

Clark offers Running Start info

High school sophomores and juniors are invited to learn how to take the next step in their educations by attending one of two Running Start informational meetings in January.

The two identical sessions are set for Wednesdays, Jan 7 and 21, 7-8 p.m., at the Clark College gymnasium in the O'Connell Sports Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

"These are the kick-off sessions for sophomores and juniors and their parents who want to know more about Running Start and the "Next Steps" program which will begin in fall 2009," said Linda Calvert, Running Start manager at Clark College.

Running Start allows eligible juniors and seniors to take classes to earn college credit while they fulfill their high school graduation requirements, said Calvert. Running Start students attend regular Clark classes during

the day or evening, choosing from a range of academic and professional/technical courses. Tuition is covered by school districts. Students pay for books, transportation and miscellaneous class fees. Limited textbook assistance is available for those with financial need.

"Running Start students are generally self-motivated, emotionally mature, and looking for additional academic challenges," said Calvert. "They also have excellent study and time management skills. They have college-level skills and maturity. Some students are so motivated that they earn their Associate Degree from Clark at the same time that they earn their high school diplomas."

After the informational meeting, student may sign up online for Running Start test.

More information is available by calling Calvert, 992-2314.