

Get a Running Start at Clark College



High school students can learn how to take the next step in their education by attending one of four optional Running Start Information Night sessions at Clark College.

The identical sessions will be held 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5; Monday, Feb. 24; Monday, March 9; and Tuesday, March 24. All four events, which are free and open to the public, will be held in the Clark College gymnasium in the O'Connell Sports Center, located on the southwest side of Clark College's main campus.

Running Start allows eligible juniors and seniors to earn college credit while they fulfill their

high school

graduation requirements. Running Start students attend Clark classes along with “regular” college students. They can choose from

a full range of academic and professional and technical courses.

The program, which can significantly reduce the cost of a college degree, has proven popular in Southwest Washington. Some

Running Start students are so motivated that they earn their associate degree

from Clark at the same time that they earn their high school diploma. These

annual information nights frequently attract hundreds of interested students

and parents to the college, which is why the college is hosting four sessions

this year. Clark College welcomed 2,428 Running Start students at

the beginning of the 2019 fall term.

These information sessions are for students and parents who want to know more about beginning the program in Fall 2020. While

the sessions are completely optional, they are a good opportunity to hear

current Running Start students candidly describe their experiences in the

program and to learn about the eligibility criteria, expectations, timelines,

and more. Students and parents who live on the eastern side of the college’s

service district can also find out about expanded options available at Clark’s

East Vancouver location at Columbia Tech Center.

Running Start students pay for books,

transportation, and some fees, but do not pay full Clark College tuition.

Students can attend part-time or full-time under the Running Start program. Fees

are subject to change by the Washington State Legislature. A fee waiver is

available for those demonstrating financial need.

Clark College is located

at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver, Wash. Parking will be available in the

college's Red lots on the east side of Fort Vancouver Way and in the Purple Lot

on the west side of Fort Vancouver Way. Driving directions and parking maps are

available at www.clark.edu/maps.

Individuals

who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support

Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building (PUB) room 013, as soon as possible.

For more

information on Running Start, visit the Clark College website at www.clark.edu/runningstart. For information about

Running Start Information Nights, call 360-992-2078.

Celebrating MLK Day with

untold history



A still from the documentary *Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest*.

Clark College will honor the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday, January 21, by exploring a little-known aspect of the local African-American experience: the “Buffalo Soldiers,” all-black regiments who served in the U.S. military in the 19th century. The event will include both a screening of parts of a documentary film called *Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest* and a collection of historic memorabilia related to Buffalo Soldiers. All events are free and open to the public.

The film screening will take place at noon, followed by a discussion with some of the individuals involved in creating *Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest* as well as members of the non-profit group Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle. The history display will be on view from 11:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m. All events take place in Gaiser Student Center on the Clark College main campus. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps.

Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest examines the history of African-American regiments formed by the U.S. government in the 1860s to help secure its interests in the West. These often-forgotten soldiers served their country in many capacities—everything from constructing roads to fighting in battles. The 56-minute documentary film, which is currently in post-production, explores the history and legacy of this region's Buffalo Soldiers.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service to others, Clark College encourages your donation of hair and skin care products for African-American families served by YWCA Clark County.

For more information about this event, visit www.clark.edu/cc/mlk.

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Open forums for presidential candidates announced



Dr. Karin Edwards, Dr. Lamata Mitchell, and Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy

Dates have been set for the open forums for community members to meet the three finalists for the Clark College President position. These forums are a chance for members of the Clark College community and other stakeholders to meet the finalists and ask questions about their leadership experience and philosophy.

Each candidate will hold two open forums during their visit to the college: one that's open to the public, and one that's specifically for students. The forums will be recorded. On January 27, the videos will be available to review at

www.clark.edu/presidential-search/search/finalists.php. There will be links to provide feedback available through February 4, 2020.

Biographies of all three finalists are available online at www.clark.edu/presidential-search/search/finalists.php. Full resumes are also available online at <http://www.clark.edu/presidential-search/search/forums.php>.

A fourth finalist, Dr. Joaquín G. Martínez, has withdrawn from the hiring process.

Open forum dates

Public open forums

All public forums are scheduled for noon to 1:00 p.m. in Foster Auditorium on the college's main campus. Each forum will be live-cast to the college's Columbia Tech Center and Washington State University Vancouver locations—room numbers are posted at <http://www.clark.edu/presidential-search/search/forums.php>.

