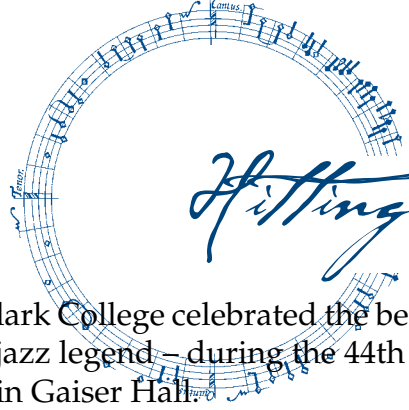




Clark 24/7





Hitting All The Right Notes

Clark College celebrated the best young musical talent in the region – and welcomed a jazz legend – during the 44th Annual Clark College Jazz Festival held January 26-29 in Gaiser Hall.

Forty-six jazz bands and 13 vocal ensembles performed in this year's Northwest High School Band and Vocal Jazz Competition representing class A through AAAA schools. Local high schools swept the Division 3A vocal jazz category, with Battle Ground, Prairie, and Camas high schools finishing first, second, and third, respectively. The festival sweepstakes trophy was awarded to Seattle's Garfield High School for the most outstanding band participating in the festival.

World-renowned alto saxophonist John Handy was featured in concert on Sunday, January 29. The Grammy-nominated performer and composer has captivated audiences from Carnegie Hall to the Montreaux Jazz Festival with his soulful and fiery saxophone style. Handy was supported in concert by local jazz favorites Greg Goebel on piano, Phil Baker on bass, and Ron Steen on drums, with a special appearance by the Clark College Jazz Ensemble.

Festival organizer and Music Professor/Division Chair Chuck Ramsey was excited to welcome John Handy to Clark College. "He's one of those who set the stage for modern jazz in the 1950s and early '60s," said Ramsey in an interview with *The Columbian*. "This group of people, from this time, you can look back and say, 'This is what jazz is about, and what it's supposed to be about.'"



Local High School Students Get A Running Start

In a packed O'Connell Sports Center Gymnasium, local high school sophomores and juniors learned how to take the next step in their education through Running Start at Clark College by attending an informational meeting on February 1. This annual event frequently attracts hundreds of interested students and parents to the Clark College campus, where they learn about Running Start program requirements including eligibility criteria, testing procedures, and deadlines.



Christina Jenkins, Running Start Student and daughter of Child & Family Studies Professor Debi Jenkins, shares her Running Start experience before a crowd of nearly 1,000 high school students and parents.



Linda Calvert, Associate Director of Running Start, welcomes high school students and parents to the annual Running Start informational meeting. The O'Connell Sports Center Gymnasium was filled almost to capacity.

Running Start is a program approved by the Washington legislature which allows qualifying high school juniors and seniors to take classes to earn college credit while they fulfill their high school graduation requirements. Students may choose from a full range of academic and professional or technical courses as long as they meet the criteria and the classes are college-level; tuition for is covered by the school district.

Before a crowd of nearly 1,000 students and parents, Associate Director of Running Start Linda Calvert shared an explanation of Running Start and how to access the program for Fall Quarter 2006. She then introduced two current Running Start students who offered brief "testimonials" as to their Running Start experience. One of those students, Benjamin Hayford, a senior at Fort Vancouver High School, is

also Finance Director of Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC). Hayford, who is majoring in Social Studies, has taken a broad range of courses, including Model United Nations, every quarter. He is on track to earn an Associate of Arts Degree when he graduates from high school in June 2006.

"The Running Start Program was an opportunity to get two years ahead on my college experience," said Hayford. "Running Start has enabled me to grow and become a stronger student – especially in the areas of social sciences, international relations and economics. It's the opportunity to truly get a running start at college."

With more than 900 students currently enrolled, the Running Start Program at Clark College is one of the largest in the state.



