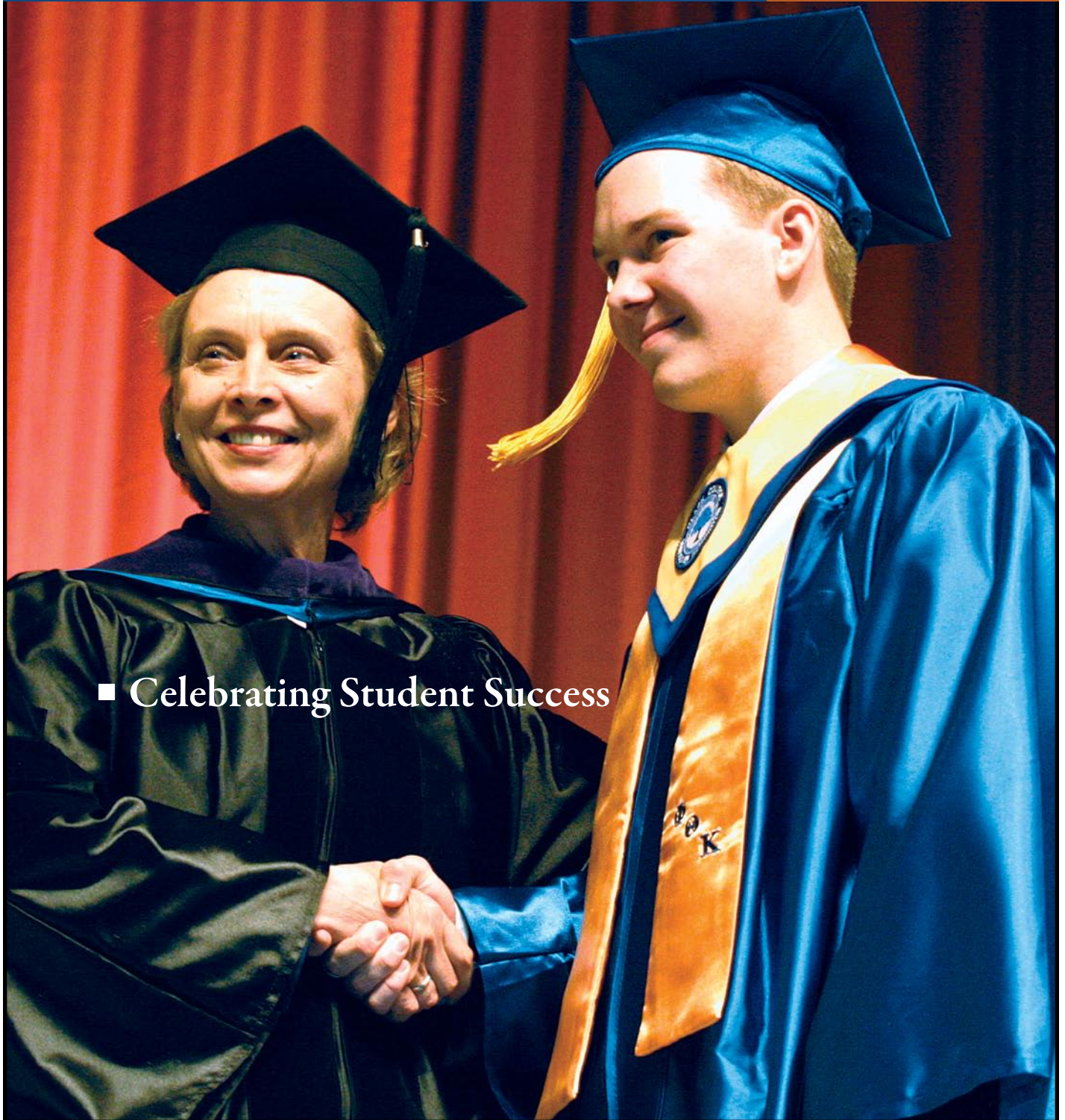


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Each year, for thousands of students in our community, Clark College has been and is the pathway to their success. We are proud of our focus on student success and our commitment to providing opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to pursue their educational goals.