- **Tuesday, January 14:** Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy, vice president of student access, involvement, and success at SUNY Westchester Community College
- **Friday, January 17:** Dr. Karin Edwards, president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College
- **Wednesday, January 22:** Dr. Lamata D. Mitchell, vice president of instruction and academic operations at Pima Community College

Student-focused forums

All student-focused forums are scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Foster Auditorium on the college's main campus.

- **Monday, January 13:** Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy, vice

president of student access, involvement, and success at SUNY Westchester Community College

- **Thursday, January 16:** Dr. Karin Edwards, president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College
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Clark College hosts sand mandala construction



Tibetan monks making a sacred sand mandala in Cannell Library during their 2012 visit.

Clark College will host a group of four Tibetan Buddhist monks from South India from Monday, January 13, through Friday, January 17, as they construct a sand mandala in Cannell Library on the college's main campus.

All events are free and open to the public; they are co-sponsored by Clark College International

Programs, Clark College Libraries, and Dharma Light Tibetan Buddhist

Association of Vancouver. (Full schedule printed below.)

Cannell Library is

located on Clark College's main campus at 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way in Vancouver,

Washington. Maps and directions are available at www.clark.edu/maps.

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accommodation due to a disability in order to fully

participate in this event
should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services
Office at (360)
992-2314 or (360) 991-0901 (VP), prior to the event.

This project can be
appreciated simply as a beautiful and intricate time-based art
form. But
according to Tibetan Buddhist belief, a sand mandala is meant
to create a
profound experience of compassion for any who attend. The
positive effects of a
sand mandala construction are believed to radiate out over the
entire region,
blessing the environment and the beings therein, in an effort
for world peace. The
mandala is destroyed in the closing ceremony, as a lesson in
the impermanence
of all phenomena. The opening and closing ceremonies will
include traditional
Tibetan Buddhist chanting and music. The closing ceremony will
also include a
procession to the Columbia River, where a small portion of the
colored sand
will be poured into the water as a form of blessing.

This video shows a 2012 sand mandala construction—the last
time the college hosted such an event.

Schedule of events

Opening Ceremony

- Monday, January 13,
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Mandala Construction

- Monday, January 13,
12:30 pm – 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 15,
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 16,
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 17,
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Public Talk

- Tuesday, January 14, 12:00
– 1:00 p.m.

Venerable Lobsang Dawa, with the help of translator Lobsang Dhondup, will speak about the history and meaning of the sand mandala, as well as the importance of compassion in daily life.

Closing Ceremony:

- Friday January 17, 2:00
– 3:00 p.m., followed a procession that leads to the Columbia River from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The time is now to register

for Winter



The finals have all been handed in and students are enjoying some much-deserved rest during Winter Break, but here at Clark College staff are busy getting ready for Winter Term, which begins January 6.

There are plenty of exciting classes to look forward to, including:

- The Small World Initiative (BIOL 105), a collaboration with Yale University that teaches Clark College students to search for potential new strains of antibiotics
- A wide selection of fine arts classes, including Metal Arts, Ceramics, and Graphic Design
- Business courses like Small Business Management, Introduction to e-Business, and Introduction to International Business

It's not too late for new students to get started at Clark. Visit our new students page to learn how to begin 2020 by getting on the path to a new career.

For continuing students, the time is now to register for the next term. Need to talk with Advising or other student services during Winter Break? We're open all December long!

Photo: Clark College/Jenny Shadley

Clark College named Best for Vets



Clark College employees serve cake at the opening of the Veterans Resource Center in 2014.

Clark College has been named a 2020 Best for Vets college in the Career and Technical College category by *Military Times*.

For 10 years, *Military Times* has conducted an extensive, editorially independent, objective study evaluating the many factors that help make

colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans, and their families. The final rankings for 2020 can be found [here](#). More details about the rankings can be found on militarytimes.com.

“This is the third year in a row that Clark College has been recognized as a Best for Vets college,” said Clark College Veterans Resource Center Interim Manager Dave Daly. “I think it speaks to the systems we’ve built to support our student veterans and ensure that they are successful in their transition from military to academic life.”

