

# Clark 24/7



## CLARK COLLEGE STUDENT EARNS LEADERSHIP HONORS AS THE COLLEGE MAKES HISTORY

*The focus was on leadership as Clark College Running Start student Renata Fusso was honored as the winner of the 2008 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award. Fusso was honored on March 26 during a ceremony at the Marshall House in Vancouver's Historic Reserve.*



Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard presents the 2008 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award to Clark College Running Start student Renata Fusso.

Fusso, a student at Skyview High School, was nominated by Beth Houston, coordinator of the Clark County Youth Commission. Houston praised Fusso for her work as a member of the Youth Commission and for her volunteer efforts at a local nursing home, the Fort Vancouver

Regional Library District, the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, Friends of Trees and the Steps Leadership Team of Clark County. Houston noted that Fusso received the Girl Scout Gold Award for developing a Web site – <http://www.getthehealthy.biz.ly/> – to promote healthier lifestyle choices for teens.

Fusso, who plans to study nursing at the University of Portland in the fall, received a \$1,000 scholarship and other gifts, including a biography of General Marshall. The biography was presented by Clark College communications studies instructor Deena Bisig. Bisig, who was the recipient of the 2007 George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award, announced: "We're both Clarkers!"

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*(From left) Running Start coordinator Linda Calvert, Marshall Youth Leadership Award honoree Renata Fusso, and Clark College President Bob Knight.*

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This marks the first time that representatives of Clark College have received the Marshall Public Leadership Award and the Marshall Youth Leadership award during the same academic year. The Marshall Public Leadership Award honors Clark County leaders age 35 and under. The Marshall Youth Leadership award was established to honor high school age students. Fusso is the third Running Start student to receive the Marshall Youth Leadership award since it was established in 2001. Kandi Bauman-Garvey won the award in 2002. Rosalyn Hart was honored in 2005.

Guests at the presentation included Clark College President Bob Knight, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rachel Ruiz and Running Start Manager Linda Calvert. Running Start student Mariah Hairston, a nominee for the Marshall Youth Leadership award, was also a guest at the event.

In presenting the award, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard spoke about General Marshall's "legacy of leadership." Marshall, who served as commander of the Vancouver Barracks from 1936-1938, went on to serve as Army Chief of Staff during World War II. In December 1953, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for the "Marshall Plan" for global economic recovery following World War II. Marshall also served as Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and President of the American Red Cross.

The Marshall Youth Leadership Award is presented by Celebrate Freedom, a program of the Vancouver National Historic Trust. ■



Clark College communications studies instructor Deena Bisig presents a biography of General George C. Marshall to Marshall Youth Leadership Award honoree Renata Fusso. Bisig received the 2007 General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award.

## Clark students recognized as part of All-Washington Academic Team

*Clark College students Jennifer Patterson and Men-Ok (Irina) Ziyu were among the 55 members of the All-Washington Academic Team honored during a recognition ceremony held Thursday, Mar. 20 at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia.*

Former Washington Governor Gary Locke focused on the diversity of the team members during his speech. “[His] comments about the age range of nominees – 18 to 55 – was eye-opening about the opportunities that community colleges offer to all students,” said Patterson. “Point being: anyone can be a student at any age.” She adds: “It was an honor to be recognized for my academic achievements.”



Clark College's representatives on the 2008 All-Washington Academic Team were honored at a ceremony held Mar. 20 in Olympia. *From left:* Communications Studies Professor and PTK advisor Deena Bisig, All-Washington Academic Team member Men-Ok (Irina) Ziyu, former Washington Governor Gary Locke, All-Washington Academic Team member Jennifer Patterson and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rachel Ruiz.

The gathering also inspired family members and friends of the team members. “My two children attended and were very encouraged to work hard and receive high marks – so that they might one day be honored in such a way,” said Ziyu. “I’m so proud to [be] a good role model for my children.”

