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## The first look at The Next Step

Chef Rick Browne baked an apple pie in a grill. Oswald did the zumba. And more than 1,100 people got their first look at Clark College at Columbia Tech Center (CTC) when the college hosted a community open house on Saturday, August 29.

Visitors were able to meet faculty, learn about the programs and classes that will be offered at CTC, see celebrity chefs at work in CTC's demonstration kitchen, and even register for classes. Information about admissions, advising, financial aid, and career and employment services was also available.

Power utilities instructor Jim Malinowski reported strong interest in the program, which already has a large enrollment for fall. Data networks & telecommunications professor Dwight Hughes answered questions about data network classes.



Oswald tries his hand (or is it feet?) at Zumba, a form of cardiovascular exercise combining aerobic and dance moves set to Latin music.

CTC is also the home of Clark's new Cooking and Wine School, part of the college's Continuing Education program. To mark the occasion, instructor and celebrity chef Rick Browne, host of "Barbeque America" on PBS, offered cooking demonstrations in CTC's state-of-the-art fully-equipped kitchen classroom. Kurt Mezger of Emmi of Switzerland showcased a variety of cheeses and fondue while staff from Kitchen Kaboodle featured "Fun with Gadgets" and healthy snacks.

Z-100 and Clark Public Utilities both had tents at the event and guests were welcomed by Clark's penguin



Left: Open house attendees watch as artist and Mature Learning program instructor Bev Jozwiak demonstrates watercolor painting. Center: Power utilities instructor Jim Malinowski (left) speaks with an open house attendee in the new power utilities laboratory at Columbia Tech Center. Right: Rick Browne, host of PBS television's "Barbecue America," was guest chef at the open house; he prepared his grilled apple pie in the new kitchen classroom.

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Left: The friendly faces of (from left) Suzie Taylor-Schultheis (Corporate & Continuing Education), Darla Utter (Instruction) and Lynn Schinzing (secretary senior at CTC) greeted visitors during the CTC open house held August 29. Center: Representing Clark's Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs were (from left) program coordinator Rosalba Pitkin, associate director of WorkFirst & Career Pathways Kris Barnum, and professor Sara Gallow. Right: Bookstore manager Monica Knowles (right) demonstrates the bookstore's online options for purchasing books and supplies.

mascot, Oswald. Other featured activities included demonstrations of painting, tai chi, zumba (which blends fitness and dancing) and belly dancing. A “table fair” highlighted program information on the career development and personal enrichment programs—including Plus 50 and mature learning—which will be available at CTC.

More than 75 individuals spent months planning and preparing for the event. As President Bob Knight noted in a message to the college community, “The Bookstore, Business Services, Communications and Marketing, Corporate and Continuing Education, Events Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Instruction, Facilities, Operations and Auxiliary Services, Planning and Effectiveness, Security, and Student Affairs all worked together to support one another toward our shared goal of expanding access to high-quality higher education in Southwest Washington.” Knight added, “It was an exciting sneak peek at the new academic year.”

Many of the guests complimented the beauty and quality of the facilities and said that they have been eagerly anticipating CTC's opening for years. Trustee

Rhona Sen Hoss said, “The open house was a wonderful opportunity for people to see this beautiful new building and learn about the programs and classes that will be offered there. It was also meaningful because the people who attended the open house now feel that the building belongs—not just to the college—but to them.” She added, “It was true in our earliest days at the Hidden House and it's true at our new facility at CTC. Clark is truly the community's college.”



Whether young or young at heart, a great time was had by all who visited Clark College's Columbia Tech Center open house on August 29.

## A new year, a new song as Clark College faculty and staff return

Faculty, staff, administrators and the Board of Trustees gathered in the Gaiser Student Center on Wednesday, September 9 to kick off another year at Clark College.

In his remarks, President Knight encouraged the college community to continue its work on behalf of Clark's students. He acknowledged the accomplishments—and challenges—of the past year, including the college's 10-year accreditation visit, the 75th anniversary celebration, construction of the new Columbia Tech Center facility, and an enrollment increase of 20% over the previous year—all while taking a \$4 million budget cut. Knight noted that, among Washington community and technical colleges, Clark was the only institution that did not eliminate positions to meet budget challenges; he was also quick to praise the college community for maintaining its service to students.

For 2009-2010, the opportunities to serve students continue to grow. The open house at Columbia Tech Center was a great success, and classroom seats in the new building are filling quickly. To date, fall quarter enrollment is up approximately 35% over last year; the college is also welcoming its largest



An opening day tradition—gathering on Andersen Fountain Plaza to share lunch and kick off the new academic year.

group of Running Start students to date (as of that morning, nearly 1,600).

