

Clark 24/7



TAKING THE PULSE OF REGIONAL HEALTH CARE



United States Senator Patty Murray listened intently to Shelley Quint, director of Clark's nursing program, and other health care professionals as they explained the region's need for more nurses, pharmacists, radiologists, physical therapists, medical assistants and educators.

Southwest Washington needs more health care professionals. That was the message that U.S. Sen. Patty Murray heard when she visited Clark College at WSU Vancouver on Oct. 8.

A panel of health care professionals, including Clark College Director of Nursing Shelly Quint, told the senator that the region needs more nurses, pharmacists, radiologists, physical therapists, medical assistants and educators. Sen. Murray told the group that she heard similar messages throughout the state.

Panel members, including Vicki Owen, senior recruitment specialist for Legacy Health System, and Dr. Gil Rodriguez, chief medical officer at Southwest Washington Medical Center, focused on the need for nurses and primary care.

Quint told the senator and panel that pay is low for educators compared to working nurses. As a result, said Clark President Bob Knight, the college receives just one or two applicants for some teaching positions. At the same time, said Quint, the college receives hundreds of applications from qualified students but can't admit them because the college doesn't have enough staff and because the region doesn't have enough clinical sites for training.

Following the panel discussion, Sen. Murray toured the college's nursing center, including the simulation lab where students learn basic and advanced life support skills by working on "Sim-Man," a full-body adult male mannequin, and other smart technology "patients."

Sen. Murray said she planned to hold similar sessions on health care challenges in Tacoma and Spokane. ■



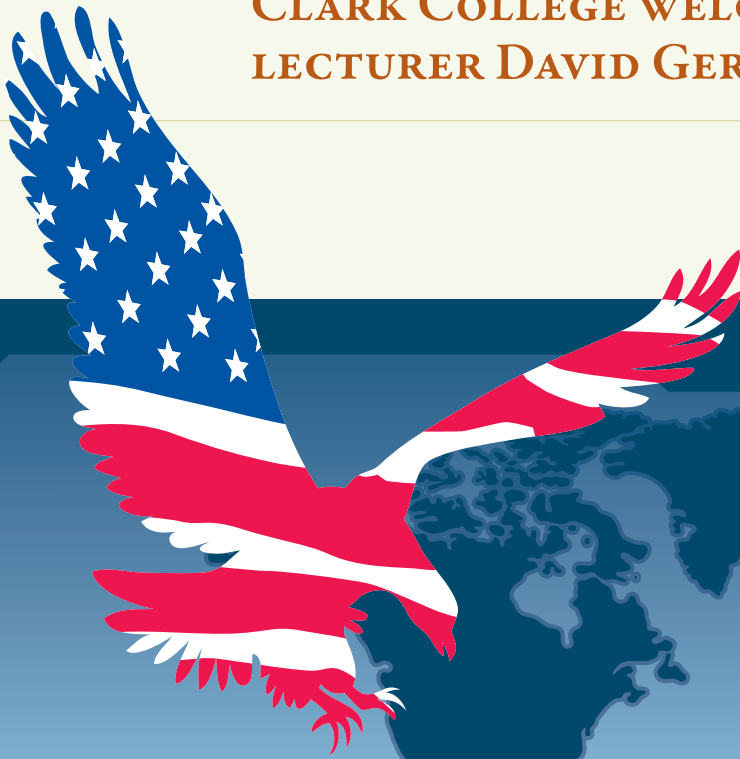
Among those representing Clark College at the health care roundtable were Travis Kibota, interim dean of Science, Health & Physical Education and Math, Physical Science & Engineering (left) and Alex Montoya, dean of Enrollment Services (right), pictured here with Senator Murray (center).



Following the roundtable, which was held at Clark College at WSU Vancouver, Senator Murray received a tour of the college's nursing program facility – which included a demonstration of "Sim-Man" by nursing program students (from left) Michelle Ferguson, Naomi Warner and Nga Vo.

CLARK COLLEGE WELCOMES DISTINGUISHED LECTURER DAVID GERGEN

Distinguished Lecture Series



David Gergen, best-selling author, commentator and adviser to presidents for 30 years, will speak at Clark College on November 7 as part of the college's Distinguished Lecture Series. The topic will be: "Eyewitness to Power: Leadership in America."