“I think it is important to always highlight the opportunities that community colleges provide for all members in the community,” said Communications Studies Professor Deena Bisig, who also serves as advisor of Clark’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges and a program sponsor of the All-Washington Academic Team. “Clark College is honored to nominate Irina and Jennifer this year.”

Patterson has played an active role in establishing the college’s German Studies in Berlin program at Clark. She has served as president, communications officer and club representative of the college’s German Club; she is also active with the History Club and Queer Penguins and Allies. Locally she volunteers at the Vancouver Vietnam War Memorial and with Columbia Land Trust.

Ziyu initially came to Clark to study English as a Second Language. After enrolling in general education classes, she discovered a passion for chemistry, for which she now tutors other Clark students. She also volunteers in Clark’s adult literacy program. ■

## Clark College basketball players recognized for athletic and academic achievements

*During winter quarter, six student athletes were recognized for their achievements on the court field and in the classroom as part of the Clark College Athletic Department's Student Athletes of the Month program.*

Recipients of the award are selected by a committee of coaches, athletic department personnel, fellow students and members of the community. The award is given in conjunction with Les Schwab Tires, who cosponsors the Student Athlete of the Month program.

Three of Clark's student athletes of the month also received recognition at the regional level by being named to Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) All-Star and All-Academic teams. Ashley Kitzman and Orlandor Westbrooks were named First Team West Region All-Stars for women's and men's basketball, respectively. Kippy Powers was named to the All-Academic Sports Team for winter quarter 2008.

### WINTER STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



**J.C. Alexander**  
Sophomore  
January 2008

J.C. Alexander has been part of the men's basketball team for the past three years. During his first season with the team in 2005-2006, Alexander suffered a knee injury. While rehabilitating his knee, Alexander served the team as an assistant coach. As a starter this season, he led the team in assists and steals. Head Coach Mike Arnold said about Alexander, "Coming back after a knee injury, J.C. has worked hard to return to the hard court. A point guard with good reads, very good passing skills, he also provides a solid outside shot when defenders step away from him."



**Tommy Allen**  
Sophomore  
December 2007

Tommy is one of several key players for the Penguin men's basketball team that won the Clark College Holiday Tournament in December. Head Coach Mike Arnold relied on Allen for his defensive prowess. Said Arnold, "Tommy leads the team night in and night out by stopping the opposing team's top offensive outside player." Allen is also a leader in the classroom: he had earned a 3.20 cumulative GPA at the end of fall quarter 2007. Allen is currently working toward an associate degree.

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**Ashley Kitzman**  
Sophomore  
January 2008

Ashley Kitzman was a great addition to the women's basketball team this season. Transferring from a four-year school to play with her sister, Anna Kitzman, Ashley has made a big impact this season. At the time she was named student athlete of the month, Kitzman led the team in scoring (17.2 ppg) and rebounding (8.9 rpg). She was a key ingredient to a much improved women's basketball team. Kitzman is majoring in psychology.

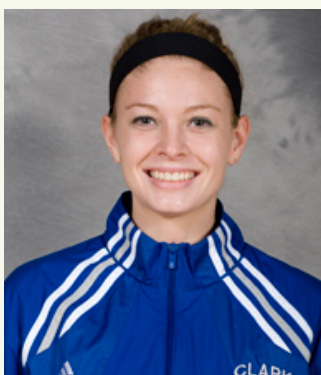
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**Kippy Powers**  
Sophomore  
December 2007

Kippy was one of the key leaders on a much improved women's basketball team. Powers arrived at Clark in fall 2005 when she played for the women's soccer team. After finishing her second season of soccer in fall 2006, she injured her knee early in the basketball preseason. The season-ending injury allowed Powers to retain her eligibility and come back this season to help Head Coach Nancy Boone and the Penguins make a run at the playoffs. At the time she was named student athlete of the month, Powers led the team in steals. She was also a leader in the classroom, having earned a 3.60 cumulative GPA at the end of fall quarter 2007.