Several initiatives will also highlight the coming year:

- With the completion of the strategic plan, the college will develop operational department plans over the course of the coming year.

- The diversity plan, now complete, will be disseminated and implemented throughout the college.
- The topic of shared governance will be a focal point for the year, with ongoing conversations helping to refine the college's definition and understanding of the concept.

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Left: President Knight welcomes Oswald and Kirsten Kyllingstad, sign language interpreter with Disability Support Services, to the stage. Kyllingstad performed the lead vocals in this year's music video, "Penguins want to have fun." Right: Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) President Ashley Schahfer introduces Clark College President Bob Knight during the opening day presentation on September 9.

- The college welcomes its first cohort in the new Weekend Degree program.
- The new power utilities laboratory and power utilities technology program are launched at Columbia Tech Center this fall.
- The monument signs located on the main campus will be upgraded, and a readerboard will be installed on Fort Vancouver Way.
- A response committee has been formed and will be disseminating information regarding the H1N1 virus in the weeks to come.

- The Healthy Penguin Nation initiative continues in 2009-2010.

- Service learning remains a point of emphasis at the college.

Knight also acknowledged social and political shifts that are impacting Clark—including President Obama's support and appreciation for the role of community colleges and the continuing economic downturn. "During these tough economic times, people are realizing the value of community colleges," said Knight.

Oswald and the Clarkers made their return appearance, kicking off the opening session with "Penguins Want to Have Fun," with vocals by sign language interpreter Kirsten Kyllingstad. If you missed the video, or want to see it again, it is available on the Clark College Web site ([http://www.clark.edu/video/penguins\\_want\\_to\\_have\\_fun/](http://www.clark.edu/video/penguins_want_to_have_fun/)).

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Left: The Clark College Chime Tower provides the perfect backdrop for a back-to-school photo—in this case, featuring computer technology professor Mark Smith (left) and business administration professor Patti Serrano (right). Center: Business technology professor Nancy Johnson (left) and communication studies professor David Kosloski (right) are all smiles as they enjoy lunch, some sunshine, and the start of another year at Clark College. Right: Members of the Clark College Board of Trustees were in attendance as the college kicked off the beginning of another academic year. From left: Rhona Sen Hoss, Jack Burkman, President Knight, Sherry Parker, Addison Jacobs and John White.



George Reese (left) receives a coin from President Knight during the opening day session.

## SIX CLARKERS RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL COINS

Six Clark College employees were recognized by President Knight during his opening day address. Each received a presidential coin—and the appreciation of the president and the entire Penguin Nation—for their work on behalf of the college and its students.

The recipients were:

- **SAMI LELO**, program coordinator, Student Life & Multicultural Student Affairs
- **GAIL LIBERMAN**, Teaching & Learning Center coordinator
- **GEORGE REESE**, director of instructional programming & innovation, Instruction
- **SCOTT ROOT**, information technology specialist, Information Technology Services
- **SHIRLEY SCHWARTZ**, special projects manager, Clark College Foundation
- **GAYLA SHANAHAN**, grounds & nursery specialist, Facilities Services

To date, a total of 20 presidential coins have been awarded.



## Clark College employees exemplify service and excellence

To the cheers and applause of their colleagues, 67 Clark College employees were recognized for their years of service to the college and its students during the fall orientation opening day session.

Service awards are given in five-year increments to college employees. This year's recipients represent a collective total of 935 years of service to Clark College—including one recipient, Charles Epton, topping the list with 40 years of service.



Faculty and staff excellence award recipients were also honored. Professor of English as a Non-Native Language (ENL) Priscila Martins-Read works with international students

and some refugees learning to read, write and speak English in order to mainstream into college classes. She sees her role as not only a teacher, but also as a cross-cultural coach—helping students understand the transition between their native culture and

the new American culture in which they find themselves. “I love to be with our students,” said Martins-Read. “It is great to watch them take their wings and fly.”



History professor Dr. Katherine Sadler has a passion and enthusiasm for history. She has taught world history, African history, U.S. women's history, and the history

of genocide at Clark College for the past four years. She views teaching not just as the passing on of information, but of helping students know what to do with information. “I hardly ever answer a question—just ask my students,” said Sadler. “But I always ask them a question back—to get at the core of learning, not just memorizing information.”



Art instructor Lisa Staley has been a part-time member of the Clark College faculty since 2001; most recently she taught art history and art appreciation.

Her teaching has been strongly influenced by her travels in Europe—including three residences in Austria—and her students recognize and benefit from the influence of her travels. While Lisa herself is passionate about art, she recognizes that not



Information Technology Services' Scott Root (right) received the summer quarter 2009 quarterly classified recognition award from foundation President/CEO Lisa Gibert and President Knight.

everyone is—but believes that it can be used to create greater understandings of self and the world around us. “I use the teaching of art to help students realize that we have things in common with people we hear about on the news—that we have things in common with the people of other countries, times and cultures.”