Gergen is currently a professor of public service at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and director of its Center for Public Leadership. He is also editor-at-large for U.S. News & World Report. In earlier years, he served as a White House advisor to Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "We are proud to bring nationally-known newsmakers such as David Gergen to Clark College and Southwest Washington. Our Distinguished Lecture series provides learning opportunities outside of the classroom. It affirms our commitment to lifelong learning." Knight also noted

David Gergen will be the speaker as Clark College presents its next installment of its Distinguished Lecture Series on Wednesday, November 7.



that the college focuses on important social issues when planning the distinguished lecture series. "As we head into the 2008 presidential campaign, the national focus is on leadership for our country's future. David Gergen brings unique insights to that discussion."

Gergen will hold a question and answer session for Clark College students from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Penguin Union Building rooms 258 B & C. His keynote speech will be at 7 p.m. in the Gaiser Hall Student Center. Admission to both events is free but seating is limited. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the evening speech.

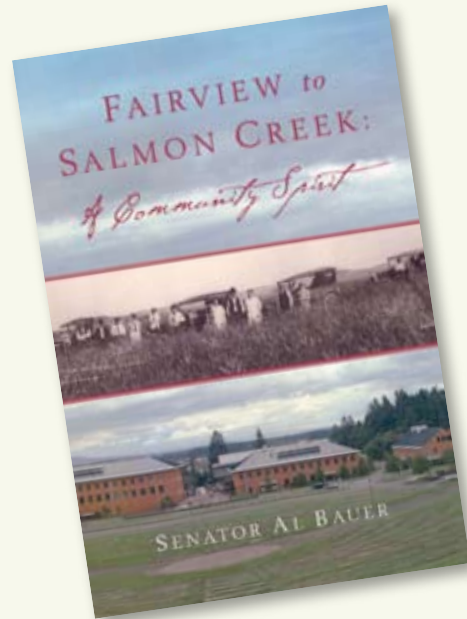
David Gergen's appearance is sponsored by Clark College, the Clark College Foundation and the Bank of Clark County. ■

Former state senator, education advocate and author Al Bauer to discuss new book at Clark College



On Tuesday, November 6, as voters await the results from the 2007 general election, Clark College will welcome former State Senator Al Bauer, Jr. as part of election night events at the college.

Former state senator, education advocate and author Al Bauer, Jr. will discuss his new book, "Fairview to Salmon Creek: A Community Spirit," on Tuesday, November 6 at Clark College.



Bauer will discuss his new book, "Fairview to Salmon Creek: A Community Spirit." The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the Penguin Student Lounge.

Following the author's presentation, there will be a question-and-answer session and book signing from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Bauer says that his book focuses on "how compassion towards community can lead to greater things." Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "On a day when we're electing leaders and deciding issues that are vital to our future, it's a privilege to welcome Al Bauer, a statesman who has given so much to our college, our community and our state."

Books will be available at the event or can be pre-purchased at the new Clark College Bookstore, located at the north end of Gaiser Hall. Net proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Washington and the Clark College Foundation.

Bauer credits his time at Clark College in 1948 and 1954 (which was interspersed with active duty in the Navy during the Korean War) as one of the first building blocks of his success. His career spanned education and

politics: he taught in local schools for more than 20 years and served in the Washington State Legislature for 30 years. After retiring from the legislature, he was named as a Special Assistant for Legislative and Community Affairs at Clark College in 2000.

Bauer has received numerous honors for his lifetime of public service. Clark College's Bauer Hall was named in his honor in 1988. In 2000, recognizing Bauer's many years of commitment to education, Washington Governor Gary Locke declared Al Bauer, Jr. to be "the Education Senator from Washington state." Also in 2000, Bauer received the Clark College Outstanding Alumni Award. In 2001, Bauer received the First Citizen Award from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington.

Following the event, guests are invited to walk across the hall to the Gaiser Hall Student Center where representatives of the Clark County Elections Department will unveil election returns. Beginning at 8:30 p.m., Clark-Vancouver Television (CVTV) will host its election night coverage, featuring CVTV Executive Producer Donna Mason. ■

Adult Literacy Week to be celebrated October 21-27

For seven days each fall, the governor of Washington casts a spotlight on the programs, such as the one at Clark College, that play a quiet but critical role in increasing the literacy skills of our residents. This year, Governor Chris Gregoire declared October 21-27 as Adult Literacy Week. The governor understands that Washington's economic growth and prosperity depends on the ability to make education and job training accessible to adults of all ages and backgrounds. In short, better skills mean better jobs.



