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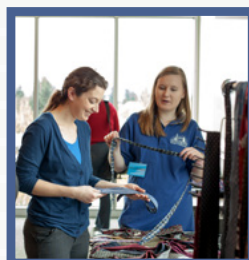
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Yukiko Vossen
performed on
the koto at the
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Bigger Than Ever

Career Days 2013 draws crowds of job-seekers

More than 1,700 people attended Clark College's Career Days 2013, four days of career-oriented workshops, seminars, clinics, and panel discussions, as well as a massive job fair and a transfer fair.

Many events were packed to capacity. It was standing-room only at an April 22 Career Explorations workshop, for instance, and almost 900 people attended the Job Fair on April 24—about 100 more than attended the fair in 2012. Not only that, but there were more employers at the fair this year as well—so many that Career Services had to create a wait list for prospective employers. In all, 50 tables packed into Gaiser Student Center, representing entities as varied as Comcast, Washington State Patrol, Farwest Steel, and Children Northwest.

Happily, many companies were hiring this year. Mande Lawrence, a recruiter for business-services company Cintas, said her company had several openings she was hoping to fill. Just an hour into the fair, she said she had already met several candidates who might be qualified. Lawrence was in a position to know that Clark students and graduates make good employees—she's a graduate herself, class of 2010.

"When I saw this [fair] come up, I pushed for us to come," said Lawrence, who earned her bachelor's degree in Human Resources at WSU Vancouver last year. "I thought Clark was awesome. The professors were really easy to talk to."

Medical Assistant student Sedina Kesko was hoping that some of the recruiters would be easy to talk to as well. "It feels intimidating to me right now," she said, gazing out at the rows of tables. "I'm a little shy."

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Michele Hotchkins-Simmons, left, said she was at the fair with her friend Sherri Jones to find "not just a job, but a career."

Cintas representatives Mande Lawrence ('10) and Matt Bacon.

Sedina Kesko just finished her LinkedIn photo shoot.



Clockwise from top right: A panel discussion on “The Recruiters’ Perspective: Online Applications”; the Career Center was packed as Clark counselor Joshua Groesz gave a presentation on how to choose a new career; several Clark employees and community members volunteered at the resume workshop, including Bobby Castaneda, a Clark College alumnus who now works as a recruiter for ACS Professional Staffing.

Kesko was hoping for a job in a medical office that would allow her to use the skills she has learned at Clark. A fulltime student, she shrugged at the challenge of balancing a job with her studies. “I’ve been doing it for a while now,” she said. “When you’re a single mom, you just get used to it. I’ve held two part-time jobs while going to school full-time before.”

Kesko had just finished getting her photo taken for her new LinkedIn profile. This was a new feature of the Job Fair this year: Attendees could get free professional photos taken for their LinkedIn profiles, and an April 23 workshop focused on how to leverage the business-oriented social media site in one’s job search. Also new this year: a “Penguin Passport” that allowed students to attend three or more events and then be eligible for prizes that included an iPad Mini (*see sidebar, next page*).

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Top left: Student Daniel Beggs was impressed by the number of employers at the fair. Top right: Clark photographer Jenny Shadley staffed a LinkedIn photo booth during the Job Fair. She took 50 photos in the first 50 minutes of the fair.



“Each year Career Days gets better and better and this year was no exception,” said Director of Career Services Edie Blakley. “The job fair had a record number of 50 employers who had jobs. In fact we heard from one student that he left the job fair with four interviews scheduled.”

Blakley expressed gratitude for the hard work of the committee members who helped support Career Days, including Brian Scott (Communications & Marketing), Emily Earhart (Advising), and Career Services staff, as well as Jenny Shadley (Communications & Marketing), who took the LinkedIn photos. “The committee does an outstanding job of planning and implementing this multi-day event that is second only to the Jazz Festival in size and number of participants,” she said. “I want to give thanks to everyone who was involved in the 2013 Career Days event, it takes incredible effort to make it all happen!”