The Quarterly Classified Recognition Award honors classified employees with exemplary work performance, outstanding customer service to the college, demonstrated initiative and cooperative spirit in maintaining a positive college environment and special achievements or contributions to the

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college community. It is provided with support of the Clark College Foundation and the college.

The nominees for the summer quarter 2009 award were:

- EVELYN ERCEG, Facilities Services
- CHERYL MCCLAIN, Event Services
- SCOTT ROOT, Information Technology Services
- EDWARD SCHROEDER, Security/Safety
- GAYLA SHANAHAN, Facilities Services
- BARBARA SHOLUND, Registration
- LYNN VANHOOMISSEN, Security/Safety

The winner of the summer 2009 award is someone who has provided service to faculty, staff and students alike—particularly those who use smart classrooms: Scott Root. Scott has worked for the college for more than 28 years in media and information technology. He has been instrumental in developing, configuring and outfitting every smart classroom at the college—a total of 150 to date. He works optimally in scheduling installations to minimize the impact on students and employees. He has a can-do attitude demonstrated by his work on installing the media components in the Ellis Dunn Community Room. He has also worked steadily over the years to bring video conferencing to the college. Scott's nominator described him as sympathetic to people's needs, always customer centered, and never hesitating to lift up someone's spirits.



The Clark College Bookstore's May Jolly (right) is congratulated as one of two recipients of the 2009 Classified Excellence Award by Clark College Foundation President/CEO Lisa Gibert (left) and Clark College President Bob Knight (center).

The Annual Classified Excellence Award was also established with the generous support of the Clark College Foundation to recognize classified employee contributions to the college in serving students.

May Jolly has been with Clark College for 16 years and is described as someone who epitomizes the idea of customer service—which is so important when you work for the Clark College Bookstore, as May does. May's knack for designing creative and attractive merchandise displays, her sharp eye for cost-effective buying and her skill at identifying trends make her a proficient buyer. What makes her an accomplished professional is her total commitment to "it's about the student." Even in the

middle of rush week, May's desire is to please the customer. May was responsible for the semi-annual bookstore sales about 12 years ago and the more recent Cram It Jam It event which draws more than 200 customers to the store. May also manages the bookstore booth at graduation each year, helps with the K-Rod Run, and this year served on the 75th anniversary committee.

Described as positive, very professional, knowledgeable and a total team player, Information Technology Services' Jim Meek has been with Clark for three years. Jim provides IT support to Business and Technology and the Business Division. He is described as handling his job with "tact, efficiency, humor, diligence and always does more than is expected of him." He responds quickly and competently and also keeps people apprised of what the problem was and how he solved it. His goal each and every day is to ensure that all software or hardware problems have been resolved and equipment is 100% operational on more than 140 lab computers and 20 office computers. Jim is often pulled in many directions but always manages to make you feel like you are the most important task he has. Students share with staff that they are a fan of his gentle manner, fantastic listening skills and technical expertise which helps them through a myriad of problems with computers.

Congratulations to all of the 2009 service and excellence award recipients!

## 2009 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Service awards were distributed to 67 employees representing a combined 935 years of service to Clark College. Here, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Ras-soul Dastmozd (left) presents a service award to Jennifer Dean of the Cannell Library.

