# Clark College Penguin Digest March 6th, 2023

Do not forget to review the attachments to the email when applicable.

## What’s New This Week in The Digest

### DSS Chill Out Space, Tuesday 3/14, 1030am-4pm, Free Snacks

Are you feeling stressed about finals or tired at the end of the term? Want a space on campus to come to relax, refuel, or quietly study? Check out this opportunity!  
Tuesday, March 14th, 10:30 am-4 pm, DSS Chill out Space @ Career Center.  
Space for relaxing or studying with FREE grab & go snacks, an art station, and quiet music. There will also be a DSS staff person or DSS peer mentor available if you need to check in with someone 1:1. This event is located down the hallway from Disability Support Services in the Career Center, room PUB 022.

### Biology 208 & Environmental Science 208 for Spring

Do you like learning while being outdoors? Clark offers two field studies classes where students can explore and discover the wonders of nature. These courses feature wildlife, botany, and ecology. If you prefer to be doing rather than reading – these are the classes for you. Contact [Kathleen Perillo](mailto:kperillo@clark.edu) if you have questions.

* Biology 208 is a 5-credit short course that runs from April 3 – May 14 with class meetings on Fridays from 9-11:50 am. Then we’ll head to central Oregon for a 4-day adventure in and around the Deschutes National Forest from May 11-14. An additional fee of $300 covers transportation, food, and cabin lodging.
* Environmental Science 208 is a class that culminates in an 11-day field adventure throughout northern California and central Oregon that takes place between the spring and summer quarters. We will meet most Saturdays in spring from 9-11:50 am. Although the class is 8 credits, only 3 credits are completed in the spring term with the remainder occurring on the June 19-29 trip. An additional $600 covers transportation, food, and camping fees.

### Portland Roadster Show 3/17-3/19

The Welding and Diesel departments are teaming together at the upcoming [Portland Roadster show](https://www.google.com/search?q=portland+roadster+show&rlz=1C1GCEU_enUS847US847&oq=portland+road&aqs=chrome.0.0i131i433i512j69i57j0i131i433i512j0i512l2j46i175i199i512j0i512l4.2071j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&ibp=htl;events&rciv=evn&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwieosKR3tn9AhXDGjQIHf2tAt0Q5bwDegQIFBAB#fpstate=tldetail&htidocid=L2F1dGhvcml0eS9ob3Jpem9uL2NsdXN0ZXJlZF9ldmVudC8yMDIzLTAzLTE3fDE2OTQzOTMwMjM0NDM2ODU4NTY4&htivrt=events&mid=/g/11tf82hvgq)! We will have a booth all weekend of March 17-19. We will have our VR Welder, and information about both departments while getting to be a part of a great event. Location is Portland Expo Center, 2060 Marine Drive, Portland, OR

### Welding Open House, April 28th, 3pm-6pm

Third [Open House](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clark-welding-open-house-tickets-551812805957) for the Welding Department! April 28 @3-6pm! Come meet our instructors, see the projects our awesome students have been working on and get a tour of our facility. Let anyone know that may have an interest in welding. Hope to see you there!

### Spring Textbooks & Supplies

Spring textbooks and supplies are available only at [Clark Bookstore](https://clarkcoll-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hleasure_clark_edu/Documents/Clark/Newsletter/Winter%202023/clarkbookstore.com) starting March 6. No in-store textbook purchases. Choose from in-store pickup or UPS shipping. Shop early! Avoid the rush and secure your materials now!

## Scholarship Opportunities

### 2023-2024 Scholarships Available, Apply Now Through April 14

Over $1 million is available to Clark students in any major for the upcoming academic year. Students with a minimum 2.5 GPA who are attending next year can submit a completed Clark College Foundation Scholarship Application by April 14 for consideration. Start early because letters of recommendation are required.

Transfer scholarships are also available for students who will be graduating this year and transferring to other colleges next year. Check eligibility requirements before applying. The deadline is May 1. Other scholarship opportunities are also available, so be sure to check the website to see if there are others you would like to [apply](https://www.clark.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/scholarships/foundation/index.php) for.

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### Washington Women in Need Deadline April 13, 2023

WWIN is [accepting applications](https://wwin.org/star-scholars/) now through April 13 for new Star Scholars! Our Scholars are women who represent WWIN’s values and are ready to transform their lives through higher education and careers. Each Scholar receives up to $5,000 per year toward their total Cost of Attendance, and their scholarship may be renewed each year up to $20,000 total over the course of their undergraduate education. They also have the support of our Resiliency Fund to help with financial setbacks along the way and our Career Coaching program.