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**Mandy Wall**  
Freshman  
February 2008

Mandy Wall led the women's basketball team this season in assists and steals. Wall was a key player in the Penguins marked improvement from the previous season. Head Coach Nancy Boone said "Mandy as a freshman has led the team in scoring on occasion. She often draws the toughest defensive assignment even though she is a freshman. She is quick and tough which will help to make her an impact player for the team next year."

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**Orlandor Westbrook**  
Sophomore  
February 2008

Orlandor has been the men's basketball leading scorer for the past two seasons. The two-time West Region First Team All-Star guard has attained several accolades during his two seasons at Clark College. During the 2006-2007 season, he led the Penguins to their first playoff berth in five seasons. This year he led the Penguins in minutes played and points scored. Head Coach Mike Arnold said "O' has a complete game which he displayed all year. He has the capability to score 40 points, and can provide a strong defensive presence. His greatest skill may be in his understanding of the game and how it should be played. He looks to get his teammates involved and is a positive role model." ■

## SHERMAN ALEXIE TO SPEAK AT CLARK COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Clark College President Robert K. Knight noted, "While people may not immediately recognize Sherman Alexie's name, they may have seen 'Smoke Signals,' the moving film about his life. Sherman Alexie has survived countless obstacles in his education, career and life. His success in overcoming challenges will certainly resonate with our students. He will also bring humor and joy, making it a memorable evening for everyone."

During the 2007-2008 academic year, between 900 and 1,000 Clark College students are expected to graduate with associate degrees and certificates.

### ABOUT SHERMAN ALEXIE

A Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian, Sherman Alexie grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, WA. According to his official bio, "Born hydrocephalic, which means with water on the brain, Alexie underwent a brain operation at the age of 6 months and was not expected to survive. When he did beat the odds, doctors predicted he would live with severe mental retardation. Though he showed no signs of this, he suffered severe side effects, such as seizures and uncontrollable bed-wetting, throughout his childhood. In spite of all he had to overcome, Alexie learned to read by age three, and devoured novels, such as John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, by age five."

Shortly after graduating from WSU with a bachelor of arts degree in American Studies, Alexie received the Washington State Arts Commission Poetry Fellowship in 1991 and the National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowship in 1992. His published books include "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven," "Reservation Blues," "Flight" and "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian." He has received the PEN/Hemingway Award for Best First Book of Fiction, a Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Award, the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award and the Murray Morgan Prize. He was named one of *Granta's* Best of Young American Novelists.

His film, "Smoke Signals," was released at the Sundance Film Festival in January 1998 where it won both the Audience Award and the Filmmakers Trophy. It was released across the country in July that same year; in 1999 it received a Christopher Award. ■

# Golfing with Rube Goldberg

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines “Rube Goldberg” as accomplishing by complex means what seemingly could be done simply. The definition honors the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, sculptor, and author whose inventions offered, as his official Web site notes, “a unique commentary on life’s complexities” by lampooning the wonders of technology.



Clark students tested their engineering skills during “Golfing with Rube” – the winter quarter Engineering Club competition held Mar. 11.



A close-up of “Journey Through the Afterlife,” one of 15 team projects entered in the winter quarter engineering club competition.

On Tuesday, March 11, approximately 60 Clark College students participated in the quarterly engineering club competition. Students presented 15 team projects that they believe Mr. Goldberg himself would have enjoyed. The event, which was held in the Penguin Student Lounge, drew an audience of observers as well, including The Columbian, which covered the event in its Mar. 12 edition.

Students were given two objectives: 1.) design and build a Rube Goldberg machine that will release a golf ball onto a pre-made golf ball launcher system; and 2.) determine the target distance and can distance for the golf ball. Machines also had to meet guidelines for size, cost and minimum and maximum numbers of steps.

Any student is welcome to participate in the quarterly competition. Past competitions have included Popsicle towers and stair climbing machines. Engineering professor Tina Barsotti says the college’s engineering department and engineering club hold the competition so that students “can have real world experience with the theory they are learning.” ■



Students were given a limited amount of time to set up and test their Rube Goldberg machine. Scores were based on the number of steps and score achieved from hitting the target.