### 40 Years

CHARLES EPTON, Philosophy

### 35 Years

GEORGE AKAU, Culinary Arts

### 30 Years

LINDA CALVERT, Running Start

PAULA COLE, Behavioral & Social Sciences

KATRINA GOLDER, Human Resources

KATHRYN GRAHAM, Dental Hygiene

PRISCILA MARTINS-READ, English as a Non-Native Language

JENNIFER WHEELER, Information Technology Services

### 25 Years

NANCY HEIDRICK, Financial Aid

RON HIRT, Accounting Services

KARLA SYLWESTER, Dental Hygiene

### 20 Years

MIKE ARNOLD, Physical Education

VICKI CHENG, Business & Technology

LISA NELSON, Purchasing

PAGE PALLAMOUNTER, Human Resources

LYNN SCHINZING, Columbia Tech Center

SUZIE TAYLOR, Corporate & Continuing Education

### 15 Years

KRISTINE BARKER, Mathematics

KAYOKO BARNHILL, Mathematics

KRIS BARNUM, Workforce Education

AARON BINGHAM, Mathematics

KIM BOWER, Registration

JOAN CAREY, Cannell Library

KAREN CROSLAND, Foundation

LAURITS "DIX" DIXON, Nursing

DON GONSER, Diesel Technology

ERNIE HAFSO, Facilities Services

ROBERT HUGHES, Computer Technology

MAY JOLLY, Bookstore

TRAVIS KIBOTA, Biology

CARSON LEGREE, Art

DAVID OATES, English

GAIL ROBINSON, English

DAVID STEPHAN, Life Sciences

DONNA WITTMAYER, Dental Hygiene

### 10 Years

SHERYL ANDERSON, Admissions & Assessment

CAROL BEIMA, Adult Basic Education

IRENE BENACK, Cashier's Office

BEVERLY BROSIUS, Registration at Town Plaza

JENNIFER DEAN, Cannell Library

SARA GALLOW, English as a Second Language

BILLIE GARNER, Facilities Services

DAMON GRADY, Security

CINDY HECK, Planning & Effectiveness

MONICA KNOWLES, Bookstore

CHRIS LEWIS, Electronics Technology

CINDI OLSON, Student Affairs

KATHLEEN PERILLO, Biology

KRISTL PLINZ, Graphics

Communications

SABRA SAND, Business Services

THAO SCHMIDT, Human Resources

SHIRLEY SCHWARTZ, Foundation

RICHARD SHAMRELL, Physics

KEITH STANSBURY, CADD

AMY WAITE, Cannell Library

### 5 Years

TAMMY GARVEY, Facilities Services

GOTHARD GREY, Physics

SANDRA HAIGH, Biology

BARBARA KERR, Communications & Marketing

IZAD KHORMAEI, Engineering

ROBERT KNIGHT, President

LAURA LIKES, Human Resources

SUSIE LIM, Information Technology Services

JOHN MITCHELL, Mathematics

ALEX MONTOYA, Student Affairs

KEN PACHECO, Security

TIMOTHY PLISKA, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics at WSU Vancouver

IAN THOMAS, Information Technology Services at WSU Vancouver

BRENDA WALSTEAD, Dental Hygiene

BILL WHEELER, Engineering

HEATHER WHITE, Disability Support Services

## Open house event helps Running Start students starting at Clark this fall

Approximately 200 students, along with family members and other supporters in tow, attended the fifth annual Clark College Bookstore Running Start Open House on Tuesday, August 25, helping them start off the school year on the right (penguin) foot.

The event was organized by the bookstore's Liz Martinez and Marti Earhart, and supported by all store staff. In addition, members of the college faculty volunteered to work alongside bookstore staff members, greeting guests, helping students to locate books, answering questions and welcoming students to Clark College. Stations focusing on eLearning and the library, Running Start, the Associated Students of Clark College, Apple product demonstrations, bookstore Web site services demonstrations, and affordable textbook solutions provided interactive sources of information to students and their parents. In addition, \$250 in bookstore gift cards were awarded, made possible by vendor donations.

Clark's Student Ambassadors led more than 100 people on tours during the event; Registration, the Cashier's Office and Security remained open throughout the event to provide support and service to attendees. And of course, the Penguin Nation's most familiar face, Oswald, was on hand to greet everyone! "This year's open house was a terrific event," said bookstore manager Monica Knowles. "We had good attendance and great college support."



Oswald greets a new member of the Penguin Nation during the Clark College Bookstore's Running Start Open House event on August 25.



Approximately 200 people attended the open house, circulating through the bookstore to learn about textbook affordability options, eLearning and Cannell Library, as well as purchase books and supplies.





Top Left: Mathematics professor and division chair Paul Casillas (right) was one of several faculty members who volunteered to help students during the open house. Top Right: The bookstore's retail clerk lead, Carrie Anderson (right), was part of the team who put on the event, led by Liz Martinez and Marti Earhart (not pictured). Bottom Row: The faces of our new Running Start students.

As of September 9, 1,601 students have registered at Clark College through the Running Start program (of those, 1,196 are FTEs). “The bookstore staff does a wonderful job planning this event,” said Running Start program manager Linda Calvert. “A new feature added this year was bookstore employees telling students about the book rental program. This provides another option to increase the overall affordability of attending Clark.”

“Marti Earhart and her team provided excellent organization and customer service for the Running Start Open House,” said Ted Broussard, interim associate vice president of Student Affairs and dean of Student Success & Retention. “I am consistently impressed with the innovative ideas, programs and events the bookstore takes on. [They are] a model of commitment to student service.”

## Backpacks just one way Clark College demonstrates its culture of care

Among the many ways that members of the Penguin Nation show their caring is through the college's annual Backpack Project—and this year was no exception.

