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Make Way for Moodle

Clark gets ready to erase Blackboard and use a new LMS

When Cynthia Foreman stops to think about it, fall quarter 2009 was really when the writing was on the wall—or, rather, on the Blackboard, the online Learning Management System (LMS) Clark College has used since 2005.

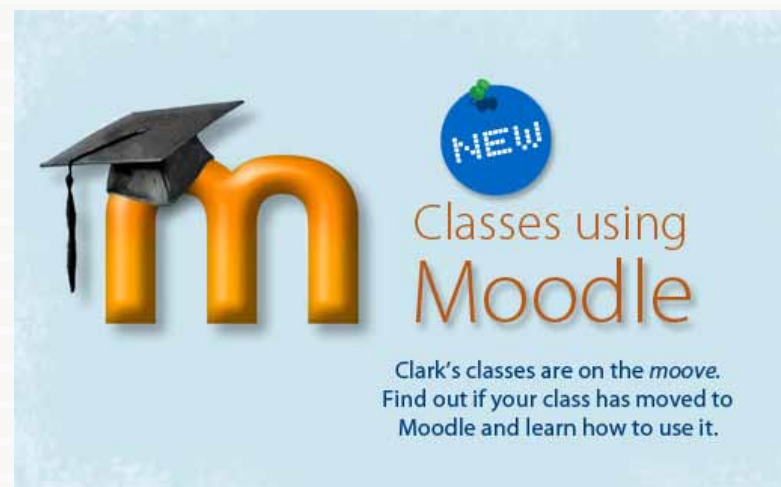
“We were on an older version and we were having a lot of downtime,” said Foreman, who directs Clark’s E-Learning Department. “Last summer was pretty frustrating.”

At the same time, she knew that Clark’s license with Blackboard ended in June 2011—and that renewing that license would probably cost more than the \$185,000 that the college was already spending annually under the current contract. “It was time for a change,” Foreman said.

Accordingly, the college began examining other LMS options, and in spring quarter 2010 hosted a series of presentations by the two most likely candidate vendors. In the end, with input from faculty and staff, the college chose to move to Moodle, an open-source LMS used by almost 50,000 sites around the world.

“This program has more built-in features [than Blackboard] and much better ADA compliance,” said Foreman. “I find it more user-friendly. It seems more intuitive for the students.” Not incidentally during this time of tight budgets, the move to Moodle will also save the college more than \$100,000 a year in licensing fees alone. Plus, because Moodle is an open-source program (meaning it is not proprietary to any one company), it can be altered to better fit the college’s needs.

Those needs are substantial: According to Foreman, Clark currently has about 10,000 Blackboard users, including both students and instructors. Only a fraction of those users have switched to Moodle so far. A small pilot project on Moodle was run with seven faculty and about 250 students during fall quarter 2010. Meanwhile, the eLearning Department has identified about 140 more



instructors who used Blackboard for hybrid or online class delivery and is working hard to provide them with Moodle training. Currently, 78 percent of those instructors have completed Phase I of the training, 55 percent have completed Phase II, and 34 percent have completed all three phases of training. During winter quarter, Moodle usage has grown to include 45 faculty members and more than 2,000 students. “In spring quarter we’d like to more than double that number,” said Foreman.

No matter what, anyone teaching an online, hybrid, or Web-enhanced course at Clark will need to know how to use Moodle by summer quarter, since the college’s license to use Blackboard expires June 30. Instructors interested in Moodle training may contact the eLearning department at 360-992-2654 or eLearning@clark.edu or visit www.clark.edu/academics/eLearning/faculty/FacultyMoodle.php on the eLearning website to learn more about signing up for the trainings.

Random Travels

The Foundation's Random Assistance raffle expands to Town Plaza

It may not have been the mega-million lottery, but plenty of students were hoping they were holding a winning ticket courtesy of the Clark College Alumni Association. The Association's Random Assistance event held Tuesday, January 4, at the Gaiser Student Center and again at Clark College at Town Plaza on January 5, gave students a chance to win a \$25 bookstore gift card. A total of 30 gift cards (15 at the main campus and 15 at Town Plaza) were distributed through a random drawing of raffle tickets that Alumni board members offered to students 30 minutes prior to President Bob Knight drawing from the collected tickets.