A Recipe for Success

The Clark College Culinary Arts Department hosted the 20th Annual Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) contest for baking and cooking on January 19. Seven students from Fort Vancouver High School (FVHS) competed in the baking competition and 11 students (also from FVHS) competed in the cooking competition. Glenn Lakin of the Clark College Culinary Arts Department headed up the competition. Former Clark College Culinary Arts Instructor Per Zeeberg returned to campus to serve as a judge for the baking portion of the competition along with Cindy Magallanes, an Instructional Technician in the Culinary Arts Department. Clark College students enrolled in the advanced culinary arts program served as judges for the cooking portion of the competition.



Our Rising Star

Clark College Foundation administrator Cheri Cole recognized by peers for accomplishments in alumni relations



Cheri Cole, Clark College Foundation Director of Alumni Relations and the Penguin Athletic Club (PAC), has been selected as a recipient of the Rising Star Award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). She will receive the award during the CASE Region VIII Conference on February 24 in Vancouver, B.C.

The Rising Star Award honors professionals with three to five years experience and recognizes the accomplishments of promising individuals whose early success bodes well for future leadership and achievement. Winners of this award demonstrate innovation, professionalism, and strong leadership qualities. Recipients are chosen by the executive committee of the district board in the fields of development, alumni relations, and communications.

Cole was nominated by Executive Dean of Planning and Advancement Candy Bennett, who described Cole's professional and personal contributions to the Clark College Alumni Association and Clark College. "Cheri has provided the leadership and support needed to transform a fledgling organization with minimal membership, visibility, and participation into one of the most successful community college alumni associations in the nation," said Bennett.



Clark College's Newest American Citizen!



Congratulations to Spanish Instructor Elena Rodriguez, who took her Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America on January 26. Rodriguez now holds dual United States and Spanish citizenship.

She explained that maintaining both means,
“...that I am a citizen of the world, which is what all human beings should be. Borders and frontiers should not exist, which would create a peaceful world in my opinion.”



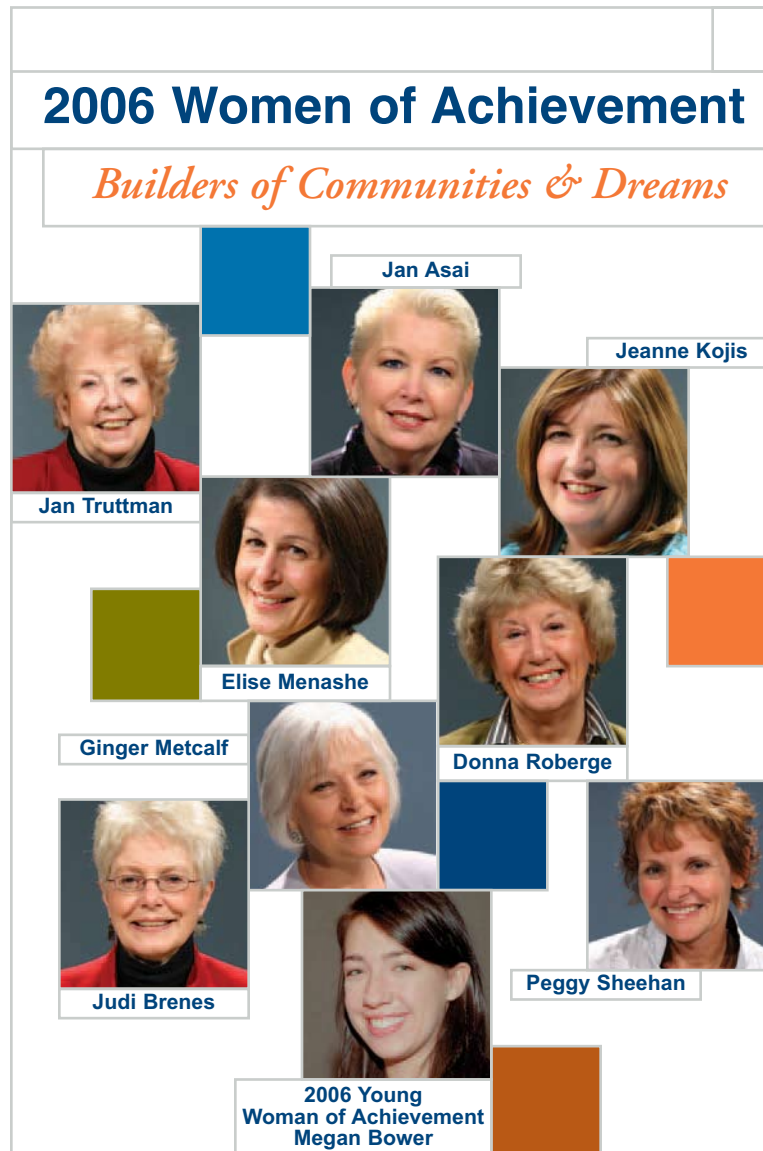
Local High School Students Show Off Their Automotive Skills