This year, 52 backpacks were filled, including extra supplies, and provided to student parents in the Displaced Homemakers, Child & Family Studies, and Work Study programs at Clark. The students were very thankful to receive the backpacks and supplies to help their children be ready for back to school.

Not only do students appreciate the generosity and support that comes through the Backpack Project—but faculty, staff and administrators also appreciate the project. “I love the Backpack Project and look forward to it every year!” said Communication Studies secretary senior Vanessa Meyer.

“This is a great project,” said Katrina Golder, associate vice president of Human Resources. “I

used to love to do school shopping with my kids and remember it was always a challenge to have enough money for clothes and school supplies. Shopping for the backpack brought back fond memories—and it is so important to support kids in their educational goals.”

The Clark College Foundation's Kay Cooke echoes Golder's sentiment: “This project brings back good feelings from the days of buying backpacks and supplies with my sons,” said Cooke. “It was an important ritual. So really, I thank you for the opportunity to take this walk down memory lane.”

With the culmination of the project's sixth year, a grand total of 272 backpacks have been collected and donated to students at Clark College for the next generation of penguins.



Left: Clark College students receive backpacks filled with school supplies for their children, courtesy the college's annual Backpack project.

Below: Just one of the 52 backpacks collected and distributed to Clark students this fall—in support of current and future members of the Penguin Nation!





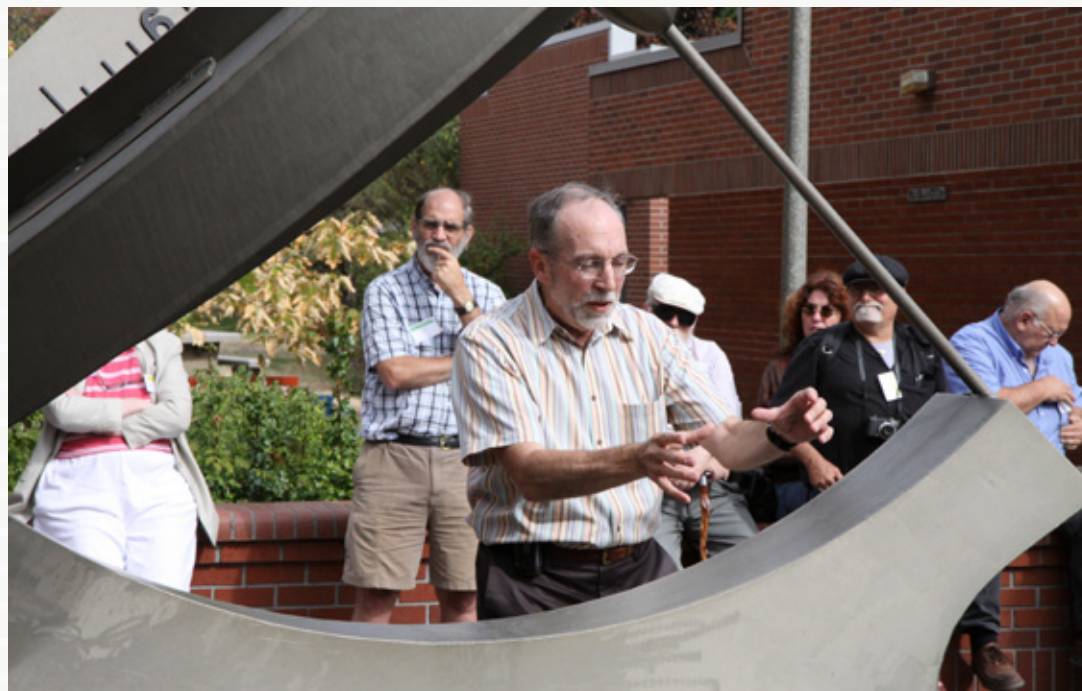
## Sundialers study Clark College specimen

More than 50 members of the North American Sundial Society (NASS) converged on Clark College on Friday, August 21 to examine the college's newly refurbished sundial. The college was one stop on a tour of area sundials, which was part of the organization's international convention being held in Portland.

Clark College's sundial was recently refurbished as part of the 75th anniversary celebration. The refurbishment included the addition of a 3D gnomon or shadow bar, which automatically adjusts for the sun's seasonal motion in the sky. "If you take a picture of the sun at the same time of day over a year, it makes a figure eight in the sky called the analemma," explained Clark College physics professor Dick Shamrell. "The up and down motion is high sun in summer and low sun in winter, but the side to side motion is due to the fact that the Earth's orbit is not exactly circular, but elliptical, and that our equatorial plane is tilted (oblique) to our orbital plane. Both effects combine for a solar time that is as much as sixteen minutes different

that our average, or clock time. By making a sundial gnomon in the shape of the analemma, it casts a shadow that compensates for our eccentricity and obliquity."