At Town Plaza, which had never before hosted a Random Assistance event, President Knight was pleased with the number of students who participated. "I'm so happy to see you all here today and we are proud of your hard work," said Knight. "I hope to see you in future classes at the main campus because I know you can do it. And as students here, you will always be Clark College alumni too!"

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More than 100 students gathered for their chance to win a Random Assistance gift card at Town Plaza.



ESL student Maria Guzman, just one of the 15 winners at Town Plaza Center, pictured with Alumni Association board member Maya Muller ('06).

Random Travels

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"We ran out of raffle tickets at Town Plaza," said Alumni Board President George Welsh ('70). "The enthusiasm and participation by ESL/GED/ABE students with their teachers' support was wonderful."

The Alumni Association is able to conduct this quarterly event because donations are received for this specific program. "We are happy to continue this random act of kindness," said Welsh. "And as long as people keep giving to Random Assistance, we will keep giving away gift cards."



Clark College Foundation President Lisa Gibert congratulates a Random Assistance winner at the main campus drawing.



Octabio Jenkins – first winner at Gaiser Hall – with Alumni Association President George Welsh ('70).



Lucky Clark student Alicia Laing holds up her Bookstore gift card. Laing, who is studying to be either a nurse or EMT, said she would use her card to buy an anatomical model. "I already have the skeleton," she said.

Young at Art

Clark College teams up with other local organizations to showcase young artists

More than 150 guests and artists packed Clark College Frost Arts Center for a Fine Arts Youth Exhibit judging and reception on Monday, December 20. This year, the annual event was held at Clark to give the young artists and their parents a campus experience.

Clark College Foundation Vice President for Development Ara Serjoie emceed the event and spoke about the role that Clark plays in the community. "Clark is here for everyone," he said. "We belong to you."

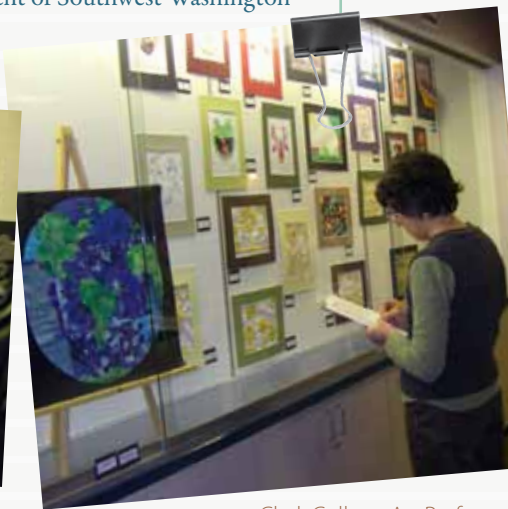
During the evening, violinist Sariah Hayford provided reception music. A Running Start student from the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, Hayford is in the I Have a Dream (IHAD) Southwest Washington program and plans to complete her degree at Clark. Two former Clark College and Washington State University Vancouver alumni, both former IHAD participants, spoke of the opportunities their college education has afforded them in their careers. Serjoie noted that 80 percent of Southwest Washington IHAD participants attend Clark College.

The Fine Arts Exhibit was organized in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Washington (BGCSW); IHAD; Clark College; and the Clark College Foundation. "A huge key to a child's successful future is for parents to believe that college is possible," said Deanna Green, project director for IHAD. "Holding the event at Clark created a sense of familiarity with the campus for the families which, in the long run, makes college a more likely choice and potentially breaks cycles of poverty."

Artwork was judged by Clark College art professors Sally Tomlinson and Carson Legree, Vancouver Public Schools Superintendent and BGCSW board member Steven Webb, as well as BGCSW board members Sandi Glandon and Kyra John. A total of 36 pieces from four age groups and nine categories were selected for the regional art competition. Regional winners will be considered for inclusion in the National Fine Arts Exhibit showcased at Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference later in 2011.



Young artist Jonah with Ara Serjoie, Clark College Foundation vice president for development.



Clark College Art Professor Sally Tomlinson judges entries.



Andrew Long, director of advising at Clark College, with young artist Natalie.

Upcoming Events

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College website: 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.)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: HOW YOU SAY IT MATTERS

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trainers: Amy Cline and Robert Boy.

