

Clark slates Running Start informational program

High school sophomores and juniors can learn about the Running Start program at Clark College by attending one of two informational meetings during January.

The programs are set for Thurs., Jan. 14, and Wed., Jan. 20, 7-8 p.m., at the Clark College gymnasium in the O'Connell Sports Center located in the southwest corner of the campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

"These are kick-off sessions for sophomores and juniors, and their parents, who want to know about Running Start and what the next steps are to begin the program in fall 2010," said Running Start manager Linda Calvert.

"Last year was the first time that we held two Running Start information nights," said Calvert. "Both sessions were full, so we're hosting two sessions again this year."

Running Start allows eligible juniors and seniors to take classes to earn college credit while they fulfill their high school graduation requirements. Running Start students attend regular Clark classes during the day or in the eve-

ning, along with "regular" college students. They can choose from a range of academic and technical courses as long as the students meet the criteria and the classes are college-level.

The tuition for eligible students is covered by the school district. Students pay for books, transportation and miscellaneous class fees.

"Successful 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 diploma."

"After they attend an information night session, students should sign up online for the Running Start test for fall 2010 at www.clark.edu/running_start," said Calvert.

The fall 2010 test information Web link will be activated in mid-January, said Clark, who can be reached at 992-2366.