The Regional High School Skills USA contest was held at Clark College on January 27 hosted by the Automotive Department. Forty-eight students from the Clark County Skills Center, Mark Morris High School, and Prairie High School participated in nine contest areas (eight with hands-on tasks and one written test). Congratulations to the contest winner, Brandon Adams of Prairie High School. He and the other top six contestants will advance to the state contest in Tacoma in April; the winner of that competition will represent our state at the national contest in Kansas City.

Several industry partners assisted with the design and set-up for this competition as well as contest judging, including Snap-on Tools, Les Schwab Tires, Clark County PUD, Dick Hanna Chrysler, and the Clark County Shops. The event also provided a great opportunity for Clark College automotive students who helped with set-up and served as judges on several of the contests. Automotive Technology Professor Bob Jones reported that the high school students had positive comments about our facility and expressed interest in both our night and Toyota programs.



Women of Achievement



Clark College is proud to partner with the YWCA for the 2006 Women of Achievement Celebration honoring eight outstanding women in our community. This year's luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on March 8 at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. The 2006 Women of Achievement honorees are unique individuals whose work represents a wide range of occupations and accomplishments. Each has demonstrated strength, dedication and bold leadership. Donna Roberge, former department chair of the sociology/criminal justice program at Clark College, and Peggy Sheehan, program coordinator for the Clark County Department of Community Services and wife of Clark College Director of Computing Services Phil Sheehan, are among the honorees. Tickets for the luncheon are \$30; if you are interested in attending please contact RandaLyn Novick (x2219) to request a reservation card.

Clark Students Score 100% Success

Ten students from Clark College sat for the national Certified Medical Assistant Examination in October, one of the College's largest groups. All ten passed the exam and are now employed as Certified Medical Assistants. These students' 100% success rate compares to a 67% national success rate for first-time takers. The students scored in the top one percent nationally with an average standard score of 664 (well above the national average of 475). This remarkable accomplishment is due in large part to the dedicated Clark College faculty and staff members who help prepare students so well for the workplace. To quote a member of the Curriculum Committee, "...these are the people that are going to be taking care of us." In recognition of their accomplishments, all graduates will receive a personal letter of congratulations from John Clausen, Clark College's Director of Medical Office Programs.



A Golden Celebration for Penguin Athletics

Clark College honors its 1956 Washington state championship baseball team.



1st Row (seated): Leroy Frasier, Eric Peterson, Jack Berry, Dale Giles, Terry Burke, Frank Gallas

2nd Row (middle): Ron Rasmor, Ken Warren, John Aldridge, Dick LaManna, Kenny Davis, Delone Bausch, Don Wendt, Harley Hall

3rd Row (standing): Manager Art Pugsley, Jim Babcock, Tom Garrow, Joe Quinn, Sam Smith, Joe Johnson, Ted Atlee,
Assistant Coach Herman Jones, Coach Skeet O'Connell

You are invited to join the Clark College Penguin Athletic Club (PAC) and Alumni Association in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the College's baseball state championship-winning season at a ceremony on Saturday, February 18 in the O'Connell Sports Center gymnasium. The event will take place during halftime of the men's basketball game with a 3:00 p.m. tip-off.

The 1956 championship series was played against Yakima Junior College on an unnamed field east of Mill Plain Blvd. and Fort Vancouver Way, where passing cars dodged foul balls. As reigning champion, Yakima was favored to take home the title. Clark College pulled off a huge upset, winning the best of three series in two straight games (2-1, 2-1).

