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## Welcome to 2010!

The start of a new year—and a new decade—brought strong student enrollment as Clark College opened its doors for winter quarter 2010.

More than 14,000 students have enrolled for classes during winter quarter. Instruction and Student Affairs—supported by units across the college—stepped up their efforts to meet demand for classes and student services.

In fall 2009, the college reached an all-time enrollment record, welcoming more than 16,000 students.



This student found a quiet spot in Gaiser Hall to get a head start on his homework.



Penguins love water, so rain didn't dampen the spirits of students on the first day of classes for Winter 2010.



These students happily found what they were looking for at the Bookstore.





Financial Aid checks were distributed in the Gaiser Student Center.

Above: Several students found shelter from the rain in the Cannell Library computer media lab. Top center: This student was thrilled to be at the head of the line at the bookstore. Center right: Students meet up with old friends in the Penguin Student Union Building. Bottom: Gaiser Hall was a hub of activity of activity for students seeking services.



The ASCC welcome wagon passes out free coffee vouchers to students.





## The “Signs” of a New Year

Santa (with an assist from his helpers at Security Signs) paid an early visit to Clark College on Dec. 24. They came to complete the installation of the new monument signs at the college’s main campus.

The signs are among the final steps in Clark’s comprehensive wayfinding project, which has included new directional maps and signage, color-coded parking lot signs and a new electronic readerboard near the Welcome Center. The readerboard sign is scheduled to be formally unveiled immediately following the State of the College address on Jan. 14.

Columbia-Cascade Construction, Inc. is the general contractor for the final phase of the wayfinding project; Mike Moran is project manager.

The wayfinding project was undertaken to provide consistent signage to assist students, staff and visitors in finding their way to locations on the college’s main campus.



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## Rachel Stansbury Is a “Rising Star”

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Rachel Stansbury, development assistant for the Clark College Foundation, is the recipient of the 2010 Rising Star Award from District VIII of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The award honors outstanding individuals with three to five years experience in the advancement profession. It also recognizes early success as an indicator of future leadership and achievement. Stansbury will accept the award during the District VIII Conference in Portland on February 17.

Ara Serjoie, vice president for development, notes that Stansbury has continued to seek new challenges in the advancement field and enhance her learning opportunities. “Since her arrival in March 2006, Rachel has demonstrated an amazing aptitude for growth and success, particularly with the foundation’s events and annual giving activities,” said Serjoie.

Colleagues say Stansbury has a track record for finding ingenious and innovative approaches to complete projects. “She has reduced costs for our direct mail activities while keeping quality high and increasing the number of recipients,” Serjoie said. “She has been played a key role in implementing our e-philanthropy program, which raised the amount of online gifts to the foundation by over 100 percent.” To engage alumni and donors, Stansbury is initiating social networking opportunities through Facebook and other sites.

For the past two years, Stansbury has successfully orchestrated the Clark College Foundation Charity Golf Tournament, which generates scholarship funds. In addition, she provides direct support to the boards of the Alumni Association and Penguin Athletic Club as well as the annual giving committee of the foundation’s board of directors. “Rachel’s enthusiasm, determination, and ‘can do’ attitude are a terrific complement to her creativity and self-starter nature,” notes Lisa Gibert, foundation president and CEO. “She’s effective, and she’s fun to work with.”

In January 2010, Stansbury will enter the master of public administration program at Portland State University to take the next step in her career. “I really feel I’ve found my niche and a field in which I can make a difference in society,” she said.

## Basketball Preview brings young athletes to Clark

More than 85 girls and boys from throughout Southwest Washington gathered in the O'Connell Sports Center gymnasium on Saturday, Dec. 5 for Clark's eighth annual "Basketball Preview."

The young athletes, ages six through 12, watched scrimmages by Clark College's men's and women's basketball teams. They got to run drills with the Clark teams and joined them for lunch, provided by the Penguin Athletic Club (PAC) and supporters from the regional business community.

"This was a unique opportunity for our men's and women's basketball teams to reach out to the community," said Denny Huston, interim athletic



Left: Clark College men's basketball team served lunch to eager young athletes during the Basketball Preview. Bottom: Clark College's own Oswald joined the young athletes in drills and stretching exercises.

director. "Their leadership and guidance gives the kids something to strive for in the future."

Gaydena Thompson, PAC board member and former Clark athletic director, said, "Those young athletes took away special memories -- learning the skills of the game and lessons that they'll use on and off the basketball court."