Opened in 2014, the Veterans Resource Center offers student veterans a wide range of services and resources, from free tutoring to help accessing GI Bill benefits. The space includes couches for socializing with fellow veterans, computer labs, shelves and racks of free textbooks and clothing, and staff who can help connect student veterans with resources or just listen to their experiences without judgment. Additionally, the center has partnered with Clark College Dental Hygiene and the American Legion Post 176 to provide subsidized dental care to student veterans.

Currently, 304 Clark College students identify as veterans.

Photo: Clark College/Jenny Shadley

Clark College names new Athletic Director



Clark College recently announced that Laura LeMasters has accepted the position of athletic director at the college.

LeMasters joined Clark College as assistant athletic director in 2016 and most recently served as interim athletic director since June. She has a master's degree in Kinesiology with an option in Sport Management from California State University – Long Beach and a bachelor's degree in Sport Management with an emphasis in Communication from WSU Pullman.

LeMasters brings a wealth of experience in student success, college athletics, marketing, operations, and recreation from her prior roles at Occidental College, Central

Wyoming College,
and Lewis & Clark College.

“Laura is a strong student advocate and has played an important role in ensuring our compliance with state, federal and NWAC regulations,” said Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Belden. “Laura is committed to continuing our focus on academic and athletic excellence in our athletic department.”

“I am grateful and honored to be selected for the role of athletic director at Clark College,” said LeMasters. “I hope to continue to build the level of commitment to academic and athletic excellence as well as create a student experience for athletes, coaches, staff and the entire student body, that will enhance the pride of Penguin Nation.”

About Clark College Athletics

Penguin Athletics has a proud tradition of competitive success within the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC). The department offers 11 intercollegiate sports programs: Baseball; Men’s and Women’s Basketball; Men’s and Women’s Cross Country; Men’s and Women’s Soccer; Softball; Men’s and Women’s Track & Field; and Women’s Volleyball.

Penguin Athletics places great emphasis on academic performance as well as athletic achievement. The program offers student athletes the opportunity to reach their educational goals, as well to pursue meaningful athletic accomplishments. For more information, visit www.clarkpenguins.com.

Photo: Clark College/Jenny Shadley

Clark College Theatre begins season with “A Bright New Boise”



Clark College Theatre starts its 2019-2020 season with *A Bright New Boise* by Samuel D. Hunter.

Winner of the 2011 Obie Award for Playwrighting and nominated for a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play, *A Bright New Boise* is a darkly funny examination of American religion set in the staff room of an Idaho Hobby Lobby. Will, who has fled his rural hometown after a scandal at his Evangelical church, comes to the Hobby Lobby, not only for employment, but also to rekindle a relationship with Alex, his brooding teenage son. Alex works there along with Leroy, his adopted brother and protector, and Anna, a hapless young woman who

reads bland fiction
but hopes for dramatic endings. As their manager, foul-mouthed
Pauline, tries
ceaselessly to find order (and profit) in the chaos of small
business, these
lost souls of the Hobby Lobby confront an unyielding world
through the
beige-tinted impossibility of modern faith.

This
production's cast includes: E
Andres Houseman as Will, Linda Owsley as Pauline, Corinne
Stephens as Anna,
Keegan Harrison as Leroy, and Brenden Kinnee as Alex. The show
is directed by
Mark Owsley.

This show contains adult themes,
language, and content.

Show Dates: November 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23. All show times
are at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Theatre, Frost Arts Center, on
Clark College's main campus. Maps and directions are available
at www.clark.edu/maps.

Ticket Information: Students (with ID)
\$10; Alumni (with membership) \$10; Senior Citizens \$12;
General Admission \$15.

Tickets may be purchased online at
http://www.clarkbookstore.com/site_theatre.asp, or call
360-992-2815.

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event, contact Clark
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possible.

The Weekly News: Week 16



Well done, Clark College!

It's Day Five of the ctcLink conversion,
and I'm so proud of our ctcLink team that has put in such long
days this week
to help the college through the transition. This has been a
herculean task
requiring patience, perseverance, flexibility, creativity,
humor and grace.
Please, as you see them, join me in thanking them for their
extraordinary work:

- 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

This really is a team sport. I thank everyone who has made this our No. 1 priority this week. I know it's been consuming. The long-term benefits to our staff and our employees will be significant.