The momentous occasion brings together team members from as far away as Arizona along with coach Claude "Skeet" O'Connell, assistant coach Herman Jones, and manager Art Pugsley.

O'Connell led four basketball squads, three golf teams, and this one baseball team to state championships in his 40-year career at Clark College. He is ecstatic to reunite with his team, "It will be great to see players I haven't seen since that time and let the community know we're still here." Clark College alumni from the 1950s are also expected to attend the event.

Players will be presented with a replica of their 1956 baseball caps and the official team photo will be recreated. In a very poignant component of the ceremony, the signed winning team ball will be presented to the family of outfielder and Blue Angels Commander Harley H. Hall. Hall's plane was shot down on his third tour of duty in Vietnam and he has been listed as missing in action since 1973. The mounted trophy will go on display in the HH Hall Building in Hazel Dell.

For more information, contact Cheri Cole at 992-2542.

Marylhurst University's PLA Program

Earn college credit for what you've learned in your life.

Marylhurst University's PLA Program

Free Information Session
Wednesday, February 15
6:30-8:00 p.m. Clark College

travel study

employment

military training

independent research

To register for the session:
Call 800.634.9982, ext. 6260
e-mail pla@marylhurst.edu

Clark College *The Next Step*
www.clark.edu www.marylhurst.edu

In partnership with Marylhurst University, Clark College will hold a free Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) information session this Wednesday, February 15. The session is designed to help adults discover how to earn college credit for the skills, abilities and knowledge they've gained at work and in life. The session will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Penguin Student Union, room 258.

Marylhurst University's Learning Assessment Center helps adults earn college credit for learning they've acquired outside of the classroom. Up to 45 undergraduate credits can be earned toward a bachelor's degree through Prior Learning Assessment, and an additional 45 credits can be obtained through standardized testing. Marylhurst's Prior Learning Assessment program is nationally recognized. This is the first time an information session about the PLA program has been held in Southwest Washington.

"The recent articulation agreement with Marylhurst University allows Clark College students to earn an undergraduate degree at Marylhurst University with the option to evaluate prior learning for credit," said Dr. Sylvia Thornburg, Clark College's Acting Vice President of Instruction. "This may significantly reduce the cost and the length of time it takes for a Clark College student to move on and earn a bachelor's degree at Marylhurst University."

"Knowledge is gained in many ways besides taking formal courses," said Melanie Booth, Director of Marylhurst University's Learning Assessment Center. "Corporate training, on-the-job experience, community service, parenting, military training, seminars, workshops, volunteer activities and independent research are examples of what can be considered for undergraduate credit."

When it comes to love and laughter,
Anything Goes!



*Clark College presents Cole Porter's
delightful, delicious, de-lovely musical.*

Directed by Ron Daum

Dinner theatre shows: February 17-18 and 24-25

Non-dinner shows: March 2-4

Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Gaiser Hall Student Center

For ticket information: 360-992-2815

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Clark College *The Next Step*

\$25,000 Scholarships Available!

Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholarships Academic Year 2007-2008

Rotary Clubs of Clark County along with the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International have scholarships available to travel and study abroad for suitable recipients. The scholarships, available for vocational, graduate or post-graduate endeavors, are designed to further international understanding and goodwill. The Scholarships are available in more than 160 countries.

Requirements for candidates of the Rotary Foundation Education Award:

- ◆ Nominees are outstanding students, technicians, or teachers and potential “Ambassadors of Goodwill”, demonstrate personal qualities of leadership, initiative, enthusiasm, adaptability, maturity and seriousness of purpose.
- ◆ Applicants must have completed two years of college or university or equivalent at the time the scholarship starts.
- ◆ Candidates must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club.
- ◆ Applicants can not be Rotarians or relatives or dependents of a Rotarian by blood or marriage.
- ◆ Candidates must be available for several personal interviews.
- ◆ Language knowledge of the country of study is not required, but must be studied after acceptance.
- ◆ Upon completion of studies, the scholar must be available to present highlights of the experience abroad to local Rotary Clubs.

