

Her Next Step Was a Running Start



As a Washougal teenager, Rosalyn Hart decided she wanted a “Running Start” on her education. She had a lot of dreams and knew that Clark College prides itself on making people’s dreams come true so she chose Clark College as the next step.

Two years later, she earned an Associate in Arts degree through the Running Start program, graduating with highest honors. Her resume of activities is equally impressive. While at Clark College, Hart founded Amnesty International and served as its president. She planned the first annual Clark College Human Rights Film Festival as well as the first and second Clark College Slavery Awareness Day events. She served on the publicity committee for the first and second annual Vancouver Peace and Justice Fairs. She participated in the French Club. She was honored by the Clark College student newspaper, *The Independent*, as the 2004 Running Start Student of the Year.

Her studies and activities on the Clark College campus led to honors in the community and across the state. Vancouver Mayor Royce C. Pollard presented Hart with the 2005

General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award. That award is presented annually to encourage and recognize the leadership potential of the next “greatest generation.”

Rosalyn Hart was one of two Clark College students named to the 2005 All-Washington Academic Team. Hart and James Wheelock received the award from Washington Governor Christine Gregoire. During the ceremony, Hart was described as “a true believer in the philosophy, ‘think globally, act locally.’”

During her address as part of the college’s 2005 commencement ceremony, Hart said she was proud and grateful to be a Clark College graduate. “When I started at Clark I was sixteen and unsure about myself as a full-time college student. On the first day here I became excited about my classes, the teachers, and other students, and I still feel that way.” She added, “At Clark, I have had inspiring teachers, leadership and activity opportunities; I have known wonderful and diverse students, and have had great support from Linda Calvert, the Running Start advisor, and the Student Life Office. I’ve found the administration to be involved and caring. Though I’m excited about my next step, I’m sad to leave what has come to feel like home.”



Left to right: Clark College Vice President of Instruction Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges Chair Tom Koenninger, Rosalyn Hart and Washington Governor Christine Gregoire celebrate Hart’s selection as a member of the 2005 All-Washington Academic Team. The honors were presented during a recognition program in Olympia.