Passports, Please!

New this year, Career Days included a “Penguin Passport.” Students who got their passport stamped at three or more Career Days events were eligible for prizes that included a portable phone charger, an office caddy, free large pizzas, and Burgerville gift cards. Lucky student Corrine Murphy won the grand prize, an iPad Mini.

Left to right, back row, Kris Fletcher, Troy Poulsen, Amber Smith; front row, Esther Cosner, Krista Zimmerman, Corrine Murphy, Ketheren Zamaqui, Tashiana Peterson.

Suiting Up

Career Clothing Closet helps get students ready for their job interviews



Robert Berman was smoothing down the lapels on his stylish blue-gray checked suit. “This is my first suit that I could take to a job interview,” he said, tugging at the sleeves of his button-down blue shirt. A silver-gray tie completed the ensemble. “I looked in the mirror and I was impressed.”

Berman, who is in his first year at Clark, said he could think of a few reasons to don a suit in his near future. A newly minted reporter for the Clark

College Independent, he might want business attire when covering formal events. Also, he was about to begin hunting for a summer job that could help him pay for housing after he transfers to Portland State University in the fall. So this suit—which he acquired for free through Clark College’s annual Career Clothing Closet—was a timely acquisition.

“I think it’s absolutely wonderful,” Berman said, looking around as his fellow students “shopped” the Closet’s racks of gently used professional clothing, all of which was donated by community members. “Students especially need to be able to get jobs, and if there’s an event with clothing that can give them an edge in job interviews, I think that’s absolutely wonderful.”



Left: Robert Berman shows off his new suit. Above: Job Developer Sarah Weinberger, center, works with Student Ambassador Shandell Vogel to straighten up some ties.

The Career Clothing Closet is an annual tradition at Clark, held the Thursday and Friday before Career Days (see story p. 3). Held on the second floor of PUB, it is open to all Clark College students, each of whom is allowed to take one free outfit of professional clothing. In all, 437 students visited the Closet this year, walking away with almost 300 outfits suitable for job interviews. That’s significantly more visitors and outfits than last year. Volunteer and Service-Learning Coordinator Katie Colleran said that part of the draw might have been that the Closet had more clothes, and of better quality, than in years past, possibly because organizers began collecting clothing earlier this year.

“Everyone was so grateful for the event,” Colleran said. “It was great to see people among the racks matching up outfits and trying things on. When they walked in and we told them that they could take a whole outfit, they thought it was the greatest thing ever!”

[See photos](#) from the Clothing Closet.

Friendship Blooms Anew

Sakura Festival celebrates the bonds between Vancouver and Japan

Friendship, like all living things, requires regular tending to keep it thriving. And Clark College's 2013 Sakura Festival did just that, strengthening the bonds of friendship that led to Clark receiving a gift of 100 shirofugen cherry trees from John Kageyama, president of America Kotobuki.

Kageyama was present at the opening ceremony for the festival, held April 18. He expressed joy in seeing the trees he had donated in 1990 now mature and blossoming. "At the time, I didn't realized how beautiful these trees would grow," he said during his speech to the crowd that gathered under gray but rainless clouds.

Other dignitaries who spoke during the ceremony included Clark College President Bob Knight; Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt; Tatsuo, Ito, Executive Vice President of SEH America Inc.; and Toshiharu Okuda of the Kyoto Prefecture Assembly. Joyo, Vancouver's sister city in Japan, is located within Kyoto Prefecture.

The ceremony took place next to the Royce E. Pollard Japanese Friendship Garden, yet another gift of friendship cementing the ties between Vancouver

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Scholarship recipient Maho Muto, red kimono, stands with some of her student friends and with SEH America Inc. Executive Vice President Tatsuo Ito.

and Japan. The garden was a gift to the city of Vancouver from Dr. Chihiro Kanagawa. During its dedication at the 2012 Sakura Festival, President Knight announced the Dr. Kanagawa Scholarship providing full tuition and fees to Clark College for one academic year to an international student from Japan.

