Clark College student Trang Tran is attending the college this fall as the recipient of a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Tran is among 400 recipients nationwide who were honored for their commitment to academics and their community.

Tran is currently in the dental hygiene program at Clark. She has lived in Vancouver for the past 13 years and hopes to remain in the region as she pursues a career. Tran said, “I have a passion for taking care of people and strongly believe in preventive healthcare. Dental hygiene encompasses these aspects.”

She supports her local community center by delivering food to the elderly through the Meals on Wheels program. She is also active with the Clark College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Last year, she served as Public Relations Officer for the chapter. Her future goals include service with Medical Teams International, a faith-based group that allows its volunteers to serve on medical and dental teams worldwide.

Tran said, “This scholarship, along with a Clark College Foundation scholarship, has meant the world to me. Without them, I would not be able to afford being in the dental hygiene program. It has aided me tremendously in paying for books, tuition, instrument issues, and scrubs purchases.” She credited her Phi Theta Kappa advisor Deena Bisig for her support as well as “my friends who helped me edit my essay for the scholarship, the Coca-Cola company, and my instructors who wrote my reference letters.”

The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. The Whitehead Foundation provides grants in support of human services initiatives. The late Joseph B. Whitehead was one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola.

“The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is an extension of our long-standing commitment to college education throughout the United States,” said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

“This scholarship honors students who often balance responsibilities of school, work and family, but also find time to give back to their communities through volunteer service.” The Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program complements the Foundation’s Coca-Cola Scholars Program, which awards more than $3 million annually in college scholarships to 250 outstanding high school seniors.
Clark College students Bruce Kyte, Dana Smith and Daniel Warner were recently honored for their musical artistry during the regional competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. The Clark students took honors in three of the 10 competition categories.

Bruce Kyte won in the Musical Theatre III Male category. That category is for singers age 22 and older. In the competition, he performed “As Someday it May Happen” from The Mikado, “If I Can’t Love Her” from Beauty and the Beast, and the classical piece “Come, Come Away Death” by Gerald Finzi. Kyte is the current recipient of a Field Scholarship at Clark College. Field Scholarships are available to Clark students studying music, literature and culinary arts.

Dana Smith, a Running Start student at Clark College, won in the Musical Theatre I Female category. That category is for singers between the ages of 16 and 18. Smith sang “I Could Have Danced All Night” from My Fair Lady, “Moonfall” from The Mystery of Edwin Drood, and the classical piece “Down in the Forest” by Landon Ronald. This is Smith’s second consecutive year as a regional NATS winner. She also just won the Music Teachers National Conference (MTNA) senior performance competition for voice in Washington state. She now advances to the regional competition (WA, ID, OR, MT, WY, AS) in January, competing against students from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Wyoming.

Daniel Warner received an Honorable Mention in the Musical Theatre II Male category, which features singers ages 19-21. Warner sang “Many Moons Ago” from Once Upon a Mattress, “The Mason” from Working, and “Brother Will, Brother John” by John Sacco.

As winners in their competition categories, Kyte and Smith each received $100.

All three students plan to continue their education. Smith plans to major in voice. Kyte is considering majors in opera or musical theatre. Warner, currently a freshman at Clark, is considering a major in music therapy.

Clark College vocal instructor April Duvic said, “Clark College is fortunate to have voice students who take their singing so seriously and who, because of their talent, hard work and preparation, are able to compete successfully against students who attend the finest four-year college and university music programs in the Pacific Northwest.”
International Education Week bridges cultures and community

It was a worldly celebration that took members of the Clark College community to such far-off places as Japan, Germany, Egypt, Spain, Korea, Saudi Arabia, India, Vietnam and elsewhere – all without leaving Vancouver.

“Bridging Cultures and Community” was the theme for this year’s International Education Week celebration, held Nov. 17-21 at Clark College. It was co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs.

International students from eight different countries shared elements of their native cultures at an open house, which kicked off the week’s events. Students from China, Mexico, India, Thailand, Japan, Korea, Moldova and Canada shared their respective countries with photo displays, stories, videos, demonstrations and stories. In addition, one U.S. student shared photos and memorabilia from her study abroad experience in Peru. “The variety of countries and student presentations emphasized the diversity and individual talents that our international students bring to Clark College,” said Lorraine Leedy, program assistant. “It was a fun and fascinating way to launch International Education Week.”

