

Walktober Challenge



Congratulations to the 84 Clark College employees and students who participated in the 2023 Walktober Challenge! They walked a total of 23,344,718 steps and an average of 277,913 steps. Yes, you read that right. Clark peeps walked more than 23 million steps in October!

Notable achievements

- Department with the most participants: Dental Hygiene – 12 participants
- Department with the most steps: Dental Hygiene – 3,472,767 total steps
- Department with the largest average steps: Veterans Center of Excellence – 536,981 average steps

Special congratulations to those who logged more than 400,000 steps:

- Sydney Brahmavar, METR: 812,535
- Terri Anderson, Dental Hygiene: 623,862
- Aaron McPherson, Facilities: 575,229
- Donna Larson, Veterans Center of Excellence: 567,893
- Megan Anderson, Veterans Center of Excellence: 506,069
- Josh Nichols, Central Services: 492,525
- Cecelia Martin, Assessment & Institutional Research: 482,449
- Veronica Brock, Dental Hygiene: 471,100
- Ronald Anderson, Security: 457,917
- Cath Busha, Student Affairs: 448,530
- Andrew Shaman, Library: 433,319
- Gene Biby, Theatre/Drama: 423,977
- Wende Fisher, Advising Services/Student Affairs: 416,035
- Jennifer Dean, Library: 405,467
- Kevin Damore, Communications & Marketing: 405,395
- Nicole Marcum, OOI: 401,481

Clark competes in the Walktober Challenge with WSU Vancouver (WSUV) and Lower Columbia College (LCC) in Longview. The winner is determined according to which college has the largest number of average steps. This year, WSUV took first place, LCC took second place, and Clark took third place.

1st place: WSU Vancouver

- Participants: 15
- Total Steps: 4,358,294
- Average steps: 290,553

2nd place: Lower Columbia College

- Participants: 15
- Total Steps: 4,357,888
- Average steps: 290,526

3rd place: Clark

- Participants: 84
- Total Steps: 23,344,913
- Average Steps: 277,913

“Clark College came back this year after being away from the Walktober Challenge for the past two years,” said Vanessa Bural, Human Resources Consultant, Talent Development. “There was heavy participation amongst the whole Clark community. While the challenge is a fun competition with Lower Columbia College and Washington State University Vancouver, I believe the challenge was just as I had anticipated, the penguins sticking together and taking this challenge as a collective team. Way to go, Penguin Nation!”

Prizes consist of Clark College merch and a gift card to either the Clark College Bookstore or McClaskey Culinary Institute. The winning department wins a celebration lunch. Special thanks to collaborating departments who assisted with this event, The Clark College Foundation, ASCC, and Communications & Marketing.