Maho Muto, the first recipient of the scholarship, also spoke during the ceremony. Clad in a traditional kimono, she expressed her thanks for the opportunity to study at Clark. "I feel like I have a big, big family in Vancouver, Washington," she said. "You have made me so happy to have the opportunity to study here and I am thankful for so many people's support."

Before the ceremony, Yukiko Vossen performed on the koto, the national instrument of Japan, with flute accompaniment. The ceremony ended with a performance by the Clark College Women's Choral Ensemble under the direction of music professor April Duvic. President Knight concluded his remarks by saying, "As we celebrate the beauty of our flowering cherry trees, let us also take a moment to celebrate the friendships that have brought us here today. May they too continue to bloom and flourish for years to come."

After the formal ceremony, guests walked to Gaiser Student Center to enjoy cultural displays and activities hosted by Vancouver Rotary, the Clark

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Top: April Duvic leads the Women's Choral Ensemble under the sakura blossoms at the ceremony. Bottom: The Portland Taiko drummers enlivened Gaiser Student Center with their performance.

College Japanese Club, International Programs, and the Anime and Manga Club. Onstage entertainment included a demonstration of a formal Japanese tea ceremony and a lively performance by the Portland Taiko drummers.

Newly tenured Japanese professor Michiyo Okuhara, who serves on the Sakura Committee, circulated among her students and among the children from Child & Family Studies who were attending the festival. “For our program, it’s a wonderful way to have community members come to Clark and get to appreciate the friendship we have with Japan,” she said. “I’m from Japan, and so when people understand Japanese culture, it’s wonderful for me both on a personal level and as a Japanese teacher.”

Watch highlights from the festival.

See photos from the event.



Clockwise from top: Children from Child & Family Services give John Kageyama a handmade bookmark; Japanese professor Michiyo Okuhara, second from left, with current and former students; international students show off flags from their countries of origin.

Una Fiesta para la Familia

Clark's annual Latino cultural celebration draws a crowd of all ages

On the evening of April 28, Gaiser Student Center was filled with music, conversation in two languages, and the laughter of children as Clark College hosted its annual Celebración de Mi Gente. Themed Día del Niño/Día del Libro (Day of the Child/Day of the Book), it included a host of family-friendly activities celebrating Latino culture. Children could make their own books, play the Mexican card game *lotería*, have their faces painted, and read bilingual Spanish-English books with students from Clark College Spanish classes. Hugo Nava provided a bilingual concert and award-winning author Carmen “T” Bernier Grand spoke about her childhood in Puerto Rico. A buffet of food from Panadería Cinco de Mayo kept bellies big and small happy. The Baile Folklórico performed traditional dances. More than 250 members of the community participated in the event—including Clark’s own Oswald, who posed for pictures with many of the event’s littlest guests.

Watch video highlights of the event.

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Diversity Outreach Coordinator Rosalba Pitkin with her daughter before her performance with the Baile Folklórico.





Clockwise from top left: Spanish professor Betsy Ubiergo, center, visits with some of her students who volunteered at the event by reading to children in Spanish; Peer Mentor Patricia Romero took photos of attendees with Oswald; award-winning author Carmen "T" Bernier Grand read from her books as well as used puppets to tell the children stories of her youth.

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Clockwise from left: Children danced to music by Hugo Nava and made new friends; students from Clark's Spanish Club had fun, too; after visiting the face-painting table, these children said they were "tigerrrrrrrrs!"

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Clockwise from top left: A Clark College student reads to children in Spanish; Spanish instructor Felipe Montoya has fun with his daughter at the festival; e-Learning's Naomi Kay also brought her daughter to enjoy the fiesta.

