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# Writing Women into History

## *Women of Achievement breaks records*



Barbara Miller, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Instruction (right), congratulates Woman of Achievement Nancy Simmons.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as the first National Women's History Week. Thirty years later, the 2010 Women of Achievement celebrated that fact with the theme "Writing Women Into History" at the annual awards luncheon, held Friday, March 19 at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. And indeed the day was one for the history books—attendance broke all previous records for the event, reaching more than 650.

The annual awards recognize women in Southwest Washington for their contributions to the region's community. Now in its 26th year, Women of Achievement was the inspiration of Pat Watne, who was serving as Director of Women's Programs at Clark College in 1985. Today, the event is co-sponsored by Clark College and the YWCA Clark County. Watne created an awards program that would recognize women and commemorate

National Women's History Month and International Women's Day in March.

"Because of the combined efforts of YWCA Clark County and Clark College, the Women of Achievement celebration was the largest and most successful ever," said Kathy Murphy, who as a staff member of Clark College's Communications and Marketing Department was instrumental in putting the event together. "The room was bursting at the seams with family, friends and admirers of these successful women."

One of Clark College's own was honored as a Woman of Achievement: Nancy Simmons, who serves as community partnership program coordinator at Larch Corrections Center, was the last honoree to speak at the luncheon. She credited President Bob Knight (who helped introduce the luncheon with an opening speech) with helping her succeed as a community leader. Prior to joining Larch, Simmons worked for the Clark College Foundation.

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“Working at the college and having someone believe in me led me to my current position at Larch,” she said. She also noted that, as part of the college’s partnership with Larch, Knight decided to come to Larch with some of Clark’s basketball players for an informal game. Afterward, he chatted with some of the offenders and told them to call him if they wanted to attend Clark after their release. Two did, and both received scholarships after Simmons and Knight encouraged them to apply.

Those two students—Gary Warden and Randall Henderson—were in the audience, enthusiastically cheering their former teacher. Both are currently earning 4.0 GPAs, one in Automotive Technology and one in Computer Science. “You don’t know how the work you do today can impact lives tomorrow,” said Simmons.

#### **Clockwise from top:**

Left to right: Gary Warden, Clark President Bob Knight and Randall Henderson. After leaving Larch, Warden and Henderson each received scholarships and are attending Clark College.

Clark College guests at the celebration included (left to right) Associate Vice President of Human

Resources Dr. Darcy Rourk, Director of Advising Andrew Long, and Interim Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Ted Broussard.

Left to right: YWCA Clark County Executive Director Kathy Kniep congratulates Young Women of Achievement Holly Vogel, Nadia Mousleh and Jing Xue.



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Young Woman of Achievement Holly Vogel, who attends Ridgefield High School and hopes to be an education lobbyist one day, said she found the event both gratifying and inspiring. She said being a young woman trying to create change in the world can pose challenges, but that the stories of the women being honored showed the power of standing up for what's right. "I think when you're younger, people think you're a little girl, you're blonde, and they don't always take you seriously," she said. "But I've learned that sometimes I have to put my foot down and speak out for what I believe in, even if I'm not the biggest fish in the pond. After all, if all the little fish get together, we can make one heck of a splash."

**Clockwise from top:**

Women of Achievement Donna Bleth (left) earned kudos from former State Rep. Val Ogden.

Clark College Board of Trustees Vice Chair Jack Burkman congratulates

2010 Woman of Achievement Rev. Marva Edwards.

ASCC President Ashley Schahfer and ASCC Vice-President Hana Lim attended the luncheon.



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Top: Young Woman of Achievement Jing Xue (left) received a \$1,500 scholarship from Clark College faculty emeritus Donna Roberge. Roberge established the first Young Woman of Achievement scholarship.

Far Left: Rainy Atkins, chief operating officer at Southwest Washington Medical Center, inspired the audience by sharing her experiences serving others.

Left: KOIN-TV news anchor Kelley Day told the audience that she was honored to serve as emcee.

## 2010 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

RAINY ATKINS

BOBBI BINDREIFF

DONNA BLETH

JOYCE CARTER

LESLIE DURST

MARVA J. EDWARDS

LINDA GLOVER

NANCY SIMMONS

## YOUNG WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

NADIA MOUSLEH, Prairie High School

HOLLY VOGEL, Ridgefield High School

JING XUE, Mountain View High School

*Each Young Woman of Achievement received a \$1,500 scholarship toward her college education.*

## YOUNG WOMEN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

SHELLEY ADAO, Hudson's Bay High School

HANNAH JONES, Camas High School

SHAILAH RICKETTS, Heritage High School

MICHELLE TAYLOR, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

MADLINE THOMPSON, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

# Recording Improvement

*Adult Basic Education students learn skills through creating children's audio books*

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 17 percent of Washington adults 18 and over—almost 500,000 individuals—lacked high school credentials in 2000. A five-year longitudinal study tracking the persistence and outcomes of Washington's adult student population identified a “tipping point” at which students who persisted through one year of college and earned a credential realized an annual earnings increase considerably higher (\$7,000) than the students who earned fewer than 10 college credits.

