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## Clean Slate

### *Clark College begins the year with a new anti-littering campaign*

With growing enrollment, Clark College's new influx of students have brought all sorts of benefits to the campus: their enthusiasm, their curiosity, their diversity.

But there's one other thing they've brought with them that many community members wish they hadn't: their trash.

"With a lot more students, there's a lot more litter—it's as simple as that," sighed Grounds Manager Skip Jimerson. "We walk around the parking lot every morning and we pick up a whole bag full of trash. And lately it's been more like a bag and a half—and that's six people doing that, so a bag and a half multiplied by six."

The college has taken steps to alleviate the problem. It's set up cigarette-butt receptacles at corners where smokers congregate. Facilities staff has striven to keep the grounds clean. After all, Clark College takes great pride in the beauty of its main campus and in all of its locations.

Unfortunately, littering continues to be a problem. So the college is launching a fresh effort to encourage students, faculty, and staff to take personal responsibility for their actions and demonstrate pride in their college. The goal: to remind people not to throw debris—especially cigarette butts but also including food wrappers, paper, cans, bottles, or other trash—onto the grounds at Clark College.

This initiative joins Clark's Healthy Penguin Nation, "green" (sustainability) programs, Earth Day programs, service learning and more. It's starting with new signs that you'll spot at all Clark location. Other potential elements include new trash and cigarette receptacles, student outreach during the first day of each quarter, and "college cleanup" volunteer days.



Noting that Clark College is located in Vancouver's Central Park, Health Services Officer Mary Deal, who sits on the task force, said, "It's about being a good neighbor."

If you're interested in participating in these efforts, contact Rebecca Wale, Associate Director of Employee Development and Environmental Health and Safety at the Teaching and Learning Center, at [rwale@clark.edu](mailto:rwale@clark.edu) or by phone at x2251. But any member of the Clark College community can help, just by being aware of the problem.

"They can model good behavior," said Vice President of Administrative Services Bob Williamson, also on the task force. "They can remind students not to litter. We have staff who are smokers and they put their cigarette butts in the proper container."

Every little bit helps—no ifs, ands, or "butts"!





## November Student Athletes of the Month

*Two Clark students race to the top*

Their teams enjoy championship seasons. Now, student athletes Cameron Falkner and Briel Thoun have been honored as the November 2010 “Athletes of the Month” at Clark College.

Cross country coach Ryan Hovde praised Cameron Falkner for placing second overall as an individual competitor and for leading the men’s team to a Southern Regional Championship Title in Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) competition.

“Cameron’s performance gave Clark back-to-back regional titles,” Hovde said. “Cameron is a strong competitor whose talent runs deep. Only a freshman, Cameron has a bright future ahead of him.”

This was Briel Thoun’s first competitive season in cross country—a season in which the Clark women’s team won the NWAACC championship. Coach Hovde said, “Briel consistently ranked in the top five for all individual female runners in the NWAACC conference and took second place honors in the Southern Regional championships. She can look forward to a great future as a distance runner.”

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.



# Penguin Patter

*News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!*



## THE GIVING TREE

Three holiday cheers for Eligibility Programs, which set up a tree in the middle of Gaiser Hall that was decorated with mittens, scarves, hats and gloves for students to take as needed. The project distributed 285 articles of winter gear to keep students warm during these chilly months.

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

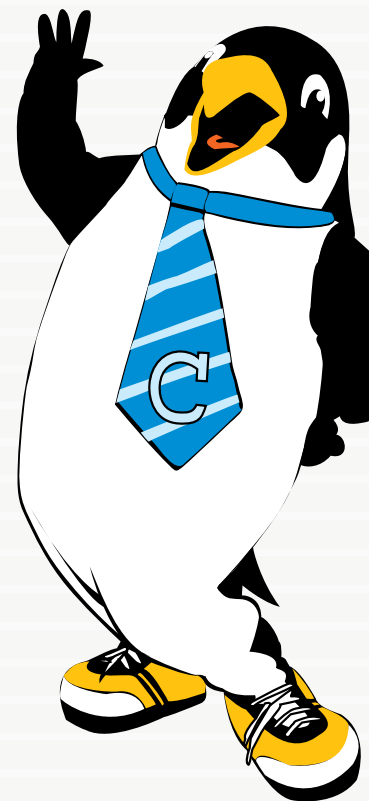
The Clark College Alumni Association is busy this month, organizing two Random Assistance gift card drawings (main campus on Tuesday, January 4, and Town Plaza on Wednesday, January 5), then joining the Penguin Athletic Club on January 22 at the women's and men's Basketball games against Lower Columbia. At this NWAACC game, the Association will honor past champions, athletic donors and recognize Alumni Association and Penguin Athletic Club members.