Two guest speakers brought their message to Clark students during International Education Week. On Tuesday, Clark College alumna Carol Lopez-Gustin spoke at the Students of Color luncheon. Lopez-Gustin, a 2007 graduate of the college, was the first Clark student to win both the Penguin Award, given annually to an outstanding Clark student, and the Clark College Presidential Scholarship. “Clark College gave me room to grow, to find my voice,” she told students. “The doors are open. Just walk in.” Guest speaker Eric Davis gave a presentation on valuing diversity at the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) Diversity Day lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Study abroad program presentations rounded out the week’s activities, giving students a glimpse of other countries through presentations on recent trips to Egypt, Japan, Germany, Spain, Korea, Turkey and Greece. The presentations also spurred students’ interest in future study abroad opportunities. Spanish professor Elizabeth Ubiergo, who traveled with 16 Clark students to Spain this summer, shared that a student who participated in the study abroad program had, “totally changed her perspective” on her studies and was now focusing more on foreign languages as a result of her experience. Student Corey Mitchell, who traveled to Spain, said, “It was my first trip. I expected to get lost while I was there – and I did – but I also learned a lot.”

“International Education Week proved to be a huge success highlighting Clark College’s efforts in ‘Bridging Cultures and Community,’” said International Recruitment Manager Chanda Kroll. “During the week it became clear that the college is committed to international education continued on next page
International Education Week bridges cultures and community

and exchange, which is essential to this diverse campus and community. We hope this energy continues.”

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Members of the Clark College Concert Band, Women’s Choral Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble traveled to South Korea in June 2008, performing three concerts to sold-out audiences and experiencing the ancient culture and heritage of Korea.

Sixteen Clark College students traveled to Spain during summer 2008 for a month of language classes and first-hand experience of the local culture of Valladolid.

Clark College’s German Studies in Berlin program makes an annual trip to the city; students take seminars and tours that reflect historically, politically and culturally significant sites.

Fourteen students traveled to Egypt for a study abroad and service learning project during summer 2008; they shared their experiences in a “Penguins at the Pyramids” presentation during International Education Week.

Miyoung Maguire (left), presenter of the Korean culture workshop, talks with Irina Popov, a Russian immigrant and Running Start student.

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Gateways event presents college options to high school students

Approximately 200 high school students, counselors, teachers and chaperones attended the second annual Gateways: Student of Color Open House on Friday, Nov. 14 at Clark College.

Gateways is designed to provide an opportunity for prospective high school students to explore opportunities available to them after high school. Students who attended Gateways were able to participate in a variety of activities that helped them understand what their options are at Clark College and in a college setting in general.

Students had a chance to explore programs, learn more about admissions & financial aid, tour the college’s main campus, and talk with Clark College faculty, staff, and current students. This year’s participants had the opportunity to hear from Clark College President Bob Knight, Dean of Enrollment Services Alex Montoya, Professor Debi Jenkins, and a panel of current Clark College students moderated by Multicultural Retention Manager Felisciana Peralta. Activities designed to foster interest in several of Clark’s programs – including culinary arts, engineering, dental hygiene, music, medical radiography, machining technology, automotive technology and nursing – were also offered.

Students who attended Gateways represented Vancouver, Portland and Hood River area high schools, including Fort Vancouver, Hood River Valley, Hudson’s Bay, Mountain View, Roosevelt, Union, Jefferson, Evergreen, and Gresham High Schools. This year’s attendance represented a 44% increase over 2007, the first year the event was offered.

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Comments from students and their counselors, teachers and chaperones alike were positive:

“I found the events and all portions which I attended to be beneficial. Hats off again to Clark College for a job well done as usual.”
– Fort Vancouver staff

“I love this college! I see myself here once I’m out of high school.”
– Hood River Valley High School junior

“This school is awesome!”
– Roosevelt High School junior

“I liked the people, they treated us like family.”
– Fort Vancouver High School junior

“Very nice way of presenting and encouraging us to go to college.”
– Union High School sophomore

“This was really tight. Mrs. Jenkins was the best.”
– Mountain View High School sophomore

“I just think that by you guys giving us information and encouraging us to go to college really gets us excited.”
– Gresham High School senior
More than 1,100 staff and faculty throughout the Clark College community began the week of Nov. 17 with a brown bag treat. Members of the employee campaign committee—Nancy Abel, Dee Gonser, Priscila Martins-Read, Lisa Nelson, and Lindsey Walling—started the day early by distributing bagged apples, assisted by members of the Clark College Foundation staff.

The 2008 employee giving campaign theme is: When everybody gives, everybody gains! As those working to meet the needs of Clark students on a day-to-day basis, employees often know where the college’s greatest needs lie. “We, as Clark employees, need to lead the way with our internal support,” says Nancy Abel, program support supervisor.

Gifts of treasure send a message beyond the college community as well. “It makes a big difference when I know that the people in the organization believe in it so much they actually give back to it themselves,” says Lindsey Walling, secretary senior for student affairs. “It makes a big statement to the community and outside donors. That’s why it’s so important for the college community to show their support.”