From cultural events to opportunities for civic participation to unique entertainment experiences, this issue of *Clark College Connections* recognizes the people and activities that make Clark College such an exciting and dynamic place. We boast a faculty and staff committed to excellence, a wide array of course offerings at times and locations designed for our students' convenience, and a variety of extracurricular activities and student services. Ensuring student success is our highest priority, and we strive to make this commitment evident in all that we do.

In addition to promoting high academic standards in a welcoming and supportive environment, we are also working to expand opportunities for individuals to seamlessly pursue a bachelor's degree without leaving home. Our students and community will benefit for years to come because of the historic co-admissions agreements we continue to develop. You'll find more about these agreements on our back cover and on page 30. These partnerships provide world class degree opportunities – right here in southwest Washington.

For nearly 75 years, Clark College has been empowering learners who enrich the social, cultural and economic vitality of our region and the global community. Thank you for considering Clark College as "The Next Step" for your education, your career and your future. I hope you will join us on the pathway to success!

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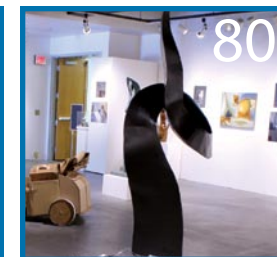
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Cover Photo: Governor Chris Gregoire congratulates graduate Benjamin Hayford during Clark College's 2006 Commencement. Hayford served as Finance Director and Acting President of the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) during the 2005-06 academic year.

*Clark College Catalog* The 2005-2007 Clark College catalog is available for purchase at the Clark College Bookstore in Gaiser Hall and online at [www.clarkbookstore.com](http://www.clarkbookstore.com). The cost is \$3 plus shipping.

# Celebrating Student Success

“You’ve come this far—and your education will launch you wherever you want to go or whatever you choose to do.”

– Governor Chris Gregoire, keynote speaker,  
2006 Clark College Commencement

Each quarter marks the beginning of a new academic year. Some students are coming to Clark College for the first time while some are continuing their studies. For each, student success has a different meaning.

For some, it’s earning a degree. For others, it’s receiving the certificate that will help them gain a new job. For still others, it’s about having the real-world experience that will help them stay current in their work field.

The Clark College Class of 2006 shared their aspirations and dreams during the College’s 70th commencement ceremony. As keynote speaker, Washington Governor Chris Gregoire became the first governor in Washington history to take part in the College’s commencement exercises. In addressing the Class of 2006, Gregoire said, “Your education will launch you wherever you want to go or whatever you choose to do.” She challenged the graduates to make a difference by “creating a world class education system for all students to succeed, protecting our environment for the next generation and generations not yet born, and building strong communities by giving of oneself.”

The Presidential Scholarship Award was created to help a Clark College student take the next step in his or her education through a full-time, two-year tuition waiver at Washington State University Vancouver. During the 2006 commencement ceremony, Clark College President R. Wayne Branch, announced the 2006-07 scholarship winner, Pamela M. Sullivan



Governor Chris Gregoire congratulates Clark College graduate Pamela Sullivan, winner of the 2006-2007 Presidential Scholarship Award.



During the 2005-2006 academic year, 1136 men and women earned degrees and certificates from Clark College. 22 Clark College students graduated with highest honors for achieving a 3.9 grade point average (GPA) while completing a two-year program. In addition, 59 Clark students earned their degrees through the Running Start program – graduating from high school and Clark College at the same time. Two graduated with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

of Vancouver. Sullivan attended Clark College from 2002-06, majoring in social science.

In her application, Sullivan wrote, “Higher education is important to me because I have lived a life without it ... My husband and I believe that the best teacher is example, so here I am, following my children’s examples, as they are, all

three, college graduates.” Sullivan hopes to earn her baccalaureate degree and eventually teach paralegal classes at Clark College.

For nearly 75 years, Clark College has been committed to helping each student achieve his or her dreams. That may be the ultimate definition of student success. ■



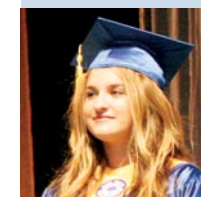
“For some of us, Clark is but the first step on ... a journey, while others may have finally found at Clark what they have sought for so long – whether that be academic success, community involvement, or the appreciation of one’s personal strengths and more importantly, the acceptance of one’s weaknesses. All of this I have found at Clark College and I hope you have too.”