*“It was helpful to hear my accent and improve pronunciation ...this project motivated me to study more.”*

—JOY LEE  
ABE Student

For ESL and ABE students, nearly eight in ten go no further than noncredit basic skills, at most making modest gains or earning a GED. Two out of three starting with a GED left school with less than one year's worth of college credit completed.

Adult Basic Education instructor Scott Morris was looking for a way to keep his students engaged in classes. He wanted a practical, hands-on approach, and decided to explore service learning. In his winter quarter GED Literature course, he assigned his students to read a children's book of their choosing on tape to improve reading comprehension, vocabulary



Joy Lee reads a children's book aloud as part of her service learning assignment.

and pronunciation. The recorded tapes were then donated to Harney Elementary School, where they will be used in the Media Center. “From my perspective, this project has had a positive impact on my students,” Morris said, noting that having his students read below their literacy level helped improve their self-confidence and fluency.

Joy Lee, one of Morris's ABE students, said she was excited about this project

because she had never heard herself reading aloud before. “It was helpful to hear my accent and improve pronunciation,” she said. “I practiced at home to sound more natural and this project motivated me to study more. I have been in ESL classes for two years, but I am new to the ABE program and this was the first time I have had this kind of opportunity. This was a good experience for me.”



## Fresh Ideas

### *CTC Cooking School Open House and Locavore Resource Fair*

St. Patrick's Day might be on March 17, but the Columbia Tech Center had its own festival of green on Saturday, March 27. But unlike everyone's favorite Irish holiday, this day was about green *living*, including everything from canning to composting.

Organized by Corporate and Continuing Education, the Open House and Resource Fair featured cooking demonstrations in the CTC Kitchen Classroom, as well as a variety of informational booths on sustainable living in the Corporate Learning Center. Continuing Education Cooking School instructors offered free demonstrations to a packed audience. Lessons included the Italian dessert panna cotta with Lucy Vaserfirer, Thai salad and spring rolls with Vivi Khamkeo, and roasted vegetables with Betty Walberg and the farmers of local



Tracy Reilly-Kelly (right) celebrates sustainability with a Master Composter from Columbia Springs Environmental Center.



Vivi Khamkeo demonstrates the finer points of Thai cuisine.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms. Local cookware store Kitchen Kaboodle also gave a presentation on “fun with gadgets.”

Meanwhile, the Resource Fair featured a “Meet the Farmer” area where community members could learn more about CSA programs, which directly link local residents and nearby farmers, increasing the benefits to both parties. In a CSA program, a farmer grows food for a group of local residents (called “shareholders” or “subscribers”) who commit at the beginning of each year to purchase part of that farm's crop. CSA programs are part of a greater “locavore” movement, describing an effort to eat food from one's local region. Definitions

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Open House attendees watch a cooking demonstration in the CTC Kitchen Classroom.

of “local” vary, but generally involve a radius of somewhere between 100 and 250 miles. By eating locally, most locavores hope to create a greater connection with food sources, resist industrialized and processed foods, and support local small agricultural economy.

The locavore movement, in turn, is part of a growing interest in sustainable living, and the approximately

175 attendees of the Resource Fair got plenty of opportunities to learn more about that. Columbia Springs Environmental Center offered information about the Master Composter Program, and the Vancouver Farm Girls, a group dedicated to reviving the practice of food preservation and home arts, showed off some of their homemade canned goods, soap, and other goodies.

#### TAKE THE NEXT STEP FOR HEALTHY COOKING AND NUTRITIOUS EATING.

Get creative in the kitchen, experience new ingredients and savor a guided tour through a new cuisine. Non credit Cooking School classes are for anyone—for information and to register on-line go to [www.clark.edu/myccee](http://www.clark.edu/myccee) or use the link on the [college website](#) for Corporate and Continuing Education.

