

Vancouver

Ex-state legislator receives Clark College alumni honor

Robert M. Schaefer, an attorney, former legislator and longtime Vancouver resident, has been named the 2006 Clark College Outstanding Alumni.

Schaefer will receive the award during the college's annual Alumni Student Dinner on April 20. The 6 p.m. event will be in the Gaiser Hall Student Center, in the northwest corner of the campus on Fort Vancouver Way between McLoughlin Boulevard and East Fourth Plain Boulevard.

Tickets are \$25 and are available through the alumni office at 360-992-2542.

Schaefer served eight years in the Washington Legislature, two of them as speaker of the House. He also served on numerous boards, including the Columbia River Economic Development Council, Southwest Washington Medical Center, and Washington State High Technology Coordinating Board.

In 1972, Schaefer helped found Help One Reader to Succeed, which has tutored more than 1 million students. In 1983, he established a committee that developed the plan to bring Washington State University to Vancouver.

"Through his support of business and education, Robert Schaefer has played an instrumental role in the economic health of our region," said Clark President R. Wayne Branch.

Schaefer attributed much of his success to the education he received at Clark.

"Clark College had the best teachers and professors that I encountered in getting my college education," he said. "They really helped me to make important decisions in my life."