

Clark College vocational students honored

Three Clark College students, including Scott Shirley of Battle Ground, have won the 2009 Washington Award for Vocational Excellence.

Shirley is both a welding student at Clark College and an employee, working as an instructional technician in the Welding Department. He is on track to finish his associate degree in applied science in welding technology later this year.

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence program

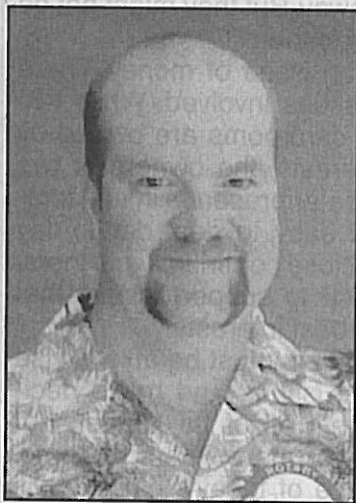
was created by the state legislature to recognize students who excel in career and technical education. Three award recipients are chosen from each legislative district by a selection committee.

The award provides for two years of tuition or the equivalent. Danette Randolph, director of Workforce Education and Economic Development at Clark College, said each Award winner will receive the equivalent of two years tuition at the

most costly public university in the state regardless of where they attend college. If they have other financial help with tuition, the award money may be used for other valid educational expenses, including room and board.

Other Clark College students honored this year are Heather Evans who is also involved in the welding program, and Natalia Mendoza who studies construction technology.

Since the program got underway in 1984, more than 3,000 students have received assistance in paying their college tuition.



SCOTT SHIRLEY