GHL 205

MLK CELEBRATION: "A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES"

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Free screening of this PBS documentary.

PUB 161

MLK CELEBRATION: SERVICE PROJECT

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meet outside PUB 161 at 12:30 p.m. for transportation to Habitat ReStore. College vans will bring volunteers back by 5:00 p.m.

Habitat ReStore

5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA

MLK CELEBRATION: FINALE

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Free refreshments. Special guests S. Renee Mitchell and the AME Zion Church Choir.

Gaiser Student Center

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: PUBLIC SPEAKING

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trainer: David Kosloski

GHL 205

BASKETBALL GAMES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

NWAACC Conference games vs. Green River Community College. Women's game starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by the men's game at 8:00 p.m.

Green River Community College

Auburn, WA

RUNNING START INFO NIGHT

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

O'Connell Sports Center Gym

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

POWERPOINT ADVANCED

Thursday, January 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Trainer: Gracie White.

GHL 205

2011 STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

Thursday, January 20, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

30 CLICKS: FIREFOX FOR SCHOOL & FUN! TIPS & TRICKS

Thursday, January 20, 2011

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

LIB103

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ACCESS (PART 1 OF 4)

Thursday, January 20, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trainer: Linda Gentry.

GHL 205

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: TIME AND LEAVE REPORTING FOR SUPERVISORS

Friday, January 21, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Trainer: Sherri Meadors.

GHL 207

PENGUIN ROUNDTABLE

Friday, January 21, 2011

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Budget issues will be discussed. Required for Administrative and Exempt staff. Faculty leaders are welcome.

PUB 258 B&C

CLARK COLLEGE MUSIC FACULTY RECITAL

Saturday, January 22, 2011

3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

309 W. 39th Street, Vancouver, Wash.

BASKETBALL GAMES

Saturday, January 22, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Home NWAACC Conference games vs. Lower Columbia College. Women's game starts at 6:00 p.m., men's at 8:00 p.m.

O'Connell Sports Center Gym

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SUPERVISING AT CLARK (PART 1)

Monday, January 24, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trainers: Darcy Rourk and Rebecca Wale.

GHL 205

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: FALL PROTECTION

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Trainer: Rebecca Benson.

GHL 207

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SHAREPOINT

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trainer: Gracie White.

GHL 205

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: REPORT READING

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Trainers: Linda Tuve, Sabra Sand, Karen Wynkoop.

GHL 205

BASKETBALL GAMES

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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

CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Thursday, January 27, 2011 - Saturday, January 29, 2011

Admission is \$5.00/day, payable at the door.

Gaiser Student Center

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS
Thursday, January 27, 2011
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Trainer: Rebecca Benson.
GHL 207

“AT HOME IN TWO WORLDS”
Thursday, January 27, 2011
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bring your lunch and enjoy a presentation by International Student Inva Begoll about her home country of Albania.
GHL 213

30 CLICKS: ELEARNING IS TRANSITIONING TO MOODLE
Thursday, January 27, 2011
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
LIB103

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ACCESS (PART 2 OF 4)
Thursday, January 27, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Trainer: Linda Gentry.
GHL 205

BASKETBALL GAMES
Saturday, January 29, 2011
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
NWAACC Conference games vs. Pierce Community College. Women's game starts at 5:00 p.m., men's at 7:00 p.m.
Pierce Community College
Lakewood, WA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: FORKLIFT
Tuesday, February 1, 2011
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Trainer: Rebecca Benson.
GHL 207

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: EXCEL BASICS
Tuesday, February 1, 2011
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Trainer: Gracie White.
GHL 205

BASKETBALL GAMES
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Home NWAACC Conference games vs. Centralia College. Women's game starts at 6:00 p.m., men's game at 8:00 p.m.
O'Connell Sports Center Gym

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: MICROSOFT PUBLISHER
Thursday, February 3, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Trainer: Gracie White.
GHL 205

30 CLICKS: ARTSTOR
Thursday, February 3, 2011
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
LIB103

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ACCESS (PART 3 OF 4)
Thursday, February 3, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Trainer: Linda Gentry.
GHL 205