## ¡Hola, Amigos!

*Clark College helps to offer the region's Latino community a friendly hand*

According to 2008 U.S. Census data, almost 29,000 people of Hispanic or Latino origin live in Clark County. To better help this community learn about and access local resources, the Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG)—of which Clark College is a founding member—developed the annual Latino Resource Fair. Now in its fifth year, the fair was held on Sunday, March 7, at Vancouver's St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Schuyler Hoss, representative of Gov. Chris Gregoire's office; Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt; and Clark County Commissioner Marc Boldt welcomed the attendants. Also in attendance were Vancouver City Manager Pat McDonnell, Vancouver City Councilor and Clark College trustee Jack Burkman, Vancouver Chief of Police Clifford R. Cook, and former Vancouver mayor Royce Pollard.

According to Clark College ESL Outreach Coordinator Rosalba Pitkin, who helped coordinate the event, this year's fair was a great



success, serving some 600 people. Attendees could take advantage of booths offering information about education and health resources in the region, including Clark College's full roster of academic, ESL, and Adult Basic Education opportunities. The fair also included a presentation on immigration law, as well as a celebration of Latino culture, including traditional dances performed by local members of the Latino community.



### **Clockwise from top:**

Local folk dancers show the crowd their moves.

ESL Outreach Coordinator Rosalba Pitkin with Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt.

Event volunteers included (left to right) ESL instructor Shula Karr, student Minerva Aire, and ESL instructor Susan Torres.





## Penguin Patter

*News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!*

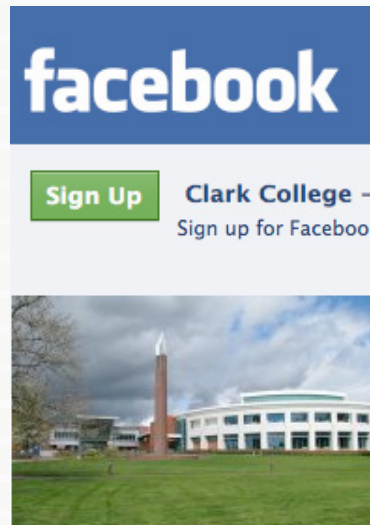
### DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

We all do everything we can to help prepare our students for the job market, teaching them new skills and specialized knowledge. But the truth is that some employers won't give a graduate proper consideration unless he or she is dressed appropriately for the job interview. Unfortunately, many of our students are not in a position to buy new professional wardrobes straight out of school. This is where we can help. Drop off your clean, gently used career-wear at Career and Employment Services (GHL 108, next to the Campus Bookstore) between April 12 and April 28. The clothes will be distributed—one outfit per student—through the Career Clothing Closet, held April 29 and 30 as part of Clark College's Career Days 2010. For more information or to help volunteer, contact Jody Shulnak at [jshulnak@clark.edu](mailto:jshulnak@clark.edu).



### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Clark College recently revamped its main [Facebook page](#), making it more responsive and user-friendly. Become a fan today to get access to up-to-the-minute news about Clark College events, achievements and personalities. Plus, engage in discussions with fellow staff, faculty and students on a wide range of topics ranging from light-hearted to super-serious. Recent conversations have covered everything from favorite forms of caffeinated beverage to reactions to how students plan to use their educations to do charity work. Want more opportunities for social networking? Clark's Web site lists related [Facebook pages](#).



### FEBRUARY'S STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Student athletes competing in men's and women's basketball and track and field have been honored as the February 2010 "Athletes of the Month" at Clark College.



As team captain, sophomore **Markeith Brown** has shown, according to coach Mike Arnold, "an exceptional commitment to his own personal development in the classroom and the Penguins success on the floor." While working part time and playing basketball, Brown, a graduate of Cleveland High School in Portland, has earned a 2.96 grade point average (GPA). Coach Arnold said, "Strong on the defensive side of the ball and quick with the dribble on the offensive side, Markeith has shown that he is committed to team success over individual

accolades. His positive attitude and his exceptional work ethic has been an inspiration to his teammates and the Penguin faithful over the last couple of years.”



Freshman **Chawncy McClenan** came to Clark College from Vancouver’s Heritage High School, where she was a multi-sport athlete. She continues that streak at Clark, playing basketball and participating in track and field. Basketball head coach Nancy Boone said, “Chawncy’s leaping ability, length, and quickness enabled her to lead the team in rebounds. She is a great talent for both athletic programs.”

The Student Athlete of the Month program recognizes both the academic and athletic

achievements of Clark’s student athletes. Two recipients are selected each month by a committee that includes Clark College coaches, athletic department personnel, and fellow students.

Each honoree receives a jacket with his or her name engraved on it. The jackets are provided by Les Schwab through its support of the Student of the Month program, in partnership with Clark’s Penguin Athletic Club and the Clark College Foundation.