The NASS members were very impressed with Clark's sundial, which was originally created as part of the 50th anniversary celebration, and with the recent installation of an analemmic gnomon. They asked questions about the sundial design and use and offered expert suggestions. Shamrell explained to the group how, as well as having become an icon of Clark College, the sundial had always been used as a teaching tool, relating the motions of the celestial with our everyday time on Earth.



Top: Clark College physics professor Dick Shamrell explained the refurbishment and installation of the analemmic gnomon as sundial experts from across the country listened and offered their suggestions.

Above: Members of the North American Sundial Society (NASS) visited Clark College on Friday, August 21 as part of their Portland/Vancouver area tour, held during their international convention in Portland.





## **Clark's 2009 Hood to Coast team shows that penguins don't fly —they run!**

**T**he Clark College Penguins completed the 2009 Hood to Coast Relay on Saturday, August 29—making this the college's 24th year of participating in the world's largest running relay.

According to results posted on the Hood to Coast Web site, the Penguins completed the 197-mile, 12-person relay with a time of 27 hours, 39 minutes, 45 seconds. This time placed the Penguins 367th out of a total 1004 teams overall, and a 19th place finish among 78 teams in the corporate mixed open division.

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## MEMBERS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM WERE:

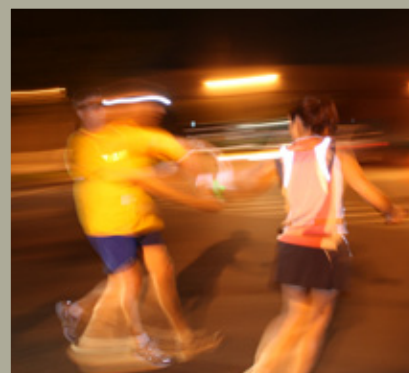
- LEE BRAND, professor of health & physical education
- VERONICA BROCK, professor of health & physical education
- DAVE CALDWELL, health & physical education instructor
- KACI CALDWELL, wife of Dave Caldwell
- LAURA DEMERI, health & physical education instructor
- CORA GASS, Clark alumna
- BOB KNIGHT, president
- JEFF MARTIN, Clark alumnus
- ZACK MARTIN, Clark alumnus
- TERESE PHIMISTER, Clark alumna
- VONIE KALICH, Thompson Fitness Center co-manager
- STEVE WOODLEY, Clark alumnus and health occupations instructor

Supporting the team were volunteers Guy Drennan, Annette Martin and John Martin. Missing from the team—for the first time in 15 years—was Financial Aid's Lizette Drennan, who was suffering from injuries and unable to run.

"We dedicated our run this year to Erik Anderson, former Clark faculty and cross country/track and field coach, who passed away last February," said professor of health & physical education Lee Brand. "It was an enjoyable time as faculty, staff and former students ran from Mt. Hood to Seaside and finished 19th out of 78 teams in the mixed-corporate division. What a way to honor a former All-American long distance running athlete, as well as dedicated faculty member and coach at Clark College."



Above: The 2009 Clark College Penguins Hood to Coast team (back row, from left): Dave Caldwell, Bob Knight, Steve Woodley, Zack Martin, Jeff Martin; (front row, from left): Kaci Caldwell, Vonie Kalich, Laura Demeri, Lee Brand, Therese Phimister, volunteer Lizette Drennan, Cora Gass, and Veronica Brock.



Center: Clark College President Bob Knight (left) hands off the team wristband to waiting penguin Veronica Brock (right), professor of health & physical education, at one of the exchange points along the Hood to Coast route.



Left: Lee Brand, professor of health & physical education, and Oswald cross the finish line, marking the team's completion of its 27-hour journey from Mt. Hood to Seaside

Previous page: Clark College health & physical education instructor Dave Caldwell was one of 12 members of the Penguin Nation to run as part of the college's 2009 Hood to Coast relay team.



## Pilot scholarship program to provide tuition assistance

In an effort to address scholarship needs, the Clark College Foundation has established a pilot program for part- and full-time students to apply for tuition assistance for winter and spring quarters 2010. The awards will range from \$500 to \$2,000. The deadline to apply for this and other scholarships is October 30.

Although the program is scheduled to run for two years, student needs will determine whether all the funds are allocated this year. “We are trying to reach the students who genuinely need financial assistance but do not qualify for grants or sponsored programs,” said Shirley Schwartz, foundation scholarship program manager. “Students who are working to pay their way through school would fall into this category.”