ENGAGED LEARNERS INTENSIVE WORKSHOP
Thursday, February 3, 2011
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Pizza dinner provided!
Limited to 25 attendees. More Information.
GHL 213

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: POWERPOINT BASICS
Friday, February 4, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Trainer: Gracie White.
TPC Ste. 20, Rm. 4

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY
Saturday, February 5, 2011
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free dental care for Clark and Skamania County children up to age 19 with dental problems. Serving families who have limited income and no dental provider.
Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic - HSC

BASKETBALL GAMES
Saturday, February 5, 2011
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
NWAACC Conference game vs. Gray's Harbor Community College. Women's game starts at 3:00 p.m., men's game at 5:00 p.m.
Gray's Harbor Community College
Aberdeen, WA

PLUS—SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS:

PRESIDENT'S OPEN DIALOGUE
Monday, February 7, 2011
Held at 1:30 p.m. in PUB 161.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

SEUSS-A-PALOOZA BOOK DRIVE
Monday, February 7, 2011 – Friday, February 18, 2011
Help promote literacy by purchasing a Dr. Seuss book at the Campus Bookstore for a local elementary school student.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
February 18-19 & 25- 26, 2011 and March 3-5, 2011
Enjoy the Clark Theatre Department's smashing rendition of this Gilbert and Sullivan classic. Dinner shows are in February; non-dinner shows are in March. For more information, visit <http://www.clark.edu/cc/theater>.



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

NEW ONLINE APPLICATION/APPLICANT TRACKING SYSTEM

Human Resources is happy to announce that we implemented our new online application/applicant tracking system at the end of December 2010, and we are receiving great feedback! The vendor is NEOGOV and the product is called Insight. NEOGOV works exclusively with public sector clients and our unique hiring/staffing requirements. NEOGOV's core product, Insight, is successfully used by more than 65 public sector organizations across the United States. Among those in our network are: Lake Washington Technical College, Tacoma Community College, Seattle Community College, and Edmonds Community College.

Our current online application and hiring processes remain the same and Human Resources is currently working one-on-one with departments as position needs arise to provide training on the new system. Eventually, hiring managers will have the opportunity to use Insight to facilitate the requisition process online as well. This functionality can save significant staff time, processing time and paper in the hiring process. Additional information about online position requisitions will be provided in the future.

Please contact a member of the recruitment team if you have questions.

Sue Williams x2619, Laura Likes x2573, and Heidi Bealer x2097

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, 2011. To learn if you are eligible and to find information about both plans, visit:

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, 2010, may choose to convert unused sick leave hours accrued in 2010 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 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 Pallamounter x2119, for additional information.

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.

From the HR Department

- 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

To sign up for the Commute Trip Reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura Elwood-Klein in Human Resources, x2381.

REQUESTS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Human Resources frequently receives requests from College faculty and staff members to provide addresses, home telephone numbers, or month and date of birth of co-workers. The reason for seeking this information may be to send a birthday or get-well card, or otherwise acknowledge a significant event in the co-worker's life. While many people would appreciate these gestures, others wish such personal data to remain confidential.

Human Resources is responsible for insuring the privacy of personnel files, and we cannot provide this information. We regret any inconvenience, which may result from this policy, and hope you will appreciate our concern for protecting the privacy of personal information.

WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Kimberly Baker was appointed to the full-time Secretary Senior position in eLearning effective December 27, 2010. Kimberly has an AA in Computer Information Technology from Heald College. She has previous work experience at Investment Property Group, Whatcom County, Snohomish County, and Food Services of America.

Lyn-Mara Eggleston was appointed to the full-time Office Assistant 3 position in Admissions effective December 22, 2010. Lyn-Mara has a BA in Technical Writing from Evergreen State College and a Certificate in News Broadcasting from New England School of Communications. She has previous work experience at Clark College, Willamette Dental, Check Into Cash, Helzberg Diamonds, Zales, and the Evergreen State College.

OPEN POSITIONS

DIRECTOR OF FOR EQUITY & DIVERSITY

Full-time administrative position.

Closing date: January 21, 2011.

DEAN OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

Full-time administrative position.

Closing date: January 31, 2011.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Full-time position in Financial Aid.

Closing date: January 21, 2011.

Internal position, only permanent classified employees may apply.

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