Check It Out

Clark College Libraries celebrates Libraries Snapshot Day with posters, photos and more

The Clark College Libraries (Cannell Library and the Information Commons at CTC) participated in Washington Libraries Snapshot Day on April 17. This statewide project seeks to illustrate the importance of libraries for Washington's citizens by collecting statistics, stories and photographs during National Library Week.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of 10 READ posters featuring members of the Clark College community and their favorite books.

Clark College student Samantha McClure was selected as the student model through a contest the Libraries ran during winter quarter. Current Clark students were invited to enter the contest by filling out a form with the title of their favorite book and why they chose the book. Students submitted entries either in person at one of the libraries or posting it on the Clark College Libraries Facebook page. Samantha chose *No Man's Land* by Ruth Fowler because, she said, "it presents a fascinating alternative for female reality in our modern day era where so much of human experience is represented in a very singular way."

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Student employee Marcus Pollard asks students what they think the library should look like in the year 2020.

Other college community members featured in campaign were President Bob Knight and Oswald; Student Life Program Coordinator Sami Lelo; Athletics Director Charles Guthrie; Maintenance Mechanic Billie Garner; Physics Professor Dick Shamrell; Satellite Campus Building Administrator Randy Blakely; Dean of BEECH Ray Korpi; Diversity Center Staff Sirius Bonner, Rosalba Pitkin and Felis Peralta; and Security Officer Damon Grady.

The posters were on exhibit at Cannell and the iCommons through the month of April. Additional copies are posted around Clark's main campus.

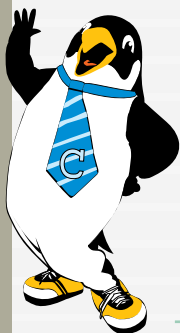
Wednesday's 2,200 visitors to the Libraries were asked to envision the library of 2020. Suggestions included: "free coffee," "more books," "24-hour library," "more computers," "more study space," and "books downloaded into our brains."



Clockwise from top: Dean Ray Korpi signs his poster while Dean Michelle Bagley and Vice President Dr. Tim Cook watch; the posters hang in Cannell Library; Multicultural Retention Specialist Felisciana Peralta holds up her poster, which also features Sirius Bonner and Rosalba Pitkin from the Diversity Center.

[See photos from the day on the Libraries' Facebook page,](#)
[and on Clark's Flickr site.](#)

[Watch a video about the day.](#)



Penguin Patter

News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!



Paepaeloa Loli checks her measurements. Darwin Vizcaino and Jeramy Wales equate pi with deliciousness.



PUTTING THE “MMM” IN MATHEMATICS

How did you celebrate Pi Day? (That’s March 14, for the mathematically uninclined.) ABE/GED mathematics instructors Carol Beima and Jody McQuillan decided to use the day as an opportunity to teach their students about everyone’s favorite geometrical ratio by cooking up a lesson plan with pancakes. Students then measured the pancakes’ diameters, calculated their circumferences ... and ate them. “Students reported it was the most delicious math lesson all quarter,” said McQuillan.

PEDAL POWER

Like bicycling? Hate diabetes? Then do the Pedaling Penguins have the event for you: The team of Clark College community members are once again participating in the American Diabetes Association’s Tour de Cure. Held on July 20, the ride begins at the Hillsboro Stadium and rolls through Willamette Valley’s wine country. Riders can commit to ride distances ranging from 5 miles to 100 miles in an effort to raise awareness and funds for diabetes prevention. Find out more at the [Pedaling Penguins’ team page](#) or by contacting [Adam Coleman](#).

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.)

SUMMER JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Gaiser Student Center

Looking for a summer job or internship? Then bring your resume and attend the Summer Job & Internship Fair! Employers will be on hand ready to answer your questions about summer employment opportunities.

ASCC PIZZA PARTY AT CTC

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

11:30 am

CTC: The nest

FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES: HEATHER McAFEE

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Geography instructor Heather McAfee presents “The Why of Where: Living, Researching and Teaching Geography Here and Now.”

