

# Kalani Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship run set

**Seventh annual event will benefit student scholarships, brain cancer research**

At first, it was a small race that began with family and friends walking across the Clark College campus to honor celebrate a life ended too soon.

But now in its seventh year, K-Rod Run/Walk has grown into a 10K event, attracting participants from across the region.

The run, which is held in memory of Clark College alumnus Kalani Rodrigues, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25. The 10K and 5K runs will each begin at 9 a.m. The 5K walk will begin at 9:20 a.m.

This year, for the first time, K-Rod runners will be able to take advantage of chip timing, managed by Race Northwest. Each runner will receive a chip to attach to one of their shoes. The chip will automatically send a signal when the runner crosses the finish line, providing an exact finish time.

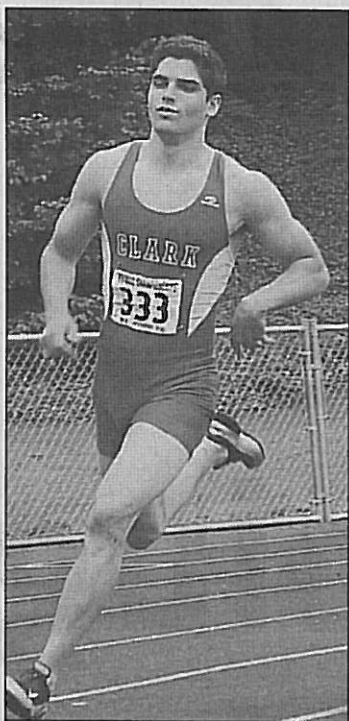
The starting line for all events is at the Kim Christensen Soccer Field on the Clark College main campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

Parking will be available at the college in red lots one through three, and yellow lot one. Driving directions and parking maps are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps).

The 10K run will be a timed event. Runners will enjoy a dynamic route through downtown Vancouver, along the Columbia River and through the beautiful Fort Vancouver National Site. The route will conclude at the landmark Clark College Chime Tower.

For more information or to download a registration form, visit [www.krodrun.com](http://www.krodrun.com) or call 992-2301. Same day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Clark College.

The event raises funds for scholarships for student athletes attending Clark College, and for brain cancer research. Rodrigues envisioned a community run/walk event to generate awareness for brain cancer and its treatment. He died of brain cancer in December 2004, at the age of 21.



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**Kalani Rodrigues was a Clark College runner who tragically lost his life to brain cancer in 2004, at the age of 21. Every year, family and friends honor his legacy with an annual fun run, which is open to the public. Proceeds benefit student scholarships and brain cancer research.**

In 2005, family, friends and community volunteers honored Rodrigues' dream by establishing the K-Rod Run/Walk.

To date, proceeds and donations to an endowment established in Rodrigues' name have generated more than \$70,000 in athletic scholarship funds and provided scholarships to more than 20 students. The event has also raised awareness of brain cancer treatment options in the region.

Lori Jimerson, event chair and Rodrigues' mother, said, "Kalani would be thrilled to know that this event is now in its seventh year and is now a 10K run. He would be proud to know that the event supports other student athletes by providing scholarships to attend Clark College. And he would be humbled to see how many people believe in his dream."

The 2011 K-Rod Run/Walk is supported by Alpha Graphics, Bamboo Grove Hawaiian Grille, Clark Country Ham Radio Club, The Columbian, Fishead, Fit Right Northwest, Hula Boy Charbroil, Noho's Hawaiian Café, Nutter Corporation, Race Northwest and Tommy O's as well as the Clark College Penguin Athletic Club.