For more than 25 years, Clark College's Basic Skills and Adult Literacy programs have provided tutoring and classes to men and women throughout our community. Every year, between 3000 and 4000 individuals turn to the college for help with basic reading, writing, math and English language skills. Clark College is the only provider of comprehensive literacy services in Clark County.

Recognitions and celebrations are among the events and activities planned to mark Adult Literacy Week. On Monday night, October 15, Clark College staff members, tutors and students will receive proclamations from the Camas and Battle Ground City Councils in honor of Adult Literacy Week. A multicultural festival will be held on October 16 at Town Plaza, featuring student performances and cultural displays. An op-ed column written by Director of Basic Education Mark McLean appeared in the Sunday, October 14 issue of *The Columbian*. On October 24, McLean will be addressing the Vancouver Rotary during their luncheon.

Look in the November 5 issue of *Clark 24/7* for coverage of these and other Adult Literacy Week events. ■

Service learning program receives boost from generous grant

The Clark College Service Learning program has received a \$10,000 grant as part of the “Count Me In: Learning and Serving for School Success” program in Washington and Idaho. A total of 11 grants were issued to institutions in Washington and Idaho by the Washington Campus Compact (WACC), as part of its Learn and Serve America Higher Education grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS).

The grant to Clark College focuses on the “Promising Practices” program. The goal of that program is to improve the school success of 2,310 disadvantaged pre-school through high school youth by growing and replicating existing tutoring, mentoring and service-learning projects.

The Partnership for Service in Schools Project is the catalyst for formalizing service learning at Clark College and developing a model to support education and literacy in schools. Clark College’s Service-Learning Program will expand the college’s partnerships with K-12 schools and community-based organizations throughout Clark County to improve academic achievement rates of disadvantaged youth, ensuring that more college students have opportunities to serve as part of their academic studies through high-quality service-learning. An anticipated 115 elementary and college students are expected to benefit from the new Partnership for Service in Schools Project during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Key activities for the Partnership for Service in Schools Project include the Math Club, which builds students’ knowledge and confidence in mathematics; the Homework Club, offering students a quiet place to do their homework during lunch recess; the Lunch Buddy Program which will pair Clark College employees with elementary students for lunch and conversation; and Read Across America, which will provide a co-curricular service-learning opportunity



Jody Shulnak is the new Service Learning and Volunteer Program manager at Clark College.

for college students and faculty to read books and promote literacy among school-age children.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for the Service Learning Program,” said Jody Shulnak, Clark College’s new Service Learning and Volunteer Program manager. “I am confident that the Partnership for Service in Schools Project will help instill a sense of civic responsibility among college students while making a positive impact on the lives of local elementary school students. Everyone wins.”

Shulnak has a background in experiential education and has worked extensively as an outdoor adventure guide, specializing in environmental education and conservation. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks and Recreation Management from Northern Arizona University, graduating magna cum laude. Her expansive volunteer work includes tsunami relief efforts in south India, outreach for orphans in Bolivia and teaching English as a second language in the Himalayas.

Shulnak says she is “eager to apply her experience in community engagement, experiential education, international service and teaching to further develop the service-learning program at Clark College.” ■

International Programs off to a strong start this fall



Students in Clark's International Club enjoy the opportunities to share friendship and greater intercultural understanding and awareness. This fall, Clark College's international student enrollment reached 69 – a 30% increase over last fall.

International Programs welcomes 69 students to Clark this fall from such countries as Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Tanzania, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan and Pakistan. This fall's international student enrollment is a 30% increase over last fall.

Chanda Kroll, the new International Recruitment Manager for International Programs, spent her first few months at Clark preparing for a three-week recruiting trip to Asia. Kroll received a Master of Arts in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. She has been working in the field of international education since 1996 and has traveled, lived, and/or worked in Germany, Austria, Mexico, Japan and Korea. Kroll has visited more than 45 countries around the world and has successfully recruited students in Asia and the Middle East. This October, Chanda traveled to Hong Kong, Macau, Seoul, Dalian, Chongqing,

Beijing and Tokyo as part of her first recruitment trip for Clark College.

