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Clark College graduation is joyous occasion



Award-winning author and keynote speaker at Clark College graduation last night, Sherman Alexie and graduate Alley Blom share the joy of achievement.

In ceremonies in the Amphitheater at Clark County, Clark College, the state's second largest community college, issued 1,252 associate in arts degrees and certificates. Included were 86 Running Start students, who completed the first two years of college at the same time they graduated from high school.

Graduate **Kenneth Nyholm**, Vancouver, was named recipient of the college's President Award, which carries with it a full tuition and fees two-year scholarship to Washington State University Vancouver. Nyholm, who graduated with highest honors, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, a student ambassador, and a co-founder of the Clark College Veterans Awareness Organization.

Three Clark instructors were singled out for Exceptional Faculty Awards. They are creative writing instructor **Larry Blakely**, biology professor **William Cushwa**, and professor of business technology **Nancy Johnson**. Cushwa and Johnson are repeat winners.