

Clark College welcomes new VP of Instruction

Clark College in Vancouver, Washington has announced that Rassoul Dastmozd is the school's new Vice President of Instruction.

A native of Iran, Dastmozd earned a Bachelor of Engineering Technology degree from Southwest State University in Minnesota and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration at Drake University in Iowa. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Colorado State University, majoring in Education and Human Resources.

"I believe community colleges are the most dynamic, affordable, and accessible vehicles in responding to the needs of a changing population," Dastmozd said. "This reflects my personal belief about the community college philosophy; that is, a community college's mission is based on responsiveness, equitable quality programming initiatives, and access. As a comprehensive community college, Clark's mission is also based on responsiveness, equitable quality programming initiatives, and access. In addition, Clark College is committed to creating opportunities and positive experiences for our students so they can fulfill their dreams."

Before joining Clark, Dastmozd was dean of the Applied Technology Division in the Eastern Iowa Community College District. Since 2005, he has also served as a mentor for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) MentorLink program, working coopera-



MOVERS, SHAKERS. Clark College has announced that Rassoul Dastmozd (left) is the school's new Vice President of Instruction. (Photo courtesy of Clark College)

tively with AACC to provide leadership, technical assistance, and advice to other colleges. Dastmozd has extensive experience in curriculum development, grant implementation, student retention, alternative instruction, and educational planning and oversight. In 2005, he was the recipient of an International Exemplary Leaders award.

Clark College interim president Robert K. Knight praised Dastmozd's commitment to student success. "Rassoul understands the importance of the teaching and learning that happens in every classroom every day. He is committed to our focus on learning and to partnering with all areas of the college to ensure that every student gets the support they need to be successful and achieve their goals and dreams."