We also have student resources you can help share with students as they log onto their new and improved MyClark. It's vitally important they're in the system by next week. Registration for winter term starts next Friday. Thank you to our faculty, our staff, our Student Ambassadors, and Tech Hub crew for helping students make the

jump onto our new
platform.

Well Done, Penguins Soccer Team!

Congratulations
to our amazing Clark College women's soccer team! They
concluded their 2019
regular season on Saturday, October 26. They have gone 64
league games without
a loss, dating back to October 2014; claimed their fourth
Southern Region title
in a row; and have earned a bye for the first round of the
NWAC soccer
tournament.

We
are set to host the NWAC quarterfinal round at Kim Christensen
Field at noon on
Saturday, November 9. We will be host to the winner of the
Tacoma CC vs.
Columbia Basin CC game set for next week. You will be hearing
more about
showing your Penguin spirit with a new cool scarf that will be
available soon.
Go Penguins!!

Columbia Writers Series next week

This looks like an
interesting lunchtime event next Thursday on campus: The Clark
College Columbia
Writers Series kicks off its 2019-2020 season with "The Female
Gaze" featuring
2019 National Book Awards Fiction long-listers **Kali Fajardo-
Anstine** (*Sabrina*
& *Corina*) and **Kimberly King Parsons** (*Black Light*).

This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, November 7, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in PUB 161.

The event includes a reading and discussion on building buzz around debut short story collections and highlighting the many faces of contemporary female identity in literature. It will feature brief readings, a moderated conversation, and question-and-answer session followed by a book signing.

“The Female Gaze” is presented by the **National Book Foundation** and **Clark College** in a new partnership. Information about the Columbia Writers Series is available at www.clark.edu/cc/cws.

Reflections from this past week

Once again, I want to share my appreciation for the Clark ctcLink team who have done an amazing job throughout the goLive conversion. I am inspired by the dedication of the leadership team and the problem-solving that I’ve seen across the campus in Finance, HR, Student Services, Instruction, Planning and Effectiveness, and IT throughout the week. Change is hard, and this amazing team has risen to the challenge. The whole state community college system has been watching us to see how this is done. Congratulations again, Penguin Nation. You’ve got this!

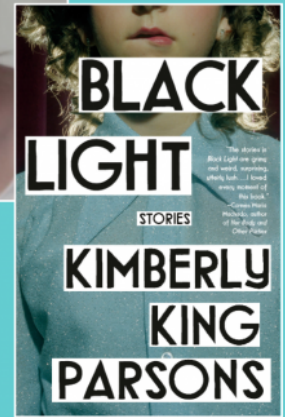
Thanks, Oswald, for stopping by in your “penguin burger” costume to share some treats with us yesterday. I enjoyed

seeing some very creative costumes as I walked across the campus yesterday.

I'm looking forward to celebrating Indigenous cultures at our Annual POWWOW tonight with the Dreamcatcher Scholarship recognition and Grand Entry with drummers and dancers. It should be a great way to end the week.

Finally, I've walked 152,926 steps this Walktober around the college and on the weekends in my neighborhood. Don't forget to turn in your steps to vneal@clark.edu to help Clark win the Walktober Challenge. Keep on walking, Penguin Nation!

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Kali Fajardo-Anstine is

from Denver, Colorado. Her fiction has appeared in *The American Scholar*, *Boston Review*, *Bellevue Literary Review*, *The Idaho Review*, *Southwestern American Literature*, and elsewhere. Kali has received fellowships from the MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, and Hedgebrook. She received her MFA from the University of Wyoming and has lived across the country, from Durango, Colorado, to Key West, Florida.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, **Kimberly King Parsons** received her MFA from Columbia University. Her fiction has been published in *The Paris Review*, *Best Small Fictions 2017*, *Black Warrior Review*, *No Tokens*, *Ninth Letter*, and *The Kenyon Review*, among others.

The Columbia Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region. After "The Female Gaze," this year's lineup will continue with the writer Terese Mailhot on Monday, January 27; the poet Ilya Kaminsky will read during spring term.

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