### Fellowship Opportunity for Recent High School Graduates

Calling all recent high school graduates! [Want to earn $1,000](https://iurbanteen.org/programs/future-teachers-pathway-fellowship/)? iUrban Teen and Vancouver Public Schools have a 60-hour fellowship opportunity where you will get the chance to have an impact on a young person at YOUR elementary school of choice within the Vancouver School District. Please visit our website to learn more about this opportunity and apply!

### Outstanding Faculty Award Nominations, March 6-17

Do you know an instructor, librarian, or counselor who supports students, makes an impact, respects difference, and/or teaches passionately? Nominate them for a cash award and college-wide recognition! [Nominations](http://www.clark.edu/cc/efa) open on March 6 through March 17, so you have time to think about whom you would like to see win this award! A Canvas banner will run this Winter quarter to remind you and let you know when nominations open!

## Events

### Black Student and Family Fair, April 15th, 9am-3pm

Clark College is proud to announce the Black Student and Family Fair happening April 15, 2023. This event is intended to invite Black Students and their families on to the Clark College Campus to learn about early awareness and access to education, career, and community resources and more. This event will center both middle and high school student success for Black students and explore the unique actors of being a Black student in the Pacific NW. There will also be fun-filled activities for younger kiddos that include art n crafts, face painting, and balloon art. There will be door prizes, career and college success workshops, great food and so much more This event is open to the public from both Washington and Oregon. It is free to attend.

### Join a Clark College Committee

The College needs to hear from students. Apply to serve as a student representative on a variety of college committees and share your perspective. [Apply](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EwQM8GwdfEOGn0tNAatl7YEp5BldMXRHs3JcITOPRKJUQjIwWktMTFFUWFg1VTFaME5LQlhEMTQ2NCQlQCN0PWcu&wdLOR=cD07AD068-F892-4FDD-B715-2FC5F42FAAC3) and earn $15.74 per hour. Questions? Contact ASCC Vice President, [David Goebel](mailto:dgoebel@clark.edu).

### Join a Student Club Today

Looking to connect with students with similar interests? Check out the student clubs [page](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-life/clubs/index.php). Questions email [Student Life](mailto:studentlife@clark.edu).

## Student Resources

### Launch of The Swift: Clark College Literary Journal

The editors of Clark College’s literary journal, dedicated to publishing skillful and inventive creative writing by Clark students, alumni, and staff, are excited to announce the launch of The Swift: Clark College Literary Journal, due out in the Spring of 2023.  
  
Submissions are now closed for the journal but will re-open next Fall. Stay tuned for word on a celebratory publication party and how to get your hands on a copy in the Spring. If students wish to learn about literary publication, they can enroll in English 277: Literary Production in the fall and start editing and producing the journal, or get involved anytime by contacting the journal’s advisor, [Dawn Knopf](mailto:dknopf@clark.edu).

### Winter 2023 Book Rental Returns to the Bookstore, Due by March 17th

Choose from three convenient options: In-store: Return rentals in-store by March 17.  
Drop box: three locations around campus. Must be dropped by midnight March 21.  
Mail in: Must be received by March 17. Visit our [bookstore](https://www.clarkbookstore.com/) for more info and details.

### AARP Tax Assistance

Our [tax assistance](https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/online-self-and-assisted-prep) volunteers are just there to answer questions. Free e-file is available depending upon income level. Note: our in-person service does not have an income limit.

### Health Services on Campus- New Pricing

Did you know you can access health services right here on campus with Dr. Buschur? She can help you if you are not feeling well, need vaccines or prescriptions for medications, or lab testing. She can diagnose and treat all kinds of illnesses.  
To keep costs as low as possible we only charge what we pay for materials. These costs have increased so we have needed to charge slightly more, however we never want a lack of funds to prevent students from accessing the care they need. Come talk to us if you have any questions, if there is a service you need but you do not see on our list, or to arrange alternate payment. We also have free mental health counseling and over-the-counter medications at the [Counseling and Health Center](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/counseling/health_services/index.php). Get in touch by calling or texting 360-992-2614, or [by email](mailto:chc@clark.edu).

### MyPlan Canvas Course

Do you want more time with your community, career, class planning or cash? Check out MyPlan and select an activity. Sign up for your MyPlan Canvas invitation now! If interested in checking out our new canvas page complete this [short form](https://forms.office.com/r/ZPMNcYFhPr). We would love your feedback on it as well.

