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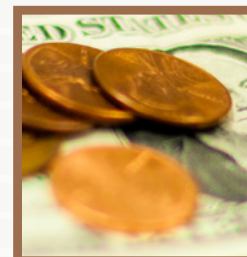
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A Regional Resource

Clark College takes the Next Step toward bringing classes to the Columbia River Gorge

As the economy of the Columbia River Gorge has developed, so have its needs for a more highly trained workforce. Recently members of two Gorge school districts reached out to Clark College to help meet those needs.

Representatives from Clark College recently attended two public meetings in the Columbia River Gorge to hear public input and gauge interest in offering college-level classes to the communities of Klickitat and Skamania counties. The public meetings were hosted by the Stevenson-Carson School District and the White Salmon Valley School District. Held at the Wind River Education Center in Carson and at the Columbia High School Library in White Salmon during February and March, the meetings were well attended by a cross-section of prospective students, business leaders, educators and economic development advocates.



Left to right, Associate Vice President of Corporate & Continuing Education Kevin Kussman, Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Belden and Vice President of Instruction Dr. Tim Cook meet with the residents of White Salmon to discuss potential course offerings in a satellite location.

More than 200 people attended the meeting in Carson, indicating the interest was there for college-level classes. Although there was a smaller number in attendance in White Salmon, the participants there clearly stated the need for educational programming to train for workforce needs, particularly for the growing high-tech sector in the Gorge. What Clark College officials still need to determine is how many and what types of classes to offer.

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“Clark has explored the option of offering for-credit classes in the Gorge before, but we know that demands change with changing economic times,” said Clark College President Robert Knight. “We really needed to hear that the interest was there for a model that we could fiscally maintain and one that would be sustainable for the workforce needs of these communities.”

Clark College is already offering adult basic education and ESL classes through the WorkSource offices in Stevenson and White Salmon and will continue those classes. The proposed expansion would bring general education offerings to the region—classes that would have broad appeal and that also could be taken by Running Start students.

“White Salmon Valley School District is excited about developing partnerships with Clark College and Stevenson-Carson School District for expanding college-level course opportunities that will better meet the growing needs of our students, adult learners, and communities,” said Dr. Jerry A. Lewis,

Superintendent of White Salmon Valley School District.

Clark College may begin offering a limited number of classes this summer; the formal kickoff is scheduled for fall quarter in September. Classes in Skamania County will be offered at the Wind River Education Center, formerly the middle school for the Stevenson-Carson school district. A location for White Salmon classes is being discussed.



Clockwise from top right: Columbia High School principal Troy Whittle gives Clark College insight into the high school population in White Salmon; from left, Clark College Associate Director of Instructional Programming & Innovation Jill teVelde, Associate Vice President of Corporate & Continuing Education Kevin Kussman, and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at WSU Vancouver Dr. Carolyn Long meet with members of the White Salmon community; White Salmon School Superintendent Dr. Jerry A. Lewis speaks with the audience and Clark College representatives.

Congratulations, Scott!

Scott Black named Winter Quarter Exceptional Classified Staff



Information Technology Specialist Scott Black was named the winner of the Exceptional Classified Staff Award for winter quarter 2013 at a ceremony held March 21 in the Penguin Student Lounge.

Black was described by his nominator as “always on the forefront of new technology, which has allowed him to advise the department on new software that will assist in supporting the college community.”

The nominator continued, “He frequently goes beyond the call of duty by putting in extra hours and volunteering for projects that benefit the entire campus.”

Black received a certificate and a check for \$400, the funds for which were provided by the Clark College Foundation. They were given to him after the March 21 event, which he was unable to attend.

The other nominees this quarter were Social Sciences Secretary Senior Paula Cole, Student Life Program Coordinator Samantha Lelo, Basic Skills Advisor Jane Patrick, Chemistry/Biology Instruction and Classroom Support Technician Tim Pliska, and Admissions Program Manager Vanessa Watkins.

Top to bottom: *Left to right*, Audra Rowton, Timothy Pliska, Karina Gress and Tim Carper; Samantha Lelo, *second from right*, with her fans from ASCC and Student Life, *left to right*, Elena Shakina, Alexander Van Dinter, Ilana Brown, Ryan Rutledge, Anthony Bittner, and Sarah Gruhler; *left to right*, Jody Shulnak, Mirranda Saari, Michelle Golder and Vanessa Watkins.



Message from the Foundation

Changes in fee structure reflect changes in needs

Last summer, Clark College Foundation's Board of Directors agreed upon a 5-percent administrative fee on all non-endowment gifts to the college. The fee went into effect last fall.

Following careful consideration and an examination of best practices at other higher education institutions, the board of directors felt a fee was the best course of action to take in order to mitigate additional financial burdens to Clark College and its programs.

Higher education foundations are funded in a variety of ways. Funds are typically made available through an investment of institutional money, fees on gifts and endowments and/or a combination of those avenues.