## Clark College hosts the Washington Council's Spring College Tour

*On Monday, Mar. 24, the Office of Student Recruitment hosted the Washington Council's Spring College Tour. Approximately 525 high school students came to Clark's main campus to hear college presentations from the 18 participating college and universities from across the state of Washington.*

Students had the opportunity to attend four presentations of their choosing and were excited to hear from a variety of institutions. This was Clark College's first turn hosting this annual event, which was a success. Even the weather cooperated, making it a beautiful day for students to visit our college. ■



Three high school students wait in the Student Center for the opening session to begin.



Students walking to their next college presentation.



Student Ambassador Hannah Zabriskie taking a break from directing students to their presentation sites.

## *Tomorrow's scientists in action*

*On Saturday, Mar. 15, Clark College hosted the regional competition of the 2008 Washington State Science Olympiad.*

Supported by local industries and more than 150 volunteers, the competition attracted approximately 400 students from 28 teams throughout the region taking tests in 25 science and engineering subjects. Among the intriguing titles – and contests – were “Crave the Wave,” “Disease Detective,” “Science Crimebusters,” “Reach for the Stars,” “Robot-Cross” and “Wright Stuff.” Clark College Professor Priscila Martins-Read, who coordinated the event, said, “This event is a true celebration of learning.”

Nationally, the mission of the Science Olympiad is “to promote and improve student interest in science and to improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation.” Officials of the Washington State Science Olympiad (WSO) note that, in 2007 alone, 1,000 volunteers were involved in reaching out to Washington’s middle and high school students.

The event was held one year – almost to the day – after Rep. Brian Baird hosted a dialogue on math and science education at Clark College. That event was attended by nearly 35 leaders from government, education and business. As chair of the House Science Committee’s Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, Congressman Baird said he was “exploring ways to increase America’s competitiveness in the fields of math, science, engineering, and technology.” He described the forum as “an opportunity to discuss an integrated approach to increase interest in math, science, and engineering careers among our country’s high school and college students by hearing what is being done on local, state and national levels.”

In April 2007, Clark College hosted the 2007 Washington State Science Olympiad, drawing 900 students from 44 teams across the state. ■



Middle and high school students participated in science and engineering contests as part of the regional competition of the 2008 Washington State Science Olympiad, held at Clark College on Mar. 15.

## DO YOU KNOW STUDENTS DESERVING OF SCHOLARSHIPS?



Alan Webb offered six \$3,500 renewable scholarships to students for the 2007-2008 academic year. Pictured (left to right): Aubrey Pestana, Laurie Strode, Filipp Chesnokov, Alan Webb, Shana Toivonen and Stacey Ruland.

The deadline for submitting the Clark College Scholarship Application is Friday, April 11. Students can submit applications to the Financial Aid Office until 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Staff will also be available to assist with questions.

If students have requested letters of recommendation from you, please be sure to forward them to the students before the deadline. Applications and recommendation forms are available at [www.clark.edu/scholarships](http://www.clark.edu/scholarships).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College Web site: [www.clark.edu/news\\_events/college\\_calendar/](http://www.clark.edu/news_events/college_calendar/)

*(Unless otherwise noted, all events take place on the Clark College main campus. If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in an event, contact the Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-992-2835 (TTY), or visit PUB room 014.)*

### **Archer Gallery Exhibition: Dialogue: flat/form**

Tuesday, April 8 – Sunday, May 4, 2008

Opening reception: Tuesday, April 8, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

A group exhibition featuring sculpture and flat work by Cris Bruch, Lauren Clay, Drew Daly, Eric Eley, Whiting Tennis and Amanda Wojick.