When employees give to the foundation through the Clark College Employee Campaign, they can choose which area they wish to support. “We’re ensured the money stays here,” notes Leann Johnson, director of equity and diversity.

Thao Schmidt, human resource consultant assistant, was motivated by the student statement that came with the apple, noting how Clark employees care about students and their education. Schmidt, a current scholarship recipient, promised to pay it forward to show her appreciation. “Because of that long lasting effect,” Schmidt says, “I will be giving to the campaign.”

Donations made to Clark College Employee Campaign by Friday, Dec. 5 will be entered in a drawing for prizes donated by community partners. Samples of prizes include free waste disposal service for a year, gift certificates for restaurants, handcrafted jewelry, and a will.

To give to the campaign, complete the card that came in the brown bag, or visit the “forms” section of the Clark College Intranet for the employee pledge form (located under the Foundation forms section). For more information, contact Ara Serjoie, foundation vice president of development at 992-2428 or e-mail: aserjoie@clark.edu.

Good comes from every penny that is donated!

Incredible is what you feel when you can see what your money is doing!

Versatile is the size of the donation you can make!

Excited is how you feel when you are able to donate in the name of co-workers and save all of that holiday shopping time and effort!

- by Priscila Martins-Read, professor, English as a non-native language
Please join the college community for the annual holiday reception

Clark College Annual Holiday Reception

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
Student Center, Gaiser Hall

Robert K. Knight, President
Clark College
The classified employees WPEA/UFCW union meeting is held every third Wednesday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Scarpelli Hall room 214. The next meeting will be held Dec. 17, 2008.

**Upcoming Events**

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College Web site: www.clark.edu/news_events/college_calendar/

(Unless otherwise noted, all events take place on the Clark College main campus. If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in an event, contact the Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-992-2835 (TTY), or visit Gaiser Hall Rm. 137.)

**Archer Gallery exhibit:**
**Pacific Currents**
Now – Friday, December 5, 2008
Archer Gallery

**Test Anxiety**
Monday, December 1, 2008
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
GHL 214

**Co-op/Internship**
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
GHL 214

**Holiday Reception**
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
3:30 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center

**Co-op/Internship**
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
GHL 213

**Annual Financial Aid Information Night**
Wednesday, December 3, 2008
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gaiser Hall – Student Center

**Orchestra presents Italia**
Wednesday, December 3, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, 3101 Main St., Vancouver

The Clark College Orchestra will present “Italia,” the first concert of its 2008-2009 season. Italian guest conductor Antonello Gotta will conduct Verdi’s Overture to Nabucco, Tchaikovsky’s Capriccio italien, and Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concert No. 2. The featured soloist will be his colleague from Italy, Maurizio Barboro.

**Resume Writing**
Thursday, December 4, 2008
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
GHL 214

**Fall Choral Concert**
Thursday, December 4, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Gaiser Hall

The Music Department’s Fall Choral Concert will feature the Women’s Choral Ensemble, Clark College Chorale and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by April Duvic and Janet Reiter.

**Concert Band & Concert Choir**
Friday, December 5, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, 3101 Main St., Vancouver

The Clark College Concert Choir, under the direction of April Duvic, and Concert Band, under the direction of Richard Inouye, will present their fall concert, “JOY!”

**Student Book Buyback**
Monday, December 8, 2008 through Friday, December 12, 2008
Near the Bookstore Entrance

**Better World Books drive**
Monday, December 8, 2008 through Thursday, December 11, 2008
Throughout campus

**Poet Laureate Sam Green**
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
12:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge

Washington’s Poet Laureate Sam Green will speak at Clark College as part of the Columbia Writers Series. His presentation will include poetry readings and a question and answer session.

**Interview Skills**
Thursday, December 11, 2008
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
GHL 214
From the HR Department

Open Positions

Vice President of Student Affairs:  
full-time administrative position.  
Closing date: TBA

Early Childhood Specialist 3:  
part-time, 75% 9 month position.  
Open until filled.

Director of Advising and Counseling:  
full-time administrative position.  
Open until filled.

Director of Nursing:  
full-time administrative position.  
Closing date: January 15, 2009.

Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics:  
full-time administrative position.  
Closing date: January 23, 2009.

Automotive Instructor:  
tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: January 23, 2009.

Computer Science Instructor:  
tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: January 23, 2009.

Medical Radiography  
Instructor/Clinical Coordinator:  
tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: January 15, 2009.

Music Instructor:  
tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: January 23, 2009.

Medical-Surgical Nursing Instructors, 2 positions:  
tenure-track positions.  
Closing date: January 15, 2009.

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Instructor:  
tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: January 15, 2009.

Maternal-Child Nursing Instructor:  
tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: January 15, 2009.

Health Occupations Instructor:  
non tenure-track faculty position.  
Closing date: December 9, 2008.