

Welcome Week



Students connected with college and community clubs and resources at the Fall Student Involvement Fair.

Welcome Week kicked off Monday with the first day of fall term and the 2023-24 academic year. Parking lots were crowded as thousands of students returned to classrooms and labs across the main campus, at the Clark College Building at Washington State University Vancouver and also at Clark College Columbia Tech Center. Clark's mascot, Oswald the Penguin, strolled the hallways and paused for photos with students, staff and faculty.

As on every first day, students had questions: *Where is this class? Where is this building? Can someone help me?* In Gaiser Hall and along campus walkways, students could stop at staffed tables to get directions to a building, have questions asked, or get a snack and information about available resources.



ASCC student leaders answered students' questions at the Fall Student Involvement Fair.



A student stops by the Student Activities Programming Board table to learn more about upcoming activities.



A Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society student holds up one of the 116 backpacks PTK bought and filled for Clark students.

Gaiser Hall's Student Center bustled with activity as students, staff, and faculty gathered for the **Student Involvement Fair** in Gaiser Student Center on Wednesday. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the college's student clubs, programs, on-campus jobs and college and community resources. Students also connected with peers with shared interests—from building a rocket to drawing comics and much more.

At Clark's **ASCC student government** table, student leaders answered students' questions and shared information about getting involved with student government. Learn about ASCC [here](#).

Students stopped by the **Activities Programming Board** table to learn about upcoming opportunities to connect with fellow students—including Bingo on October 2, Stuff a Sasquatch on

October 9, and watch a free family night movie, “The Barbie Movie” with free pizza and soda, on October 18. Learn more [here](#).

At the **Phi Theta Kappa Student Honor Society** table, PTK students distributed backpacks filled with school supplies to students who had requested them. Darci Feider said PTK received 133 requests for backpacks, and with help from faculty and staff, purchased and filled 116 backpacks for Clark students. This year, PTK students will volunteer with Penguin Pantry every month. Learn more about PTK [here](#).



At the Columbia Writers Series table, English professors invited the college community to meet writer Sindya Bhanoo on Oct. 19.



League of Women Voters volunteers encouraged students to register to vote.



Members of the Korean Club participated in the Fall Student Involvement Fair on September 27.



A student artist spread the word that The Igloo Clark's annual comics magazine will publish in October.

At the **Columbia Writers Series** table, students learned about the literary series and an opportunity to meet 2023 Oregon Book Award Winner Sindya Bhanoo, author of the story collection, *Seeking Fortune Elsewhere*, on campus on October 19. [Learn more here.](#)

At the *Igloo* table, students picked up past issues of the art department's annual comics magazine and learned that the 2023 *Igloo* will be distributed in October.

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Clark Aerospace members show off their Little Penguin rocket.

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At the **Clark Aerospace** table, students displayed their “Little Penguin” rocket they designed and built last academic year. Over the summer, some of the students competed in the world’s largest intercollegiate rocket competition in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Volunteers from **League of Woman Voters Clark County** encouraged students to register to vote. Were you born on or before November 5, 2006? Then you can vote in the March 2024 presidential primary election. Register to vote [here](#).

With food prices rising, students talked with **Clark County Food Bank** volunteers to learn about food resources available in the community.

Clark College wants to ensure students know about and can access wrap-around services, including Penguin Pantry, Disability Support Services, Counseling and Health Center and more.