
Clark College kicks off year-long Diamond Jubilee

Clark College will celebrate its 75th anniversary and launch a year-long Diamond Jubilee with events occurring over 75 hours, starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, through noon, Saturday, Oct. 4.

Founded by a group of educators and businesspeople during the darkest times of the Great Depression, Clark College (originally called Vancouver Junior College) opened its doors in 1933. The college struggled through the early years and faced declining enrollments during World War II. However, the postwar years triggered a boom that has continued to this day. With an enrollment of nearly 13,000 students each quarter, Clark is now Washington's second largest community and technical college.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said that he looks forward to welcoming students, faculty, staff, supporters, and alumni to the celebration, as well as members of the greater community to events that include the lighting of the Clark College Chime Tower, a "Rock the Vote" rally, two dedication ceremonies and a Penguin Oktoberfest with food and fun for the community as well as alumni hospitality suites. Knight noted, "If you've ever worked at Clark or taken a class here, you are a Clark alum and we hope you'll join our celebration."

Information about the college's 75th anniversary celebration and history is available on the college website: www.clark.edu/clark75. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.