Historically, donors have given at a level that ensured the foundation was not a burden to the college. However, in the aftermath of state budget cuts and the economic downturn, Clark College is now more reliant on private support than ever before, requiring the foundation to enhance staffing and infrastructure in order to raise the funds needed to support students, faculty and programs.

So as not to be a financial burden on the college, the foundation was faced with the decision to either allocate a higher portion of its endowment earnings toward operations or introduce a fee on all non-endowment gifts. After careful consideration, including a review of what is done by peer institutions in



Washington and Oregon, the foundation's board determined that a modest administrative fee would cause the least impact on Clark programs and services, as well as on our donors.

Philanthropic support for the college through the foundation has increased substantially in recent years. Since 2008, there has been an average annual increase of 84 percent in contributions to the college. During the 2012-2013 academic year, the foundation awarded more than \$750,000 in scholarships to students, compared to about \$300,000 given in 2006-2007. Additionally, \$100,000 has been directed for faculty and staff development.

Upcoming Events

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College website: www.clark.edu/cc/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) 991-0901 (video phone), or visit Gaiser Hall Room 137.)

SPRING QUARTER BEGINS

Monday, April 8, 2013

All Locations

MEET AND GREET CAPT. SUSAN NEIMAN

Monday, April 8, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome nursing instructor Capt. Neiman back from her second tour of Afghanistan.

CCW 218

PRESIDENT'S OPEN DIALOGUE

Monday, April 8, 2013

2:00 pm

PUB 161

President's spring quarter open dialogue. Everyone in the college community is invited to attend.

lkent@clark.edu

MARSHALL LECTURE: FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES

Thursday, April 22, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Ft. Vancouver National Trust. Free and open to the public. Reserve a seat online at www.fortvan.org.

Hudson's Bay High School

Did you miss an event? Want to see what happened? Check out our Flickr and YouTube pages for events and so much more.



www.youtube.com/ClarkEDU



www.flickr.com/clark_college/

Save the Date for these Events

CAREER CLOTHING CLOSET

Thursday, April 18, 2013 – Friday, April 19, 2013

Let students know that they are eligible to receive one free outfit of gently used professional wear to help them prepare for job interviews.

SAKURA FESTIVAL

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Following a formal ceremony near the Japanese Friendship Garden, demonstrations and activities of many Japanese traditions will be held in Gaiser Student Center.

CAREER DAYS 2013

Monday, April 22, 2013 – Thursday, April 25, 2013

Clark College hosts a four-day career-preparation fair with resume workshops, interviewing clinics, employer panel discussions, and a career fair featuring local employers. This event is free and open to the public; you do not have to be a student to participate.

LATINO CELEBRATION

Friday, April 26, 2013

Día del Niño/Día del Libro is a bilingual, family-friendly celebration of children and reading. Kids can enjoy story time, book-making, dancing, singing, and delicious snacks. The event is free and open to the public.

From the HR Department

OPEN POSITIONS

Please note that additional positions are in the process of being posted. Please continue to review the links below for additional opportunities.

The following positions are open at Clark College:

Faculty Positions:

Tenure-Track Journalism Instructor	April 4, 2013
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Temporary Positions:

Part-time Cisco CCNA Instructor	Continuous
Part-time Head Coach – Cross Country and Track & Field	Continuous
Part-time Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	Continuous
Part-time Nursing Instructor – pool	Continuous
Part-time Medical Radiography Instructor – pool	Continuous

Internal Recruitments:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/clarkcollege/default.cfm?promotionaljobs=1>

External Recruitments:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/clarkcollege/default.cfm>

UPCOMING TRAINING & EVENTS

Online Learning

Employee Development now provides access to lynda.com, an online subscription library that teaches the latest software tools and business skills through high-quality instructional videos. There are a limited number of licenses available, which will be rotated among staff and faculty.

To request access, contact the Employee Development Department at kferguson@clark.edu. For more information on lynda.com, visit their website: <http://www.lynda.com/member.aspx>

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Laurel Baker was appointed to the full-time Custodian 1 position effective March 18, 2013. Laurel has an associate degree through Clark College. She has previous work experience at Clark College, Disability Resources of SW Washington, Waldorf Kennels and Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc.

Amber Kreier was appointed to the full-time Custodian 1 position effective July 1, 2013. She has previous work experience at Clark College, Paul Cahill Autosales, and ABM Janitorial Services.

Greg Thoman was appointed to the full-time Grounds and Nursery Specialist 2 position effective March 18, 2013. He has previous work experience at Clark College; Applica Consumer Products, Inc.; Thoman & Associates; and T.A.B. Marketing, Inc.

Kao Saechao was appointed to the full-time classified position of Program Assistant in the Student Learning Center effective April 1, 2013. Kao has a bachelor's degree in human development and family science from Oregon State University. He has previous work experience at Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, Parkrose School District, and Boys & Girls Club.



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