### How Does Your Class Schedule Look for Spring Term?

Now is a wonderful time to meet with your academic advisor to review and make modifications to your plan for spring term classes AND your long-term plan for summer and fall. Schedule an appointment (virtual or in person) soon to co-create your plan with your advisor. Schedule your [appointment.](https://www.clark.edu/enroll/advising-services/schedule.php)

### Working Family Tax Credit Information

Beginning in February 2023 through December 31, 2023, individuals with and without children and people that file their taxes with a Social Security Number (SSN), or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) will be able to claim this money. This is [a video](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irsvideos.gov%2FWebinars%2FITINProcessWebinar&data=05%7C01%7CJanet.Snook%40clark.wa.gov%7C80ff021745f64f2904d608daedb73a0d%7C389c6904b0734843a92d4a72a350cf02%7C1%7C0%7C638083668476579651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=P8XmCQ5xLM9Lc9JL1vh8awiWHlrYoGXE%2BWD3PkIVGqg%3D&reserved=0) on how to get an ITIN number. ITIN Webinar from the IRS: ITIN Process Webinar irsvideos.gov. You can [check eligibility](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurvey.alchemer.com%2Fs3%2F7027130%2FWFTC-Eligibility-Assistant&data=05%7C01%7CJanet.Snook%40clark.wa.gov%7C80ff021745f64f2904d608daedb73a0d%7C389c6904b0734843a92d4a72a350cf02%7C1%7C0%7C638083668476579651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=53kYz6CTZUx%2BqeXaJ1jOPMBPTVSbzkpISRxOLn%2Fx0fc%3D&reserved=0) for the [WFTC](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fworkingfamiliescredit.wa.gov%2F&data=05%7C01%7CJanet.Snook%40clark.wa.gov%7C80ff021745f64f2904d608daedb73a0d%7C389c6904b0734843a92d4a72a350cf02%7C1%7C0%7C638083668476579651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sVcHg93yiRCX91noUATCvORarNafXbEh1bZUn38a16A%3D&reserved=0).

### Tutoring In Person or Online – Visit Today!

Visit Clark College Tutoring Services Monday through Thursday 9am to 5pm or Friday 9am to 2pm! Tutoring Services is available for in-person support in Hawkins Hall, room 102! The Virtual Center also continues to provide Zoom tutoring, you can connect with any of our Zoom tutors OR our in-person tutors via the Virtual Center. View tutor availability for both in-person and Zoom tutoring on the [Tutoring Services](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/tutoring/index.php) web page by clicking “Visit the Virtual Tutoring Center to view tutor schedules”. Students may access links to the Zoom sessions and helpful tutoring resources via Canvas in the [Virtual Tutoring Center](https://clarkcollege.instructure.com/courses/2008261) for most general subjects or select [Accounting and Business](https://clarkcollege.instructure.com/courses/1943951) for those specific subjects virtually as well. Please have your Student ID ready to sign-in with our helpful front desk staff and they will get you connected to the tutor you need! Online support is also available at [etutoringOnline.org](https://etutoringonline.org/). Remember, tutoring is a FREE resource to you and an extremely beneficial study practice!

### Check Your Textbook Costs for Free or Low-Cost Options First

Our instructors work hard to keep the costs low for you and find materials that are FREE and low cost to keep your costs down as much as possible! When searching for your classes you can view which classes use these materials BEFORE signing up for your class! There are three types of searches you can look for:

* OER stands for Open Educational Resources - this is an option where the instructor has chosen instructional materials that do not have any cost to you at all - FREE!
* LCT stands for Low-Cost Textbooks - this is an option where the instructor has chosen instructional materials that are $50 or less.
* FDDA stands for First Day Digital Access - this is an option where the instructor has chosen instructional materials that you do not purchase from the bookstore but that are charged as part of your tuition when you register. The advantage is that you have access within your course's Canvas shell on the first day of classes. These are not always low cost but typically do fall in the low-cost range.

#### How to search for classes that use OER and/or LCT?

* Go to the Class Search page in ctcLink
* Fill out the information for the class you are looking for, then click on "more filters."
* Go to the "Course Attribute" dropdown.
* Click the box for both "Low-Cost Textbooks" and "OER: No textbook to purchase." or "FDDA: First Day Digital Access"

If the class you need to take has LCT, OER or FDDA options, those class sections will appear. If nothing appears, then those textbook options are not available for that class. You can view each individual section and class to see which option it has available. How cool is that!?