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Congratulations to Clark art instructors Jenene Nagy and Lisa Conway, both of whom received Career Opportunity Grants from the Oregon Arts Commission. Nagy will be using her \$1,500 grant to create a catalog of her recent work; Conway will use her grant to document her own recent work, in turn positioning herself for the 2012 National Conference on the Ceramic Arts in Seattle.

## CERTIFIED SUCCESS

Clark College Foundation Director of Prospect Research Christine Mildner has earned the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) certification. Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of quality standards set by CFRE International. These include a minimum of five years of full-time experience in a fund raising role for a nonprofit, volunteer service to other not-for-profit organizations, and continuing education. They agree to uphold the donor bill of rights and stringent accountability standards. Additionally, candidates must pass a rigorous written examination. Mildner joins four other staff members of the Foundation who hold the CFRE designation—an unusually high number of fundraising professionals for this size organization.



# 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.)

## BASKETBALL GAMES

Monday, January 3, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

NWAACC Conference games.

Women's game starts at 5:00 p.m.; men's game at 7:00 p.m.

Centralia Community College  
Centralia, WA

## EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT: SHAREPOINT

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Trainer: Gracie White.

GHL 205

## BASKETBALL GAMES

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Home NWAACC Conference games vs. Gray's Harbor Community College. Women's game starts at 6:00 p.m.; men's game at 8 p.m.

O'Connell Sports Center

## COMMUNITY FRIENDS POTLUCK DINNER

Thursday, January 6, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Office of International Programs.

PUB 161

## BASKETBALL GAMES

Saturday, January 8, 2011

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Home NWAACC Conference games vs. Highline Community College. Women's game starts at 3:00 p.m.; men's game at 5:00 p.m.

O'Connell Sports Center

## EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT: NEW EMPLOYEE SUCCESS TRAINING (NEST)

Monday, January 10, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trainer: Rebecca Wale.

GHL 205

## MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS: WARNING SIGNS OF ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

Monday, January 10, 2011

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Stephanie Spak, LMHC.

PUB 161

## EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT: THE INCREDIBLE BLOG

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Trainer: Julio Appling.

GHL 205

## EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT: HOW TO BUY ANYTHING OR GO ANYWHERE

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Trainers: Brenda Shular and Lisa Nelson.

GHL 205

## BASKETBALL GAME

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

NWAACC Conference game vs. South Puget Sound Community College. Women's game starts at 5:00 p.m.; men's game at 7:00 p.m.

South Puget Sound Community College  
Olympia, WA

## RUNNING START INFO NIGHT

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For current sophomores and juniors who are interested in

entering the program Fall 2011.  
O'Connell Sports Center gym

## 30 CLICKS: DROPBOX WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 13, 2011

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

LIB103

## EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT: POWERPOINT BASICS

Thursday, January 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Trainer: Gracie White.

GHL 205

## MIYORI IN THE SACRED FOREST

Friday, January 14, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Free screening of 2007 Japanese anime movie.

Foster Auditorium

## GALLERY RECEPTION: PERIMETER

Saturday, January 15, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Featured artists: Yoshihiro Kitai and Kartz Ucci. Show runs until February 2.

Archer Gallery

## 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.

### CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Thursday, January 27, 2011 –  
Saturday, January 29, 2011

One of the largest jazz festivals in Southwest Washington swings into its 49th year. Visit [www.clark.edu/special/jazz\\_festival](http://www.clark.edu/special/jazz_festival) for more information.



## 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

## 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: <http://www.drs.wa.gov/publications/member/multisystem/transferChoice.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, 2010, may choose to convert unused sick leave hours accrued in 2010 to monetary compensation. Any sick leave hours used during 2010 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 2010, not just a portion of them.

Employees considering buyout should be aware that the College is now able to offer a VEBA program to retirees which allows sick leave buyout dollars to be transferred 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 31, 2011. Payment will be received on February 25, 2011. Please call Thao Schmidt, x2628, or Pagean Pallamouter, x2119, for additional information.

## WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

**Jennifer Coiteux** was appointed to the full-time Program Coordinator position in the Nursing Department effective December 13, 2010. Jennifer has a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Exercise Science from Eastern Washington University and is currently in the MPA program at Washington State University. She has previous work experience at the Washington Department of Health.

**Melisa Otrugman** was appointed to the full-time Program Support Supervisor 1 position in Admissions effective December 1, 2010. Melisa has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Washington State University. She has previous work experience at Clark College, Nordstrom, Evergreen Disposal Service, and Waste Connections.

## OPEN POSITIONS

### DIRECTOR OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY:

Full-time administrative position.

Closing date: January 21, 2011.

### 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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