The International Programs office is sponsoring several events during the coming year. Mark your calendars now for our first major international event of the year – International Education Week, November 13-16, 2007. Activities will include Clark College study abroad program presentations, a showing of the movie “Pan’s Labyrinth,” a performance by the Mountain Wizards & the Persimmons, an International Programs open house, and an intercultural communication workshop. Specific event times and locations will be announced in early November. Big thanks go out to Pat Beck, Lorraine Leedy, Susan Taylor, Elizabeth Ubiergo, Michiyo Okuhara, Ray Korpi and many of Clark’s international students who have participated in the planning of this year’s International Education Week. ■

A NEW VIEWBOOK – ANOTHER NATIONAL AWARD

For the second consecutive year, Clark College has won a graphic design award in the annual competition of the University and College Designers Association (UCDA).

The college's new viewbook for adult students received an award of excellence in the 2007 UCDA design competition. Out of 1,500 entries nationwide, just 156 awards were given.

Clark College's Lead Graphic Designer Wei Zhuang accepted the award at UCDA's 37th Annual Design Conference in Toronto, Canada on September 29. Zhuang designed the viewbook to appeal to adults who are considering attending college. The viewbook featured text by Dan Overbay, Jennifer Reeves and Vanessa Watkins of Student Affairs. It was edited by the college's communications specialist Erica Schwenneker and featured photos by college photographer Ian Beckett. The viewbook is available in electronic form on the college's Web site at www.clark.edu/adultstudentviewbook.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "UCDA's membership includes designers from colleges and universities across the country so the competition extended beyond community colleges. This award is especially impressive because many institutions hire professional design firms to create their work so our viewbook was competing not only against the work from staff members at other colleges and universities but also against those done by professional design firms. Winning the award once

was a high honor. Winning it two years in a row brings pride to our college and our community."

Zhuang said, "This project was both challenging and exciting because it was the first ever viewbook targeting the adult learners of Clark College. The message had to be earnest and low key and the design had to compliment that – but remain exciting and motivate the readers to 'Take the Next Step' at Clark College, whether it be going back to school and finally finishing a degree, or rethinking their current situation and seeking a change for the better."

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Associate Director of Student Recruitment Jennifer Reeves said, "This viewbook is unique in that it is specifically targeted towards adult students whereas most colleges, in my experience, develop viewbooks geared toward traditional college-age students. Wei did an outstanding job translating our words into a beautiful and vibrant design." ■

Clark College graphic designers Wei Zhuang (left) and Pat McDonald traveled to Toronto for the University and College Designers Association annual conference in September, where Zhuang received his second consecutive design award from the organization.



Clark student wins national scholarship

Clark College student Debra Arbuckle entered fall quarter with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Arbuckle is working toward an A.A. transfer degree in social work. Her goal is to continue her studies and complete a bachelor's degree through Clark College's partnership with Eastern Washington University.

Clark College student Debra Arbuckle (left) is congratulated by President Bob Knight for winning one of just 400 scholarships through the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program.

Arbuckle's community activities include service on the Hearthwood Elementary School PTA. In addition, she is a service delivery team member for Region 3 (including Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties) of the Washington State PTA.

Arbuckle took all of her first-year courses through eLearning and plans to do the same with her second-year courses. She said, "The ability to take Clark College classes online has made it possible for me to continue in school while raising three children and serving in the community." Arbuckle credited her online math teacher Keri Walker for informing her about the Coca-Cola scholarship opportunity.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "Debra Arbuckle exemplifies student success. She has combined high academic achievement with service to our community. Academics and service learning both play a vital role at Clark College, as we encourage lifelong learners and leaders like Debra."

Through the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, the foundation awards a total of 400 scholarships annually to students attending higher-education institutions that grant two-year degrees and who have demonstrated academic success and participated in community service within the past 12 months.