Three other scholarships for full-time students are being offered for automotive majors, business



June Pendergraft received the NW Bakers' Association Scholarship for academic year 2007-2008. It gave her the support she needed to go to college and to take The Next Step in her life.

majors and baking majors. “Students are definitely searching for financial help,” said Lizette Drennan, Clark College scholarship coordinator. “I’ve been talking to students about their needs for several weeks, which is much earlier than normal.”

Students of all income levels are enrolling at record levels for fall quarter. Those who need a moderate amount of help with tuition often find fewer resources. “When families are worried about putting food on the table, tuition becomes a luxury

item,” said Lisa Gibert, president and CEO of the foundation. “We’re working with donors to help them understand how scholarships like these will ensure a bright future for our community overall.”

If you know of students who might need scholarship assistance for winter and spring quarters 2010, tell them to check online at [www.clark.edu/scholarships](http://www.clark.edu/scholarships) and click on the application under the Clark College Foundation Scholarship heading.



## 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 Gaiser Hall Room 137.)

### **PART-TIME REGISTRATION FOR 2009 FACULTY FOCUS**

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 -  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Gaiser Hall Student Center and  
Various Campus Locations

### **RITA SMILKSTEIN WORKSHOP SESSION: DESIGNING BRAIN- COMPATIBLE, NATURAL-**

### **LEARNING CLASSROOM APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, EMPOWERMENT, AND SUCCESS**

Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

GHL 213

### **RITA SMILKSTEIN WORKSHOP SESSION: DESIGNING BRAIN- COMPATIBLE, NATURAL- LEARNING CLASSROOM APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, EMPOWERMENT, AND SUCCESS**

Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

GHL 213

### **PENGUIN VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI SCRIMMAGE**

Wednesday, September 16, 2009  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Clark College Gym

### **PART-TIME FACULTY ORIENTATION**

Friday, September 18, 2009  
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

GHL 205

### **eLEARNING/BLACKBOARD**

Friday, September 18, 2009  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
JSH 124

### **COMMUNITY FRIENDS POTLUCK DINNER**

Friday, September 18, 2009  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Office of International Programs,  
PUB 012

### **PENGUIN MEN'S SOCCER VS. SHORELINE CC**

Saturday, September 19, 2009  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Clark College

### **AUDITIONS FOR "LOOKING FOR OLIVIA"**

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 -  
Wednesday, September 23, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Decker Theater FAC  
Appointments are not required.  
Auditions will consist of cold  
readings.

### **eLEARNING/BLACKBOARD**

Wednesday, September 23, 2009  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
PUB 258 B

### **PENGUIN VOLLEYBALL VS. TACOMA CC**

Wednesday, September 23, 2009  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Clark College Gym

### **PENGUIN VOLLEYBALL VS. LOWER COLUMBIA CC**

Friday, September 25, 2009  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Clark College Gym

## **KALANI RODRIGUES MEMORIAL 10K RUN/5K WALK**

This memorial event honors Kalani Rodrigues, a former Clark College athlete who succumbed to brain cancer. The event was Kalani's idea for calling attention to brain cancer. "Get educated—brain cancer research is not a lost cause. Higher education is the cure!"

Please join us and run or walk in his memory while raising funds for the endowed scholarship in Kalani's name. The endowment funds scholarships for athletes attending Clark College in Vancouver, Washington, and more importantly, raises awareness for the treatment of brain cancer.

Clark College Penguin Athletic Club will host a post-event luau, open to all pre-registered participants (while supplies last). The luau will include food and beverages.

More information: <http://www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/77.php>.

### **KALANI RODRIGUES MEMORIAL 10K RUN/5K WALK**

Sunday, September 27, 2009

7:15 a.m.

Clark College & surrounding area



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**CLARK COLLEGE AT  
COLUMBIA TECH CENTER  
DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Monday, September 28, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Clark College at Columbia Tech  
Center

**MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY:  
THE POWER OF BEING A SHY  
INTELLECTUAL**

Monday, September 28, 2009

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

PUB 161

**PRESIDENT'S OPEN  
DIALOGUE**

Monday, September 28, 2009

2:30 p.m.

PUB 161

**SUNDIAL REDEDICATION**

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

12:00 p.m.

Sundial

**NOTE-TAKING FOR COLLEGE  
SUCCESS**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

GHL 213

**READING FOR COLLEGE  
SUCCESS**

Thursday, October 1, 2009

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

GHL 213

**STRESS MANAGEMENT**

Monday, October 5, 2009

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

GHL 214



## WPEA/ UFCW Meeting Schedule



The classified employees WPEA/UFCW union meeting is held every third Wednesday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Scarpelli Hall room 214. The next meeting will be held September 16, 2009. A BBQ will be provided for the classified represented employees on the north side of SHL.

