

Secretary of State to urge civic engagement

Reed to visit Clark College, WSUV on Monday

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"Find your one thing" is the new push from Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed, who's poised to tour 23 state universities and colleges during his fourth annual College Civics Week.

But on Monday, Clark College students will get two — same for those at Washington State University Vancouver.

That's two secretaries of state, as Oregon's Kate Brown will join Reed during a free, public reception at 2 p.m. in Clark College's Penguin Student Lounge.

The pair also will appear at 3:30 p.m. in a WSUV political science classroom.

Reed hopes to rekindle civic engagement by college students just returned from spring break. It wasn't too hard one year ago, when the presidential election captured the imagination, efforts and votes of millions of American young people.

But that was 2008.

Now, Reed has unveiled a campaign that asks students, "What is one more thing I can do to make a difference in my community?"

In a busy student's life, "even one small action can make an impact and encourage those around you," Reed said in a written statement.



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His office has urged young people to seek a "Find Your One Thing" cause on Facebook, to help build a local effort in their community. They can also take an online Civics Challenge, to see how they rate against others.

Both online tools can be found at: www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/collegecivics.

In Vancouver on Monday, Clark will promote the volunteer spirit at its event.

Clark's student government will place three donation bins at the lounge: one for clothing,

one for food and one for pet food.

All donations will go to Vancouver's recently opened Habitat for Humanity ReStore, a nonprofit retail outlet that resells used and surplus building materials to help fund Habitat.

Clark College is at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

At WSUV, Reed and Brown will visit the political science class of instructor Mark Stephan, in Room 255 of the Classroom Building.

All students and community members are invited, space provided. The campus is at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave.

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