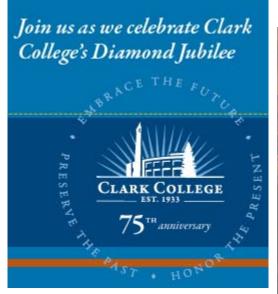


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Clark County's Women of Achievement honored



Left to right: Clark professor Priscila Martins-Reid was one of the first Women of Achievement honorees in 1985. She is joined by WOA founder Pat Watne, emcee Laural Porter of KGW-TV, Clark College President Bob Knight and YWCA Clark County Executive Director Kathy Kniep at today's Women of Achievement celebration.

More than 600 people gathered today at the Hilton Vancouver Washington to honor eight women of achievement, and three young women of achievement. The event is sponsored by Clark College and YWCA Clark County. The program has recognized 200 local women.

This year's honorees are: **Bobbi Casanova**, a volunteer programs manager; **Jane Cote**, associate professor of accounting and business program leader at WSU Vancouver; banker/philanthropist **Jeanne Firstenburg**; Port of Vancouver executive **Addison Jacobs**; Clark College psychology professor **Debra Jenkins**; entrepreneur and volunteer **Terry Murphy**; lawyer/consultant **Carol Parker Walsh**; and state Rep. **Deb Wallace**, D-Vancouver.

Young women of achievement are **Sarah Cole**, Battle Ground High School; **Stephanie Nicholson**, Camas High School; and **Alexa**

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30th Challenge Games of Clark County set for Tuesday, March 24

The Challenge Games of Clark County, which provide an opportunity for persons age 3 to 21 with physical disabilities to compete in sports events and enhance their self esteem, will celebrate their 30th year at the 2009 games tomorrow, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Prairie High School in the Battle Ground School District, 11500 N.E. 117th Ave., Vancouver.

Events include foot races, wheel chair races, bowling, scooter board races, basketball hoop shoots, soccer kick, football target throwing and more. Some 175 participants are expected and permission has been granted to shoot their photos during the events.

Participating school districts include Battle Ground, Camas, Evergreen, Vancouver, Hockinson and Washougal, plus the state schools for the deaf and for the blind, each of which is in Vancouver.

More information: **SueEllen Hayler**, **360-313-2234**, or **Jan Davis** at Maple Grove Primary School, **360-885-6750**.

Organizers to host Portland to Coast information session

Have you always dreamed of participating in this scenic walking event? Come and learn everything you need to know about this event to help you decide whether you'd like to participate on a team

The Portland to Coast Walking Relay is the largest walking relay race in North America. Teams of 12 from around the world take turns walking from Portland to Seaside. The world's largest running relay, The Hood to Coast takes place at the same time.

When: Friday April 3rd 7:00-8:30pm

Where: Northwest Women's Fitness Club, 2714 NE Broadway, Portland OR

Cost: Complimentary but space is limited so contact **503-287-0655** to reserve your spot.

Board of County commissioners to hold rural lands work session

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a work session tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. to talk about next steps for the rural lands review. The work session will be in the sixth floor training room at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin in Vancouver.

The goal of the second phase will be to examine County policy and

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