius (right) are putting on appearances with a quick stop for a photo.



(from left) Making the trek from the "T" Building to the Student Center are Linda Calvert, Rhianna Derscheid, Kate Jacky, Tanya Potter and Saundra Solis, who take a break from busy schedules to hear live Hawaiian music.



A live performance by Brother Noland brought the sounds of the islands to Gaiser Student Center during the recent luau sponsored by the Office of Student Life & Multicultural Student Affairs and the Associated Students of Clark College.

On Tuesday, May 29, Gaiser Student Center was filled with students, families, faculty and staff for the 2007 the Outstanding Students with Academic, Leadership and Development Skills (OSWALD) awards.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rachel Ruiz opened the program with welcoming remarks. More than 100 Clark College students were recognized for their outstanding leadership. The program included awards for students involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular programs and clubs; awards for students who have been outstanding in the classroom and in the college workplace; as well as other special recognitions.

Interim President Robert Knight presented the Penguin Award, which recognizes demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the Clark College community. The Penguin Award recipient this year was Carol Lopez-Gustin. Ted Broussard, Dean of Student Success & Retention, describes Carol as “one

of those quiet leaders you may not see at the forefront of every event but her influence is clearly felt. She is always the first to volunteer and the first to come up with good ideas of how to support students. She does an amazing job of enlisting other students to join her in activities and she gets things started herself if they are not already in place.” Dr. Da Verne Bell, a community member, said “When I reflect on Carol, the words that come to mind are: talented, committed, moral values, inspiration and leadership...in my humble opinion and observation of Carol, she is a young woman who not only represented Clark well, but who always went the extra mile...she is a valuable asset to our community. I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to watch Carol, to admire her commitment to make a difference in the community, to observe her passion to promote human rights, social justice and education...and her care and compassion.”

Members of the 2006-2007 ASCC Executive Council and Activities Programming Board were also recognized for their leadership this past year.

Clark students elect new student body leaders

Clark students recently elected new leaders to head the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) – the student body government representing the college’s more than 11,000 students. Results of the election were as follows:



PRESIDENT: PATRICK MEHIGAN

Patrick Mehigan brings experience as an ASCC programming board member with him to his new office as president. During his time with ASCC, Mehigan has received leadership training and earned National Certified Leadership credentials. “I believe that our college is a valuable institute of knowledge and the students are the foundation,” wrote Mehigan in his candidate statement.



VICE PRESIDENT: DERRICK STRENG

Derrick Streng intends to apply his life skills and experiences – including time living abroad and his roles as husband and father – to his newest role as vice president of ASCC. In his candidate statement, Streng shared his feelings about Clark College: “It’s a fantastic institution where students who are hungry for knowledge and serious about study are given wonderful opportunities to better themselves and their respective communities.”



CLUB COORDINATOR: CYNTHIA (CINDI) KUNKLE

Cindi Kunkle has been involved with college clubs since she began at Clark in 2002 as a Running Start student. Her four years’ experience will serve her in her new role as ASCC club coordinator – one she sees as valuable to the college and its students. “Many students do not realize there are clubs,” she wrote in her candidate statement, “so they go straight home after class...To me, clubs are more than just extramural activities; they are people who are passionate for their causes.”

SPRING THING RINGS IN THE END OF THE YEAR



Friday, June 8 was the last day of classes for the quarter – and the academic year – at Clark College. Marking the event was Spring Thing – a day of games, food and activities presented by the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) to give students a chance to relax and have some fun before the start of finals.

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT



OPEN POSITIONS

Director of Student Life, a full-time administrative position. Open until filled. Screening to begin June 20, 2007.

Director of Financial Aid, a full-time administrative position. Closing date is June 21, 2007.

Program Coordinator, a full-time classified position in Human Resources. Closing date is June 20, 2007.

Program Support Supervisor 2, a full-time classified position in Registration. Closing date is June 29, 2007.

Nursing Instructor, a one-year teaching assignment. Open until filled. Screening to begin June 28, 2007.

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