GHL 213

BEAK SPEAK TOASTMASTERS

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

GHL 205

ASCC PRESENTS: ARIANNE COHEN

Thursday, May 9, 2013

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

EMERGENCY EXERCISE/ EVACUATION

Thursday, May 9, 2013

2:30 p.m.

All Locations

CLARK THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: REASONS TO BE PRETTY

Friday, May 10, 2013 through Saturday, May 18, 2013

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Directed by Patricia Rohrbach, this thought-provoking play by Neil LaBute explores the modern-day obsession with

physical appearance. Saturday matinee on May 11 begins at 2:00 p.m.

Decker Theatre

PHOENIX UNVEILING AND STUDENT ART ANNUAL

Monday, May 14, 2013

Phoenix unveiling runs 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in PUB 161. Student Art Annual runs 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Archer Gallery. Part of “Subtext,” a three-day festival of arts and literature at Clark.

BEAK SPEAK TOASTMASTERS

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

GHL 205

VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE-LEARNING RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PUB 161

SAVORING EXCELLENCE

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

COLUMBIA WRITERS SERIES: ROBIN ROMM

Thursday, May 16, 2013

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Part of “Subtext,” a three-day festival of arts and literature at Clark.

PUB 161

CLARK CROSSINGS

Friday, May 17, 2013

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Faculty and student readings on the subject of “beauty.” Part of “Subtext,” a three-day festival of arts and literature at Clark.

PUB 161

UNION EVENTS:

The Classified staff dialog with President Bob Knight will take place Wednesday, May 8, at 12:00 p.m. in PUB 161. The WPEA members quarterly meeting will take place Thursday, May 16, at 12:00 p.m. in GHL 213.

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:

Administrative/Exempt Positions:

Director of Change Management	May 24, 2013
Director of Facilities	May 10, 2013

Temporary Positions:

Part-time Cisco CCNA Instructor	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

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Orientation - *Webinar*

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Employee Orientation

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Supervisor Orientation

Sheila Zapanta, the primary account manager from MHN, will conduct a webinar orientation to provide staff and supervisors with information regarding the details of services provided through the Employee Assistance Program.

Contact kferguson@clark.edu to request an access link and phone number to participate in the session.

First Aid/CPR Training

Monday, May 13, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Led by Clark College instructor, Ethel Reeves, this session offers general First Aid/CPR knowledge and application for Clark employees.

Certification is not included as part of this session.

Space is limited, please RSVP to: kferguson@clark.edu

GHL 205

ITS Information Session

Thursday, May 16, 2013

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monthly sessions held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 covering a variety of technology topics.

GHL 205

Time Management

Thursday, May 16, 2013

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This workshop is part of a series of workplace trainings provided through MHN, our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider. The focus of this session is on the

development of an individualized time management strategy in order to achieve a greater sense of control over personal and professional productivity.

GHL 205

Managing Stress

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This workshop is part of a series of workplace trainings provided through MHN, our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider. The focus for this session is the “stress hardy” personality, including effective strategies for buffering the effects of stress.

GHL 205

2013 SPRING QUARTER CLASSIFIED RECOGNITION AWARD

Now accepting nominations!

Nominations will be evaluated based on:

- Exemplary work performance
- Outstanding customer service to students, the public, the

community, co-workers, etc.

- Demonstrated cooperative spirit and initiative in maintaining a positive college environment
- Special achievements or contributions to the college community

Visit the Human Resources Intranet page to access the nomination form, which describes the process, eligibility, and selection criteria:

https://intranet.clark.edu/department_information/human_resources/

Nominations may be resubmitted from past quarters if the nominee was not selected for the award.

Please recognize the value of the contributions made by classified staff by completing a nomination form:

Due date: Friday, May 17, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

Submit to: Human Resources, MS: BRD 133

Email to: mdrourk@clark.edu OR kferguson@clark.edu

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