The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. The Whitehead Foundation, named for one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola, provides grants in support of human services initiatives. Now in its eighth year of funding the two-year colleges scholarship program, the foundation has provided \$3.25 million in scholarship awards to students attending two-year degree granting institutions. ■

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CLARK VOICE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR MASTER CLASSES

During the Northwest Division National Association of Teachers of Singing conference held in Vancouver, B.C., in September, three Clark College voice students applied – and were selected to sing in – master classes. Bruce Kyte, baritone, David Warner, tenor and Tyler Clouse, tenor, each participated in a master class led by teachers from vocal programs at four-year institutions. Kyte participated in a class taught by Dr. Scott McCoy from Westminster Choir College in New Jersey; Warner and Clouse participated in a class taught by Dr. Gwen Leonard of Linfield College. “No other college had as many students selected,” said April Duvic, vocal instructor at Clark. “The students did exceptional work in their master classes. These young men are doing great work.” ■

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A more relaxed moment before Dr. Gwen Leonard's master class at the Northwest Division National Association of Teachers of Singing conference. From left: Tyler Clouse, tenor, David Warner, tenor, and Bruce Kyte, baritone.

Governor's award recognizes life-saving actions



Former Clark College chemistry professor Brenda Broers (right) and Jack Schilaty met for coffee in the weeks following their life-changing encounter. Broers recently received the Governor's Lifesaving Award.

Former Clark College chemistry professor Brenda Broers was one of 43 individuals who recently received the 2007 Governor's Lifesaving Award, presented during the annual Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference in September. The award recognizes individuals who unselfishly used their lifesaving skills and perseverance to aid someone in their time of need.

In May 2006, Broers had stopped for coffee at a local Starbucks when she noticed a commotion near the eating area. When she went to see if she could help, she found Jack Schilaty on the floor, unconscious and showing no vital signs. Broers performed CPR and chest compressions on Schilaty and, after several cycles, he responded. When paramedics arrived on the scene, they confirmed that Broers had saved his life.

Broers is currently a student in the biochemistry and molecular biology doctoral research program at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and is looking forward to a return to teaching. ■

Grant money helps Clark students prepare for success in mathematics

While some students were squeezing the last moments out of their summer break, as many as 95 Clark College students participated in pre-quarter review seminars offered by the Mathematics Division in the week prior to the first day of fall quarter.

Meeting for three hours a day for two days, students received assistance in preparing for their college algebra (MATH 111) and calculus (MATH 113) classes.

An SBCTC high-demand grant designed to fund activities to support student success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics provided funding for the sessions. Bringing the sessions to life was the work of several individuals from across the college:

Travis Kibota, acting dean of Math, Physical Science and Engineering, who wrote the application for the grant.

John Mitchell, professor in the Math Division, developed seminar outlines, presentation formats, student materials and evaluation forms for both courses – all in less than three weeks. He also taught seminar sessions.

Kristine Barker, Paul Casillas and Mark Elliott, professors in the Math Division, taught seminar sessions.

Ann Hansen, secretary senior in the Math Division, coordinated the notification of students and tracked seminar enrollment.

Kim Bower, of Registration, **Jeff Anderson** and **Georgia McClary**, of the Math Division, provided mailing support, room setup and provided directions to students.

Nancy Abel and the Production Printing staff produced volumes of materials under very tight deadlines.

Linda Calvert and the Advising Office staff notified late-registering students of the seminars.

Dan Overbay and the Student Recruitment staff provided Clark College materials for students attending the seminars.

“So many people from areas all across the college contributed to the success of this project,” said Math Division Chair Paul Casillas. “At any given time, anyone could have said ‘that’s not my job,’ or ‘I just don’t have time for that right now’ – and there would have been no seminars. But this did not happen. Everyone worked with diligence and cooperation, and our students benefited greatly.” ■

STUDENT AMBASSADORS ARE THE FACE OF CLARK COLLEGE

Clark College's Campus Visit and Student Ambassador programs are off and running on another successful year. Eleven Student Ambassadors assist with campus tours, recruiting prospective students and assisting with on-campus events – making them the face of Clark to many who visit the college. Student Ambassadors are selected by academic merit and go through an application and interview process to be selected for the position.

The Student Ambassador office is located in the Welcome Center, on the basement level of the Penguin Union Building (PUB). If you have an event that you would like a Student Ambassador to assist with, please contact Vanessa Watkins at 992-2961. If you or a student would like a campus tour please contact the Campus Visit and Student Ambassador programs at 992-2078.

Read on to learn more about this year's ambassadors:



CAITLIN RICHARDSON

Caitlin is a student in Clark's dental hygiene program. She attended Camas High School; during her junior year of high school, she began the Running Start program at Clark College. Upon graduation from Camas High School, Caitlin also received her associate degree from Clark College.