### Career & Personality Assessment Opportunities!

Want support with discovering your career possibilities? The Strong Interest Inventory (SII) provides insight into your interests, career motivators, workstyle preferences, and helps you identify good-fit careers and educational programs. Sign-up to complete this assessment and attend an [interpretation session.](https://forms.office.com/r/nG5t8kwGLc)  
Want to learn more about your unique personality type preferences and career possibilities? The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is the most-widely-used assessment for understanding personality type preferences. The MBTI identifies and describes your strengths and unique preferences, and helps you answer these questions: "How does my personality inform my choice of work environment?" and "What careers are popular among people with my personality type?" Sign-up to complete this assessment and attend an [interpretation session](https://forms.office.com/r/nG5t8kwGLc). To learn more, visit the [Career Assessments](https://www.clark.edu/enroll/careers/career-center/career_assessments.php). Questions? Contact [Career Services](mailto:careerservices@clark.edu) or call 360-992-2902.

### Childcare Availability & Funding for PELL Eligible Students

Do you need quality childcare where families are welcome as we partner to nurture our youngest penguins? Come join the wonder of learning in our nationally accredited childcare and lab school through firsthand play and inquiry. Child and Family Studies has selected openings both FT and PT for two- to five-year-old children. CCAMPIS funding is available to assist our PELL eligible student families, applications are available.  
For interest and to learn more, please [email us](mailto:cfs@clark.edu).

### Free Student ID & Free Bus Passes

Currently registered students can obtain a free Clark College Student ID and free C-Tran Bus Pass with proof of current registration and valid photo ID through the Clark College [Bookstore.](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student_ID.php).

### Student Success Coaches Are Available for You

Each Area of Study (AoS) Coach provides free, consistent, one-on-one coaching to help you develop skills, connect you to resources, and navigate higher education. Your Coach will be by your side throughout your journey at Clark to help support your individual goals for academic and personal success. Learn more about the [Success Coaching program](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/diversity-and-equity/success-coaches/index.php) and [online booking system](https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/AreaofStudyStudentSuccessCoaches@clarkcoll.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/) to schedule a meeting with a Coach. We cannot wait to meet you!

Brief drop-in appointments are available every day of the week in Gaiser 214!  
Mon 1 pm-3 pm, Tues 2 pm-4 pm, Wed 10 am-12 pm. Drop in via [Zoom](https://clark-edu.zoom.us/j/9362318054) Fri 11 am-1 pm

### Workforce Education Services (WES) Programs

Looking for additional funding for school related expenses? Workforce Education Services have programs that you may be eligible for. If you live in Washington and are low income, receiving food benefits (SNAP/EBT), receiving cash assistance through DSHS (TANF), receiving unemployment, or received unemployment in the past four years, or became a displaced homemaker in the past four years, you may be eligible. Complete the [application!](http://www.clark.edu/cc/wes)

## Other Important Information

### WPEA Classified Staff Union Celebrates Classified Staff Week March 13-17

The Clark College WPEA Classified Staff Union is excited to celebrate Clark College's classified staff. We encourage any student, classified staff, admin/exempt, faculty, or community member to [share about a classified staff member](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce9IvgzgxpBCTMps8ehRJDuzKZsvXAUY_JDt1UB7puzc_j8Q/viewform)(s) that have made an impact on you while at Clark College.

Classified staff work in many departments across the campus. A few examples of classified staff members you may have met are while figuring out how to enroll or processing your financial aid, met a custodial or grounds member while walking around campus, paying for your tuition in the cashier’s office, resolving an IT issue, getting directions from a security officer, or had your question answered by a staff member in the instructional program you are part of.

### Disability Support Services Accommodations

Are you a student who is new to Clark and has a disability? Clark’s [Disability Support Services](http://www.clark.edu/dss) supports students with a range of disabilities and health conditions, from depression to ADD/ADHD to Crohn’s disease and more. We approve students for things such as: additional time on exams, recording of lectures, shared peer notes from lectures, and alternate book format such as audiobooks. Check out our easy four Steps to Requesting [Accommodations](http://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/disability_support/access_procedure.php) to get started. We ask for documentation on your disability/health condition and are more flexible this year on what we accept. Contact us for questions or our Documentation [Guidelines](http://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/disability_support/documentation_guidelines.php). CONTACT US: [Email](mailto:dss@clark.edu), or call us at: 360-992-2314.

### Drug Free Schools & Communities Act (DFSCA)

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act ([DFSCA](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/security/drug-free-schools-and-communities-act.php)) of 1989 - also known as the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act - requires institutions of higher education to establish policies that address unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs for faculty, staff, and students.

### Sam’s Law, Anti-Hazing

[Sam’s Law](https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/security/anti-hazing.php) is the name of new anti-hazing legislation recently adopted in Washington State.