– Mariah Acton, 2006 All-Washington Academic Team Member and Clark College Commencement Speaker



“I didn’t finish high school. To get a job, I lied about graduating. Early on I didn’t feel I needed my education as long as I had a job. It didn’t seem to matter to me at the time. I have been a dishwasher, warehousemen, laborer; and I have crawled under houses to earn a living .... In Clark College’s GED program, the teachers got through to me, and now I am no longer perpetuating a lie. Finally, it is true that I have a GED ... and I feel empowered.”

– Roger Koontz, 2006 GED Completer



“I began my journey at Clark College two years ago as a young lady and Running Start student. Being slightly intimidated on my first day of class at such a large and diverse school, I decided that in order to succeed in the academic classroom, I must apply myself. I did this, and Clark has given me opportunities I hardly thought possible.”

– Sarah Craciun, 2006 All-Washington Academic Team Member and Clark College Commencement Speaker

# Making Dreams *Possible*

If no one in your family has ever attended college, it can be hard to believe that college is possible. Clark College is taking the next step to help families realize the dream of sending their children to college through an innovative national program.



Clark College recently welcomed 45 students from King Elementary School as part of the "College Is Possible" partnership with the "Impacting Kids First" program through the Vancouver School District.

“College Is Possible” (CIP) is a unique precollege youth development program serving underrepresented students in all grade levels, their families and interested nonprofit youth agencies. President R. Wayne Branch has made an executive commitment to the American Council on Education (ACE) to provide structured programming to educate and inspire underrepresented youth to pursue post-secondary education. Clark College is one of 47 member institutions, and one of only four two-year public institutions, that benefit from this national initiative.

CIP strives to build bridges between the college and the local K-12 community through mutually beneficial programming. Clark College has established CIP groups at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary and King Elementary in Vancouver. Within the next year, additional school based groups are scheduled to begin at Harney Elementary, McLoughlin Middle School, Jason Lee Middle School and Fort Vancouver High School.

CIP groups have also been formed at many local nonprofit youth agencies that serve underrepresented populations. The Rise and Stars Community Center (Vancouver Housing Authority), Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Washington, Native American Studies program (Title VII), and Vancouver Parks and Recreation have groups participating in the program.

CIP provides parents, educators and community supporters with needed tools to utilize and advance student participation in higher education. Efforts are made to heighten awareness and create a better understanding of higher education and its systems. Information and direct assistance with college admission, financial aid and student success are offered.

The American Council on Education provides national training and networking opportunities for CIP Liaisons. CIP Liaisons are appointed by each campus President to establish a local program that directly addresses community needs. The Clark College CIP Liaison is Sheryl Anderson, Director of Admissions and Assessment. Anderson said, “Our ‘College Is Possible’ program has a strong commitment to provide comprehensive programming for underrepresented youth in our area. The overall goal is to offer a continuous experiences and structured activities with higher education for the 200+ children and teens participating.”

Dr. R. Wayne Branch, Clark College president, remembers meeting a sixth grade student from Sarah J. Anderson School. Her mother speaks very little English. Branch noted, “Clark College is one of the few community colleges across the country to champion the ‘College is Possible’ program. Fulfilling the aspirations of this national initiative locally has led directly to a benefactor making sure that, for this sixth grader, college will not just be possible – it is already paid for, at Clark College.”

Branch noted, “It is these partnerships with the community – and our commitment to academic preparation as a predictor of success – that fulfill the promise that higher education is truly the pathway to a better life for ourselves and our children.” ■



Left to right: Newly elected ASCC President Amanda Mayoral, Vice President Hollie Slagel and Club Coordinator Valerie Vest are committed to strengthening student involvement at Clark College.

## Making a Difference

When you enroll in courses at Clark College, your registration opens the door to more than just an education. You also become a member of the Associated Students of Clark College, known as ASCC, which brings with it a myriad of opportunities for getting involved and for representing the student body in college-related activities and organizations.