CASSI SHOLDEBRAND

Cassi has been attending Clark College since January 2005. She is working on a general transfer degree and plans to major in humanities. Cassi graduated from high school as a Washington State Achiever.



GAYLEN DEWEY

Gaylen first came to Clark College's adult high school diploma program, where he acquired a diploma in only two quarters. He returned to Clark during summer 2006 to continue his education and is now focusing his studies toward a degree in elementary education.



HANNAH ZABRISKIE

Before attending Clark College, Hannah was schooled at home through The Potter's School, a live online conferencing Christian academy. She is now in her second year here at Clark where she is taking general classes, hoping to transfer to Brigham Young University in the summer of 2008. Once at BYU she will major in Genealogy and minor in Business.



JC ALEXANDER

JC is majoring in education and is a returning sophomore on the men's basketball team here at Clark College. After a two-year absence from basketball to rehabilitate a knee injury, he is ready to help the mighty Penguin Nation bring home an NWAACC title. He will be graduating with an associate of arts transfer degree in spring 2008.

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JENN BROWN (JETT AND TANK)

Jenn is a returning student at Clark College, serving as an ambassador and member of the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) Activities Programming Board. She can be seen on campus with Jett, a seven-year-old black Labrador, or Tankie, a three-year-old yellow Labrador. Jett is Jenn's service dog, soon to retire; Tankie is training to be Jett's successor. (They can be petted, but be sure to ask first.)



KEN NYHOLM

Ken has been a student at Clark College for nearly two years. After graduating from Battle Ground High School, Ken joined the United States Marine Corps. After four years of service and three tours in Iraq he moved back to Washington to continue his education here at Clark. Ken is studying business administration and is planning on becoming a police officer.



KSENIYA KRACHENINNIKOVA

Kseniya is a second-year returning Student Ambassador. She was born and raised in Russia; in 2001, she came to the United States to attend school and has remained here since. As a young girl, it was her dream was to become a nurse – and she is still working toward that dream, no matter what it takes.



MARJORIE SHILLING

Marjorie is also a returning Ambassador. She is a graduate of Prairie High School who entered the workforce directly. She began her career at Clark through the occasional night class. After taking ten years off to raise her children, she returned in 2002 and was accepted into the nursing program in 2005 – from which she'll graduate in December.



MICHELLE KLENN

Michelle began attending Clark College in 2004 as a full-time Running Start student; she graduated from Legacy High School in 2006. Following a time at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, she returned to Clark to earn an associate of arts transfer degree.



NAREK DANIELYAN

Narek first came to Clark College in the fall of 2006 after graduating from Fort Vancouver High School. He originally wanted to go into the medical field, but after three quarters of prerequisites decided it wasn't for him. Now he is taking general classes to earn a transfer degree. ■



Clark College Grounds and Nursery Specialist Gayla Shanahan transformed the juniper bushes outside of Frost Arts Center into a flock of penguins.

If your travels around the Clark College main campus include a pass by the Frost Arts Center, you may have noticed a new addition to the landscape. A new flock of penguins have taken up residence on the east side of the building – in the form of topiaries.

The new shapes for the plants were the idea of Gayla Shanahan, who joined Clark College on July 1 as a grounds and nursery specialist in Plant Services. “The idea came from the fall orientation opening session, when President Knight talked about there being penguins everywhere,” said Shanahan. “Later I asked him if he would like to have penguin topiaries at the college – and he did.”

The plants, which are juniper, had previously been trimmed into ball shapes. “This is the beginning of the shaping process,” explained Shanahan. “As they grow, they will have more shape and definition as a penguin.”

Next time you walk past Frost Arts Center, take a look at Shanahan’s work – you’ll see another sign that the Penguin Nation is on the rise! ■

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

OPEN ENROLLMENT AND CHANGES TO BENEFITS FOR 2008

The Open Enrollment period for state employees' medical and dental coverage is October 29 through November 30. Open enrollment is an opportunity to make changes in plans and to reinstate previously waived coverage for yourself or your dependent(s) and add eligible dependents. Changes are effective January 1, 2008. Additional information is available on the HCA Web site: www.pebb.hca.wa.gov

Important changes in benefits for 2008:

Medical plans no longer available as of 1-1-08:

- Regence BlueShield Classic
- Community Health Plan Classic

Subscribers must choose another plan. If you do not make a plan change, you will be assigned to Uniform Medical Plan.

