

Clark Exceptional Classified Staff awards announced

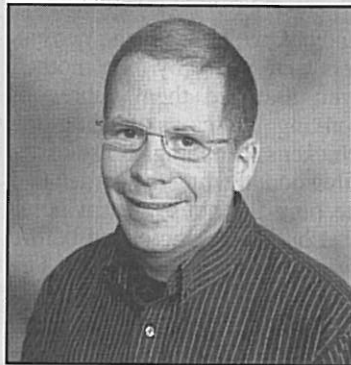
An information technology specialist and a senior graphic designer have received the 2011 Clark College Exceptional Classified Staff awards.

Mike Silva and Wei Zhuang were honored for "exemplary work performance, outstanding service to the college, a positive and cooperative spirit, and/or special achievements or contributions to the college."

Silva, an information technology specialist and lab manager, has worked at Clark College for 10 years, providing technical support for computer users across the college. Currently, he manages the college's open labs, supervising approximately 50 part-time student lab assistants.

He also sits on the Tech Fee and Information Technology committees, and was a member of the college's recent accreditation efforts, as well as of the committee that brought smart classrooms to Clark.

Silva also serves as a mentor to students and provides technical support at events includ-



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ing commencement, retirement parties, and student activities.

Silva was instrumental in setting up the computer lab help desk, which can field more than 50 calls from students a day. He also developed a print-management program at the college called PaperCut, which aims to eliminate wasteful printing at Clark's computer labs.

"In my life, I have been fortunate enough to work for some great institutions, Clark College being one of them," said Silva. "Winning this award only strengthens my desire to continue to serve the students,



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faculty and administration of this college."

Senior Graphic Designer Wei Zhuang joined Clark College in 2005, coming from a previous post at Willamette University in Salem, OR.

He has created logos and uniform looks for such events and programs as the Clark College Jazz Festival and the K-Rod Run and Walk.

One person who has worked with Zhuang wrote in his nomination, "Wei Zhuang has always represented the highest level of professionalism, collegial courtesy, and customer service

that should be a prerequisite of any classified staff position at Clark College. No matter how demanding the request, Wei is always accommodating ... his art work not only embodies the professionalism we try to represent as instructors of higher education, but also represents the Clark College community to thousands of people whose only experience with Clark may be seeing his work."

Zhuang has won two national awards from the University and College Designers Association as well as regional and national awards from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations.

"It's a great honor to be even nominated, let alone be one of the winners," Zhuang said. "I'm completely humbled by this award and can only express my sincere gratitude."

Silva and Zhuang received the awards from Clark College President Robert Knight on opening day for faculty and staff for the 2011-2012 academic year.