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***Deadline to request applications:
March 24th, 2006***

***Deadline to submit applications:
March 31st, 2006***



Human Resources News

QUARTERLY CLASSIFIED AWARD RECEPTION

Join the celebration recognizing excellence at Clark College. The newly-established quarterly classified award presentation for the fall quarter award will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 3:30-4:30 pm in the Student Center, Gaiser Hall.

NOMINEES FOR THE FALL QUARTER AWARD ARE:

Chastity Clark, Distance Learning
Lori Jimerson, Central Receiving
Cheryl McClain, Event Services
Lucy Shao, Computing Services
Jim Watkins, Plant Services

Financial Aid Office:

- Nancy Heidrick
- Lizette Drennan
- Michele Eason
- Michael Gibson
- Jessica Wright
- Debbie Maurina
- Mae Ries
- Roberta Roche
- Dawneva Sasse
- Karina Sanchez
- Diane Reed
- Janet Turner
- Eugene Carroll
- Mira Stelmakh
- Dani Bundy
- Anna Peros

Join the celebration and recognize award nominees and learn the recipient of the fall quarter classified excellence award!

SAVE ON GAS AND PARKING SPACES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

The College is committed to reducing the effects upon the environment and infrastructure of the single occupant vehicle as a means of commuting to the College by its employees and students. There are a number of ways employees can participate in the commute trip reduction program. Most options include the additional feature of a guaranteed ride home:

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- Bike riders; there are bicycle racks and bike shelters on campus and bike riders may receive a helmet
- Walkers are eligible for an umbrella
- Bus Riders are eligible for subsidized transit passes (free for one-zone travel!)
- Riders and Van Poolers are also eligible for the guaranteed ride home

Other services in support of the commute trip reduction program include guaranteed ride home, personal laundry pick-up and delivery on campus and use of lockers on campus.

Adjunct faculty and temporary employees who work at least 40 percent time for the College are eligible to participate in the subsidized transit pass program (up to 20 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis).

To sign up for the Commute Trip Reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura in Human Resources, x2381.

WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

ESPERANZA DEMARCO has been appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as Purchasing Assistant in Purchasing Services effective November 21, 2005. Esperanza has a Purchasing Certificate from Shoreline Community College, a Travel Agent Certificate from SST Travel, and previous work experience with Clark County Health Department, Underwriters Laboratories, ISSPRO, and C. Don Filer Agency.

CRISTIN RIGNEY has been appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as Program Assistant in Admissions effective December 15, 2005. Cristin has an AA from Clark College and previous work experience with Heritage High School, SW Was Child Care Center, and Michael's Arts and Crafts.

SUSAN TAYLOR has been appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as Program Coordinator in International Programs effective November 16, 2005. Susan has previous work experience with the University of Michigan-Flint, Flint Community Schools, and MPW Advertising.

JAMES ZYON has been appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as Graphic designer/Illustrator – Production Artist effective January 9, 2006. James has an AA degree in Computer Graphic Design from Louisville Technical Institute and previous work experience with Allegra Print and Imaging, Minuteman Press and Kinko's.

Human Resources News *(continued)*

OPEN POSITIONS

Dean of Enrollment Services:

Full-time, administrative position in Student Affairs: Closing date is Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

Early Childhood Specialist 3:

Full-time, 9-1/2 month position in Child and Family Studies. Closing date is Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

Workforce Program Manager:

Full-time, exempt position. Closing date is Monday, February 27, 2006.

Associate Director of Student Recruitment:

Full-time, exempt position. Closing date extended to March 1, 2006.

Administrative Assistant B:

Full-time, classified position in the Business and Technology Unit. Closing date is Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

Only permanent Clark College classified employees may apply.



Reaching out to students who do not attend classes on the Clark College main campus, ASCC Activities Director Joni Greenlaw (left) and ASCC Activities Programming Board Member Jacqlyn Mosley served cake last month to students at the Town Plaza Center.



Thank you to the many people who have sent thoughts, prayers, cards, food, flowers, and made hospital visits during my holiday health scare. The support I have felt from everyone has been overwhelming.

Your prayers and kindness have gotten me and my family through a very challenging time.

With all my thanks,

Lisa Nelson

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