Amanda Mayoral was elected as the 2006-07 ASCC President, and she looks forward to using her presidency to strengthen the ASCC. She served as Vice President for most of the 2005-06 academic year, and she believes this experience will be critical as the ASCC Executive Council works to increase opportunities to connect and communicate with students.

“It’s really important that we maximize our student involvement,” said Mayoral, who identified this effort as one of her primary initiatives. She hopes to intensify student lobbying efforts on legislative issues affecting Clark College and to encourage more students to serve on committees and councils.

“Vice President Hollie Slagle will be looking for students to appoint to committees during the first few weeks of fall quarter,” said Mayoral. “This would be a good time for students to get involved.” Opportunities include the ASCC Finance Committee, ASCC Constitution & Bylaws Review Committee, Clark College Foundation Faculty Excellence Awards Committee, and the Clark College Council, in addition to tenure committees for new faculty members.

Contact Hollie Slagle directly at [ASCCVP@clark.edu](mailto:ASCCVP@clark.edu) for more information, or call the Office of Student Life at 360-992-2806.

“Many students find that some of their most valuable learning in college occurred outside of the classroom,” said Lory Williams, Student Life Program Coordinator. “It’s never too early or too late to get involved, and the Office of Student Life is here to help students make the most of their experiences at Clark College.” ■

# Something for Everyone

Clark College is a dynamic and vibrant community of students, faculty and staff who are committed to enriching the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our region and the global community. At the core of this excitement is the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC), which oversees a variety of activities and services that enhance the educational experiences of our students.

Student life at Clark College revolves around more than 30 on-campus clubs, organizations and programs, in addition to a wide variety of special activities, cultural events and intercollegiate athletic programs. Our students know that Clark

College is more than just a place to learn – we promote an environment committed to student success and offer resources and opportunities designed to help our students meet their educational and personal goals.

The ASCC kicks off the year with its annual “Welcome Back Barbeque,” and the fun continues from there. The ASCC sponsors several student-centered events and activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for civic participation, awareness of current issues, entertainment, and education for the campus and the community.

One college favorite includes three judges – one hip, one supportive, one caustic – who offer their critiques after nervous contestants take to the stage to sing. It’s “Clark Idol” – the Clark College salute to the wildly popular television program. Student performers take to the Gaiser Hall stage in their bid to be the next “Clark Idol” while three Clark College employees provide their own spin on famed judges Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

Another fun event enjoyed each year is “Spring Fling.” Participants gather outside on the College’s main campus for food, entertainment, and unique activities such as a 60-foot obstacle course and an extreme sports challenge.

In addition, the ASCC supports three theatre department productions each year, often to sold-out crowds. The department goes on the road with its annual children’s theatre production. The 2006 production, “Silly Goose,” was presented at schools throughout Southwest Washington then delighted international audiences in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The production provided the opportunity for student actors and technicians to hone their professional skills while introducing the young members of their audiences to the joys of live theatre.

Other cultural activities on campus include concerts, an annual jazz festival and the Art Student Annual, a showcase of artwork created during the past year. *Phoenix*, the student art and literary magazine for Clark College, is also released annually. As the 2006 edition notes, this year’s issue “features over 100 pieces of art and literature, comprised solely of work by Clark students, making it one of the most diverse and inclusive programs on campus.”

With a vast array of co-curricular programs and activities, as well as sporting events and unique cultural opportunities, Clark College truly offers something for everyone. ■



Clark College student life is rich and varied through activities such as 1) the Art Student Annual at the Archer Gallery; 2) *Phoenix*, the student art and literary magazine; 3) the theatre department’s annual children’s production and tour; 4) the popular “Clark Idol” competition; and 5 & 6) the fun and entertainment of “Spring Fling.”



# Making History and Honoring It

A landmark agreement for students. A forum celebrating bistate partnerships. A distinguished lecturer whose life became an award winning film. The 50th anniversary of a baseball state championship. Those were just a few of the events to remember at Clark College this year.