### PICK YOUR PENGUIN!

Know a student who blows you away with their studious nature, extra-curricular activities, or dedication to their work-study job (or, better yet, all three)? Time to nominate them for the OSWALD Awards (Outstanding Students With Academic Leadership and Development skills). These yearly awards, organized by the Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs, recognize our brightest, most community-minded and hardest-working students with an honorary reception on June 3. Nominations are due by April 30. Contact Samantha Lelo at [slelo@clark.edu](mailto:slelo@clark.edu) for more information.





# 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 these events, you should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at (360) 992-2314 or 192.102.5.20 VP, or visit Gaiser Hall room 137, usually two weeks prior to the event.)

## PENGUIN PRIDE DAYS AND WELCOME WEEK

Monday, April 5, 2010 – Friday, April 9, 2010

Free snacks, school supplies, and coffee thermoses!

Main Campus April 5 and 9;  
CTC April 6; CCW April 7;  
TPC April 8

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

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

Home game, double-header.  
Hudson's Bay High School  
softball field

## PENGUIN BASEBALL CLUB GAME

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Home game.

Clark College baseball field

## CLARK ART TALKS

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Artist Mike Bray.

PUB 161

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD EVENT

Friday, April 9, 2010

Oregon City, OR

## UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCERT CHORUS

Friday, April 9, 2010

12: 00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Friday, April 9, 2010

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

Double-header game.

Gresham, OR

## PENGUIN BASEBALL CLUB GAME

Saturday, April 10, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Home game, double-header.

Clark College baseball field

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Saturday, April 10, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Double-header game.

Longview, WA

## PENGUIN BASEBALL CLUB GAME

Sunday, April 11, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Home game, double-header.

Clark College baseball field

## BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy free pizza while watching  
bands compete for the honor of  
playing at Spring Thing this year.

Gaiser Student Center

## ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

North side of the Music Building

## THIRTY CLICKS WORKSHOP: MIND

Thursday, April 15, 2010

1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

LIB103

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Saturday, April 17, 2010

See the [NWAACC website](#) for  
tournament information.

Selah, WA

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD EVENT

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Portland, OR

## PENGUIN BASEBALL CLUB GAME

Saturday, April 17, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Home game, double-header.

Clark College baseball field

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, April 18, 2010

See the [NWAACC website](#) for  
tournament information.

Selah, WA

# Plus—save the date for these upcoming events:

## EARTH WEEK

Monday, April 19, 2010 –  
Friday, April 23, 2010

This year's motto is "Get Out There" and the theme is outdoor recreation. Through guest speakers, engaging activities, and pure fun participants will gain a desire get outside, play outdoors, and explore this amazing planet.

## FIFTH ANNUAL SAKURA FESTIVAL

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Modeled after the Japanese tradition of picnicking and celebrating the arrival of spring beneath the blossoming cherry trees, the Sakura Festival recognizes the 15th anniversary of the international friendship between the City of Vancouver and its Sister City in Joyo, Japan. It also marks the 20th anniversary of the gift of 100 cherry trees from John Kageyama to the City of Vancouver. Demonstrations and activities of many Japanese traditions will be held.

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## From the HR Department

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### 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:

- |                     |                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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 (x2119) 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 (x2119) in Human Resources regarding continuation of benefits.

### REMINDER TO EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVIORS

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\\_information/human\\_resources/enviro\\_health/health\\_safety/EmployeeAccidentReport.pdf](http://intranet.clark.edu/departments_information/human_resources/enviro_health/health_safety/EmployeeAccidentReport.pdf)

Employees who are injured on the job should also contact Pagean Pallamouter in Human Resources (x2119) 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 (x2133). Security will notify other departments as appropriate.

### WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

*Gail Conners-Junker* was appointed to the part-time permanent position of Secretary Senior in Business and Technology effective February 22, 2010. Gail has an AAS from Clark College and previous work experience at Clark College, Washington State University, Vancouver, and B & G Signs and Graphics.

*Peter Ghormley* was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position of Campus Security Officer effective February 16, 2010. Peter has previous work experience at Clark College, Hilton Inn, Washington State University, Vancouver, Global Spectrum, Hyatt Regency, and the US Army.

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**Brendan Pust** was appointed to the full-time temporary classified position as Information Technology Specialist 1 position in eLearning effective February 16, 2010. Brendan has an AS in Network Administration from Clark College and previous work experience at Clark College and the City of Camas.

## OPEN POSITIONS

### VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

Full-time administrative position. Closing date: April 19, 2010.

### ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM MANAGER:

Full-time exempt position. Closing date: April 8, 2010.

### NURSING INSTRUCTORS:

Full-time tenure track positions. Open until filled.

### WELDING INSTRUCTOR:

Full-time tenure track position. Closing date: April 16, 2010.



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