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## Three Cheers

*Reception honors retiree, exceptional staff, and college as a whole*

On Wednesday, December 1, Clark College employees gathered in Gaiser Student Center to share some light fare and to wish each other glad tidings during the college's annual holiday reception.

"I hope you can take a moment to look around the room and realize that we are very lucky to work in such a wonderful place with so many great people," said Associate Vice President of Human Resources Darcy Rourk during her opening remarks at the event, which was also attended by members of the Board of Trustees and by several Clark College retirees.

Rourk also announced the winners of both the summer and fall quarters' Exceptional Classified Staff awards.

For summer, the nominees were: Abby Burnett (Accounting Services), Debra Hentz (Student Affairs, Columbia Tech Center) Naomi Kay (eLearning), and Roberta Roche (Financial Aid). The award went to eLearning Administrative Assistant Naomi Kay. Kay's nomination stated



Left to right, Vice President of Instruction Rassoul Dastmozd, President Robert K. Knight, and Associate Vice President of Human Resources Darcy Rourk congratulate retiring English professor David Oates.

that her "willingness to take on new tasks and new responsibilities has made it possible for the eLearning department to meet the additional workload created by the new Weekend Degree Program and a growing need to provide support for students who are pursuing their AA degree online."

For fall, the nominees were: Scott Coffie (eLearning), Debra Hentz (Student Affairs, Columbia Tech Center), Joy Horning (Social Sciences & Fine Arts), Tahnya Huneidi

(Communications & Marketing), and Roberta Roche (Financial Aid). Once again, it was an eLearning staff member who won: Systems Administrator Scott Coffie. His nomination described him as "the poster child for going above and beyond the call of duty," pointing out that he has set up a back-up computer system in his home so that even during a snowstorm, eLearning would still continue to operate.

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The reception also honored English Professor David Oates, who is retiring at the end of 2010. Oates, who joined the faculty in 1994, is the author of numerous published books and poems. Clark College President Robert K. Knight made a public speech at the reception thanking Oates for his time at Clark. “We want you to feel welcome here always,” he said. Then he quipped, “Somehow you’ve got to fit the history of Clark College into your next novel.”

Oates is planning a very active “retirement.” First, he will travel to France this winter to teach a writing workshop at an arts college there. Afterward, he plans to do “a more specialized kind of teaching with adult writers,” including some workshops at the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland. He also will still be seen around Clark College.

“I’ll be coming back to use the library,” he said. “The librarians here are great. They’ve been the light of my life.”



Top left: Oswald took a break from passing out candy canes to pose with Vanessa Watkins and Student Ambassador Kaylee Killgore-Warden. Top right: *Left to right*, summer quarter Exceptional Classified Staff Award nominees Naomi Kay, Abby Burnett, Debra Hentz, and Roberta Roche. Bottom: *Left to right*, fall quarter Exceptional Classified Staff Award nominees Joy Horning, Scott Coffie, Debra Hentz, Tahnya Huneidi, and Roberta Roche.

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Top left: From Corporate and Continuing Education, *left to right*, Tara Cox, Tracy Reilly Kelly and Mark Gaither. Top right: *Left to right*, Dean of Enrollment Services Alex Montoya, Clark College Foundation Vice President of Development Ara Serjoie, and Professor Les Rivera. Bottom left: Heather King and Theresa Palmer (retired from office of Instruction). Bottom right: Sabra Sand from Accounting Services and Nancy Heidrick from Financial Aid.



## A Celebration of Generations

*Clark hosts festival of indigenous cultures*



On Friday, December 3, Clark College hosted an all-day event celebrating indigenous cultures in Gaiser Student Center. Titled “Educating for the Seventh Generation,” it included a long roster of educational and entertainment presentations during the day that ranged from flute-making to story-telling. In the evening, the space was given over to a powwow. All attendees were invited to participate, and military veterans were asked to lead the opening procession. Clark College President Robert K. Knight, who served in the U.S. Army, joined the procession. Afterward, the floor was opened up to dancers of all ages, while a drum circle provided rhythm from the stage. This is the second annual powwow that the organizers have coordinated at Clark College; they plan to continue the tradition next year.

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Bottom left: Lori and Skip Jimerson, far left, participate in the ceremonies. Bottom right: Left to right, Board of Trustees Chair Jack Burkman, Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt and President Robert K. Knight attend some of the daytime events.

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# Penguin Patter

*News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!*

## OCTOBER STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Student athletes Angela Gardner and Carlos Mendoza have been honored as the October 2010 "Athletes of the Month" at Clark College.

Women's head soccer coach Stan Rodrigues praised

Angela Gardner for her role as "women's soccer team captain and ultimate warrior."

Noting that Gardner has been attending Clark full-time and working more than 40 hours a week in addition to playing soccer,

Rodrigues said Gardner "has been perhaps the biggest bright spot for the team this year. Her leadership has been second to none."

This was Gardner's final year competing on the Clark soccer team.

Carlos Mendoza was a two-year starter for the men's soccer team and served as a goal keeper. Men's head soccer coach Biniam Afengeus said, "Carlos is an ultimate competitor. He wants to win every



game and every practice drill. It is because of his competitive spirit that he is considered one of the top goal keepers in the entire Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC)."

With a 3.4 grade point average, Mendoza plans to continue his education as a student athlete at a four-year college or university.

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 Athlete of the Month" program, in partnership with Clark's Penguin Athletic Club and the Clark College Foundation.



## Upcoming Events

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College website: [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 192.102.5.20 (video phone), or visit Gaiser Hall Room 137.)

### **CLARK COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT**

Monday, December 27, 2010 –  
Wednesday, December 29, 2010  
O'Connell Sports Center

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Tuesday, December 28, 2010 –  
Thursday, December 30, 2010  
Chemeketa Community College  
Salem, OR

### **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS: COMMUNITY FRIENDS POTLUCK**

Thursday, December 30, 2010  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
PUB 012

### **FIRST DAY OF WINTER QUARTER CLASSES**

Monday, January 3, 2011

### **PLUS—SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS:**

#### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
Clark County Habitat ReStore  
Service project 12:30–5 p.m.,  
meet in front of PUB 161, no  
sign-up needed. Continue the  
celebration in Gaiser Student  
Center upon your return.

#### **PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS**

Thursday, January 20, 2011  
Hear the President's predictions  
for the coming year, including  
up-to-date budget news, in  
Gaiser Student Center.



### **WPEA/UFCW Meeting Schedule**

WPEA Membership meeting will be held on  
January 19 at 12:00 p.m. in SHL 214.



## From the HR Department

### SAVE ON GAS—TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 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 (free for one-zone travel).
- 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.

For information about the C-Tran/Clark College bus pass program click on: [http://intranet.clark.edu/department\\_information/human\\_resources/c-tran\\_bus\\_program.doc](http://intranet.clark.edu/department_information/human_resources/c-tran_bus_program.doc)

To sign up for the Commute Trip Reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura Elwood-Klein in Human Resources, X2381.

### OPEN POSITIONS

#### DIRECTOR OF ALLIED HEALTH:

Full-time administrative position.

Closing date: January 12, 2011.

#### DIRECTOR OF ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM:

Full-time administrative position.

Closing date: January 17, 2011.

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