# From the HR Department

## RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION EARLY NOTIFICATION STIPEND

To assure sufficient time for an effective search for a replacement, the college will provide a one-time stipend to faculty in probationary or tenured positions who provide notification to the college by October 1 prior to the calendar year of retirement or resignation. Probationary or tenured faculty who have at least ten (10) years of service, including temporary, special programs, probationary and tenured faculty appointments, as of their last date of employment, will receive a \$5,000 stipend; probationary or tenured faculty with less than ten (10) years of service as of their last date of employment will receive a \$3,000 stipend.

To qualify for this payment, the president must receive signed, written notification from the faculty member, including the last date of employment.

## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION -- REMINDER

College Administrative Procedure 430.005 requires all volunteers to register in advance with Human Resources, and to submit time sheets to Payroll at the end of each month in which volunteer services are provided.

Volunteer Authorization Forms are valid for one fiscal year at a time. Volunteers need to register with Human Resources before performing volunteer services.

Questions regarding volunteers may be directed to Laura Elwood-Klein at 992-2381.

## FACULTY/STAFF ADDRESS CHANGES

If you change your name, address or telephone number, please complete a name/address change form in Human Resources. Human Resources will forward changes to the Health Care Authority; however, you must notify your medical-dental insurance carriers.

## OVERTIME REGULATIONS

Under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, employers are required to compensate employees who are eligible for overtime for all work they are directed or permitted to perform, including hours worked beyond scheduled work hours; further, liability for compensation is incurred whether the employer knew or should have known that the employee was working.

College employees who are eligible for overtime compensation may not work beyond their regularly scheduled hours unless directed to do so or approved by their supervisors. Supervisors, in turn, are responsible for insuring that employees do not work beyond scheduled hours unless specifically directed to do so. Simply put, employees who are eligible for overtime may not work beyond their scheduled hours, even on a voluntary basis, without receiving overtime pay or compensatory time off, at the employee's option.

Questions regarding overtime compensation or work hours may be directed to Human Resources, 992-2105.

## SAVE ON GAS—TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

Automobiles are one of the most significant sources of air pollution in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area. Reducing the number of people who drive to work alone may be the most important and most effective measure we can take to help preserve our environment.

There are a number of ways that Clark College employees can participate in the commute trip reduction program. Most options include the additional feature of a guaranteed ride home:

- Bike riders will find bicycle racks and bike shelters on the main campus. Bike riders may also receive a helmet.
- Walkers are eligible for an umbrella.
- Bus riders are eligible for subsidized transit passes
- Riders and van poolers are also eligible for the guaranteed ride home.



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

To sign up for the commute trip reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura Elwood-Klein in Human Resources, 992-2381.

### **WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES**

**Corbett Bruntz** was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as program coordinator in the Assessment Center effective August 20, 2009. Corbett has an AA in psychology from Aims Community College and a BA in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. He has previous work experience with First Health of the Carolinas-Moore Regional Hospital, Clackamas Community College, City University, Regis University and Aims Community College.

**Tracy Cobile** was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as administrative assistant 2 in Allied Health effective July 23, 2009. Tracy has previous work experience with Bauer Jaguar, Kamaaina Motors, HPM Building Supply, Island Chevrolet and Southwest Region EMS & Trauma Care Council.

**Annie Ernst** was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as program assistant in Entry Services, Workforce Education at Town Plaza Center effective August 6, 2009. Annie has an AAS in business from Clark College and previous work experience with Fred Meyer and Clark College.

**Lena Leksunkin** was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as office assistant lead in Financial Aid effective August 3, 2009. Lena has an AA from Clark College and is enrolled at Portland State University in the bachelor

of science criminology and criminal justice program. She has previous work experience with Federal Public Defense and Clark College.

**Mark O'Brien** was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as grounds and nursery services specialist 4 in Facilities Services effective August 19, 2009. Mark has a BS in horticulture from Temple University and previous work experience with the U.S. Coast Guard, The Urban Gardener, Breitenbush Hotspring Holistic Retreat Center, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Sav-A-Tree, and Squirrel Heights Nursery.

**Susan Tjahjadi** was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as office assistant 3 in Basic Education at Town Plaza Center effective August 20, 2009. Susan has an AA in business administration from Clark College, a BA in business administration from Washington State University and a certificate of chinese proficiency from Beijing Language and Culture University. She has previous work experience with First Independent Bank.

### **OPEN POSITIONS**

#### **DEAN OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND FINE ARTS:**

Full-time administrative position.  
Closing date: September 21, 2009.

#### **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF BASIC EDUCATION:**

Full-time administrative position.  
Closing date: September 22, 2009.

#### **CORPORATE EDUCATION MANAGER:**

Full-time exempt position.  
Closing date: September 16, 2009.

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