New medical plan available:

- Aetna Public Employees Plan of Washington

Uniform Medical will have a new mail order pharmacy. ODS will be Uniform's new mail order pharmacy.

Dental plan change:

Regence BlueShield Columbia Dental Plan will no longer be contracted. The new contract will be directly with Willamette Dental, and the same provider network currently offered through Regence Dental will continue to be available through Willamette Dental.

New 2008 monthly premiums for medical:

| Kaiser Classic | 2007 | 2008 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee | 70 | 101 |
| Employee & Spouse | 149 | 212 |
| Employee & Child(ren) | 122 | 177 |
| Empl & Sp & Child(ren) | 202 | 288 |

| Kaiser Value | 2007 | 2008 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee | 31 | 59 |
| Employee & Spouse | 72 | 128 |
| Employee & Child(ren) | 54 | 103 |
| Emp & Sp & Child(ren) | 95 | 172 |

| Aetna Public Employee Plan | 2007 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee | | 104 |
| Employee & Spouse | | 218 |
| Employee & Child(ren) | | 182 |
| Empl & Sp & Child(ren) | | 296 |

| Uniform | 2007 | 2008 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee | 24 | 28 |
| Employee & Spouse | 57 | 66 |
| Employee & Child(ren) | 41 | 49 |
| Empl & Sp & Child(ren) | 75 | 87 |

BENEFITS FAIR TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2

Clark College is hosting a benefits fair on Friday, November 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Gaiser Student Center. Representatives from all the medical and dental plans will be available to answer questions.

Also on November 2 will be two sessions for potential retirees, as follows:

Retiree session for non-Medicare retirees: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Retiree session for Medicare eligible retirees: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Both sessions will be held in the Penguin Union Building, room 258

If you have any questions, call Pagean Pallamouter, 992-2119.

Notice to employees on benefits with dependents ages 19 to 24

Employees who are eligible for benefits should be aware that children are covered under insurance through age 19, or through age 23 if you have completed a student certification form (to be eligible, a student must be a registered at an accredited college for a least one class).

Three months before a dependent turns 20 years of age, Health Care Authority will send a "Student Certification/Change Form" to the employee. Please provide this information to HCA in a timely manner. If not, HCA will terminate the dependent's coverage effective the end of the month in which they turn 20 years old.

When your dependent (age 20 to 23) ceases student status, please contact Human Resources and complete a Student Certification/Change Form, so we may drop the dependent from coverage on the appropriate date.

If you have any questions regarding dependents currently covered, please feel free to contact Page Pallamouter, 992-2119.

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

2007-2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

When making holiday plans, be sure to remember the seven holidays coming up during the 2007-2008 academic year:

Veterans Day

November 12, 2007 Monday

Thanksgiving

November 22 & 23, 2007 Thursday & Friday

Christmas

December 25, 2007 Tuesday

New Year's Day

January 1, 2008 Tuesday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21, 2008 Monday

President's Day

February 18, 2008 Monday

Memorial Day

May 26, 2008 Monday

Employees on alternate schedules must return to a regular schedule during holiday weeks.

If classified and administrators earned a personal holiday during 2007, you need to remember to use it by December 31, 2007 or you will lose it! Employees are asked to give supervisors 14 days notice of the date on which they would like to use their personal holiday.

Questions regarding the holiday schedule or personal holiday accrual may be directed to Pagean Pallamouter, 992-2119.



OPEN POSITIONS

PROGRAM ASSISTANT, a full-time, classified position in Financial Aid. Closing date: October 22, 2007.

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR, a full-time tenure-track position. Closing date: October 22, 2007.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, a full-time, administrative position. Closing date: November 1, 2007.

BAKE AND BUY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Do you have an award-winning cookie recipe? Or are you a skilled consumer of cookies? Either way, plan now to participate in the ACE (All Clark Employees) cookie bake-off and sale on Wednesday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. in the Penguin Union Building.

Prizes will be given for the best cookie, and all cookies entered in the contest will also be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the ACE scholarship fund; participants who enter cookies in the contest will earn one hour of ACE volunteer time.

Registration for the bake-off are due by Wednesday, October 24. For more information, or to participate, contact Chris Beaudin at 992-2196 or cbeaudin@clark.edu. ■

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