The Columbia River divides us, but it can also be a bridge for us. That was one of the themes of the 2006 Bistate Metropolitan Forum, held at Portland State University. Speakers included Washington Governor Chris Gregoire, Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard and Portland Mayor Tom Potter. Dr. R. Wayne Branch, Clark College President, led a panel discussion on higher education featuring Dr. Hal Dengerink, Chancellor of Washington State University Vancouver, and George Pernsteiner, Chancellor of the Oregon University System. The three educational leaders spoke about the importance of enhancing partnerships to benefit students throughout the region.

One of those partnerships was on display on a beautiful spring day, with Mount St. Helens glistening in the distance, as Clark College held a formal celebration to mark the opening of the Clark Center at Washington State University Vancouver (WSUV). The Clark Center represents the next step in the longstanding partnership between Clark College and WSUV. Clark College and WSUV are partners in a co-admissions agreement under which students can gain admittance to both institutions at the same time and transfer seamlessly from Clark College to WSUV. In June, a historic proportionality agreement was signed, guaranteeing that WSUV will accept all Clark College students who complete the co-admission and transfer by major process.

Legislative and community leader Robert M. Schaefer was honored with the 2006 Clark College Outstanding Alumni Award. Schaefer served eight years in the Washington Legislature, including two years as Speaker of the House. Schaefer has strong connections to the College through his own educational experiences and through the contributions of his wife Sally, who served on the Clark College Board of Trustees.

Clark College introduced its new Distinguished Lecture Series by welcoming Dr. Jeffrey Wigand, the former tobacco industry executive who made history when he exposed the industry's health safety issues in a landmark "60 Minutes" interview. Dr. Wigand, who was the basis for Russell Crowe's character in the award winning film "The Insider," met with regional health leaders, held a college-wide forum and drew a capacity audience to his evening lecture.

The Clark College Penguin Athletic Club (PAC) and Alumni Association celebrated history when they marked the 50th anniversary of the College's baseball state championship team during a ceremony in the O'Connell Sports Center gymnasium. With legendary coach Skeet O'Connell on hand, the players were presented with a replica of their 1956 baseball caps and, to the cheers of the crowd, recreated their official team photo, accompanied by Clark College mascot Oswald.



1) Washington Governor Chris Gregoire and Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski share a light moment at the 2006 Bistate Metropolitan Forum. 2) (Left to right) Clark College President R. Wayne Branch, Clark College Board of Trustees Vice Chair Rhona Sen Hoss and WSUV Chancellor Hal Dengerink celebrate the grand opening celebration of the Clark Center at WSUV. 3) Former Clark College Trustee Sally Schaefer congratulates her husband, Robert Schaefer, on receiving the 2006 Clark College Outstanding Alumni Award. 4) Environmental Health and Employee Development Program Manager Rebecca Wale (left) and Health Services Officer Mary Deal welcome Dr. Jeffrey Wigand to Clark College. 5) Members of Clark College's 1956 state champion baseball team recreate their team photo.

# Clark College *The Next Step*



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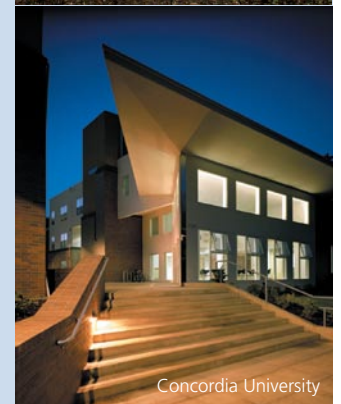
in creating new degree pathways for students with the formalization of a co-admission agreement with Concordia University on June 28, 2006. The agreement is designed to improve student access to undergraduate education, increase the efficiency of joint efforts in support of students, and improve the success of student transfer rates through the completion of associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees.

Concordia University is the fourth major university to join Clark College in the creation of historic co-admission partnerships. These partnerships provide numerous benefits for Clark College students, including coordinated federal financial aid disbursement, special scholarship opportunities, coordinated student and academic services, joint library services, and coordinated degree completions.

**Make one of our co-admission options “The Next Step” toward your Bachelor’s Degree. For a complete listing of all our partnership programs, please see page 30.**



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