

The Weekly News: Week 15



CtcLink: It's here!

ctcLink went successfully live at 7:30am this morning. Yahoooo!

Kudos to the entire ctcLink team for making this a success. I especially want to acknowledge myClark ctcLink Steering Team members who have led this extraordinary effort over the past five years:

- Susan Maxwell, myClark ctcLink Project Director
- Sabra Sand, Director of Business Services and Financial Management Pillar Lead
- Mirranda Saari, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services and Registrar and Campus Solution Pillar Lead

- Guisela Eberle, Human Resources Assistant
Director and Human Capital Management Pillar Lead
- Genevieve Howard, Associate Vice President
of Instruction and Instructional Lead
- Andy Barsotti, Director of Data Services
and ITS Lead
- Tanya Kerr, ctcLink Internal Controls and
Business Analyst (Campus Solutions and Financial
Management)
- Jennifer Ward, Program Manager for myClark
ctcLink
- Shanda Haluapo, Associate Vice President of
Planning and Effectiveness and myClark ctcLink Executive
Sponsor

In addition to over 30 staff and managers
who spent this weekend validating data to assure the
transition was successful.

Thank you ALL!

I'm

so proud to be part of the Clark team. **We've got this!!!**

I
am grateful to the entire ctcLink team who have been walking
us through this
major undertaking along with SBCTC team. I want to affirm
something that Shanda
Haluapo said last week in her email to you. She acknowledged
that this week
will be full of rewards and challenges as we learn to do our
work differently.
She reminded us to have compassion and patience with ourselves
and those around
us, because we all do the best we can do.

We'll have access to the PeopleSoft system
starting tomorrow, October 29. You will get an email with the

link and instructions on how to log into the system. People from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) will be here to help support us in the transition. We have resources to support your transition. Please review the employee resources.

We also have student resources you can help share with students.

Penguin Pantry Growing

I enjoyed attending the second anniversary open house at the Clark College Penguin Pantry.

It provides students with a safe, comfortable place to get something to eat, pick up a necessity, and connect with additional resources and services such as counseling, public benefits, community food banks and other resources. There's a great article in the Indy this month about the pantry and its growth on the campus. Thanks to student reporter Sandra Fachiol for the story: "Clark's food pantry strives to reduce student hunger."

Also a very special thank you to the Penguin Pantry program assistant, Estancia Cota. As the Penguin Pantry founding staff member, she is passionate about holistically meeting students' needs and understands the larger role that the Penguin Pantry plays in success, retention and completion. Her work and commitment to the Penguin Pantry makes a positive difference

in the lives of our students. Here's the link to find out more about how you can help and how you can help connect our students with the Penguin Pantry. Estancia and student/volunteer Megaera Jarvis presented at the Board of Trustees meeting that evening on the impact the pantry has made on our students who are experiencing food insecurity.

Enrollment Update

From the first day of fall quarter to census day, 281 students left the college, representing more than 100 FTES. A quarter (25%) of these students were dropped for nonpayment. The students who left were more likely to be low income, employed, first generation, and students of color. How can we, as a college, work together to support these students before they silently leave?

Employee Giving Campaign

There are many ways to support students with your time, effort and resources. Just a reminder the Foundation has launched its annual Employee Giving Campaign. You can choose where your donation goes and you can help make sure we get a \$5,000 corporate match for Penguin Pantry.

Visit

the foundation's Employee Giving website for more details and to make your

secure online donation:
www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/campaign/ways-to-give/employee-giving

As

an added incentive, the department with the highest giving participation will

win a catered meal from Clark College Foundation.

You

also have an opportunity to give to the Phi Theta Kappa Thanksgiving Basket

Fundraiser. Each year the Penguin community is asked to make cash donations to

help buy items for a Thanksgiving dinner for our students in need. The dinner

includes a 10-14 pound turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, yams, green

beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, and a pie. Cash and check donations can

be accepted at the Cashier's Office until Friday, November 22.

This year's goal

is to raise \$3,000 to provide 100 Thanksgiving dinners, with your help.

Reflections from this past week

This past week was filled with inspiring

presentations and learning about Clark. At the Students with Disabilities

Luncheon, Alyssa Voyles shared her personal journey and inspired us all with

her courage.

At the Board of Trustees work session we heard four students who were nominated to represent Clark College for the Washington Transforming Lives Award. Jorge Maravilla was selected by the Board to represent Clark College. His journey as a student began 2015 in the High School 21+ program and he earned a Certificate of Proficiency in Supervisory Management. He shared a very moving story of how his life has been transformed by attending Clark College.

In addition, the Board of Trustees heard from two amazing faculty about their recent sabbaticals at their work session. Jill Darley-Vanis and Erin Staples each shared their sabbatical experience and the projects that were a result of having time to dive deep into a subject. I was inspired to hear the impact of their projects on teaching and learning at Clark. And, Samuel May-Varas was the Faculty Speaker with welding/machining student, Gloria Razinski, at this month's Board of Trustees meeting, presenting on the Welding I-BEST Program.

I wrapped up the week continuing my "Listening Tour" at the CLASS Unit meeting. I appreciated hearing their passion for serving students in the Library, Tutoring, and TLC, and everyone's candor in sharing the challenges they are facing.

I was honored speak at the Foundation Scholarship Reception. The O'Connell Sports Center was filled with donors,

event sponsors, scholarship recipients and their support team, families and loved ones celebrating our students who are on promising pathways. Talented Clark musicians (Colin Hunt, Ian Engelsman and Riley Lyons) entertained the group and ASCC President Evans Kaame shared his extraordinary journey to Clark College.

Finally, I've walked 120,971 steps this Walktober around the college and on the weekends in my neighborhood. Keep on walking, Penguin Nation!