### **Linfield College Adult Degree Program Information Table**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Penguin Union Building, Main Level Concourse

### **Softball vs. Mt Hood**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Clark Home

### **eLearning Workshop**

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BHL 109

### **Linfield College Adult Degree Program Advising**

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Advising Center, T-Building

### **Pathways to Your Future Career Information & Job Fair**

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hilton Vancouver Washington

This is the largest job fair in Southwest Washington and is celebrating its 21st year in Clark County. This exciting event is free to job seekers and open to anyone looking for a professional or technical position. Last year this event attracted over 80 employers and thousands of job seekers. The sponsoring organizations are Clark College, Washington State University Vancouver, and The Columbian.

### **Softball vs. Chemeketa**

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Clark Home

### **Concordia University Information Table**

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Penguin Union Building, Main Level Concourse

### **Walt Disney World College Program Information Session**

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PUB 161 – Penguin Student Lounge

### **Sakura Festival**

Thursday, April 17, 2008

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Inside/Outside O'Connell Sports Complex

On Thursday, April 17, to celebrate the breathtaking cherry blossoms that bloom each spring, Clark College will host its third annual "Sakura Festival." The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. From 11 a.m. to noon, students from Clark College and regional high schools, who will have just returned from Joyo, Japan, will lead a discussion and slide show presentation about their travels in the Penguin Student Lounge. At noon, the festivities will move to the lobby of the newly-remodeled O'Connell Sports Center, where officials representing the college, Vancouver Rotary and the City of Vancouver are expected to take part in a brief program. At the conclusion of the program, guests will be treated to cherry dessert, music, arts and crafts, games and haiku writing under the historic cherry trees. (In case of inclement weather, those activities will take place in the O'Connell Sports Center.) From 2-5 p.m., the Clark College Mature Learning program will present Akira Kurasowa's "The Seven Samurai" as part of its "Classic Movie Series." The film will be presented in Foster Hall Auditorium.

### **Medical Radiography Information Session**

Monday, April 21, 2008

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PUB 258B

# FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

## IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Employees eligible for insurance coverage should remember to update their insurance enrollment form when changes in marital or dependent status occur. If your record of dependents is not up-to-date, you may be overpaying premiums. It is also important to keep beneficiaries up-to-date. Events which need to be reported include:

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| 1) marriage         | 4) adoption                          |
| 2) divorce          | 5) child reaching age 20             |
| 3) birth of a child | 6) student dependent reaching age 24 |

Please contact Human Resources, ext. 2119, if you have questions regarding your dependents or beneficiaries. In addition, please advise Human Resources of address changes.

## LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Faculty or staff members who are planning to be in leave without pay status should contact Pagean Pallamouter, ext. 2119, in Human Resources regarding continuation of benefits.

## REMINDER TO EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS

College employees need to be aware of accident reporting procedures. Work-related accidents should be reported to the immediate supervisor, regardless of the degree of severity. The supervisor will supply the employee with an Accident Report – Employee's Statement form. The form should be completed by the employee and returned to the supervisor, who will complete the supervisor's section and send the form to the Security/Safety Manager. Forms are available from the Security/Safety Office, Human Resources or on the Intranet at: [http://intranet.clark.edu/departments/executive/personnel/health\\_safety/EmployeeAccident%20Report.pdf](http://intranet.clark.edu/departments/executive/personnel/health_safety/EmployeeAccident%20Report.pdf)

Employees who are injured on the job should also contact Pagean Pallamouter in Human Resources (ext. 2119) regarding Worker's Compensation (L&I) and sick leave (for those who accrue sick leave).

In the case of any medical, physical, or chemical emergency, after calling 911, call the Security/Safety Office at ext. 2133. Security will notify other departments as appropriate.



## OPEN POSITIONS

**GROUNDS MANAGER:** full-time exempt position in Plant Services. Closing date: April 8, 2008.

**SECRETARY SENIOR:** full-time, 10-month classified position in the Office of Instruction. Closing date: April 21, 2008.

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** full-time classified position in Career and Employment Services. Closing date: April 14, 2008.

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