## 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.)

### ELEARNING/BLACKBOARD

Tuesday, January 05 & Wednesday,  
January 06, 2010

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LIB 101

### WOMEN'S & MEN'S BASKETBALL – NWAACC CONFERENCE GAMES

Wednesday, January 06, 2010

Grays Harbor College  
Aberdeen, WA

Women's game at 6:00 p.m.  
Men's game follows at 8:00 p.m.

### READING FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS

Friday, January 08, 2010

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GHL 213

### COMMUNITY FRIENDS POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, January 08, 2010

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Office of International Programs,  
PUB 012

### WOMEN'S & MEN'S BASKETBALL – NWAACC CONFERENCE GAMES

Saturday, January 09, 2010

Women's game at 3:00 p.m.  
Men's game follows at 5:00 p.m.

Highline Community College  
Des Moines, WA

### STRESS MANAGEMENT

Monday, January 11, 2010

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

GHL 213

### NOTE-TAKING FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

GHL 213

### GOOGLE APPS & TOOLS

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LIB 103



## Plus—save the date for these upcoming Clark College events:

### WOMEN'S & MEN'S BASKETBALL – NWAACC CONFERENCE GAMES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Women's game at 6:00 p.m.  
Men's game follows at 8:00 p.m.

Home – Clark College O'Connell  
Sports Center

### STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

Thursday, January 14, 2010

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

Gaiser Student Center

### RUNNING START INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thursday, January 14, 2010 &  
Wednesday, January 20, 2010

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Clark College – O'Connell Sports  
Center gymnasium

### WOMEN'S & MEN'S BASKETBALL – NWAACC CONFERENCE GAMES

Monday, January 18, 2010

Women's game at 6:00 p.m.  
Men's game follows at 8:00 p.m.

Home – Clark College O'Connell  
Sports Center gymnasium

### 48TH ANNUAL CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Thursday, January 28 through  
Saturday, January 30, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Gaiser Hall Student Center

Vocal jazz ensembles and jazz  
bands from high schools in Oregon  
and Washington participate in  
this three-day competition. Vocal  
ensembles perform on Thursday.  
A and AA jazz bands compete on  
Friday, with AAA and AAAA bands  
competing on Saturday.

Preliminary competition takes  
place each day from 8:00 a.m. to  
5:00 p.m. with final competition at  
7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 per day;  
children under 12 accompanied by  
an adult are admitted free of charge.



## From the HR department

### RETIREMENT OPTION

Interested in Transferring to Plan 3? Every January, qualified Plan 2 members of PERS or TRS have the opportunity to transfer to Plan 3. The deadline for transferring is January 31, 2010. To learn if you are eligible and to find information about both plans, visit the Web site of the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems at: <http://www.drs.wa.gov/news-announcements/membernews.htm>

### SICK LEAVE BUYOUT

Under the provisions of Administrative Procedure 635.025 and the WPEA CBA, eligible employees who have balances of more than 480 hours of compensable sick leave, as of December 31, 2009, may choose to convert unused sick leave hours accrued in 2009 to monetary compensation. Any sick leave hours used during 2009 are deducted from the hours that are available to convert.

Compensation is calculated at the rate of 25% of the employee's current hourly rate. Employees who choose to participate in the buyout must be compensated for all eligible sick leave hours earned in 2009, not just a portion of them.

Employees considering buyout should be aware that the college is now able to offer a VEBA program which allows retirees to

transfer sick leave buyout dollars to a VEBA account, tax free, to be used to pay for medical expenses.

Sick leave buyout application forms are available in Human Resources; the deadline for submitting completed forms is January 29, 2010.

Payment will be received on February 25, 2010. Please call **Thao Schmidt, x2628, or Pagean Pallamounter, x2119**, for additional information.

### OPEN POSITIONS

#### DIRECTOR OF NURSING:

Full-time administrative position. Open until filled.

#### ASSOCIATE DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES:

Full-time administrative position. Open until filled.

#### DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING & INNOVATION:

Full-time administrative position. Closing date: January 11, 2010.

#### TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITIONS:

- ♦ Anthropology Instructor: Closing date: January 21, 2010
- ♦ Automotive Instructor: Closing date: February 10, 2010
- ♦ Business Technology Instructor: Closing date: February 24, 2010
- ♦ Dental Hygiene Instructor/Clinical Coordinator: Closing date: January 25, 2010
- ♦ Engineering Instructor: Closing date: January 21, 2010
- ♦ Japanese Instructor: Closing date: January 21, 2010
- ♦ Machining Technology Instructor: Closing date: January 29, 2010
- ♦ Welding Instructor: Closing date: January 29, 2010
- ♦ Women's Studies: Closing date: January 27, 2010

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