

Phi Theta Kappa at Clark College Wins Regional Awards Again

For the second year in a row, the Clark College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for community colleges, was ranked first place in the region and received the Distinguished Chapter Award.

Clark College honors Vietnam War veterans by dedicating Witness Tree

More than 100 Vietnam War veterans, families and supporters gathered at Clark College on March 29 to dedicate a Witness Tree commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

2023 State of the College Address

Clark College President, Dr. Karin Edwards, delivered the annual State of the College address Thursday, January 19, 2023. This annual address is an opportunity for college

students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the community and local leaders, to learn about the organization's ongoing evolution.

Opening Day 2022

Clark College starts the new academic year with its first in-person Opening Day since 2019.

President Edwards said that although she has been at Clark College for over 2 years, this was the first in-person opening day celebration, and she was loving it!

Celebrating the Class of 2022

Clark College honored its 86th graduating class at the 2022 Clark College Commencement ceremony held Thursday evening, June 16, at the RV Inn Style Resorts Amphitheater. The college conferred over 1,900 degrees and certificates for the next generation of our community's workers, leaders, and scholars.

Clark College in remote

operations March 21-25



As part of its commitment to energy efficiency and sustainable practices, Clark College will be closed to the public March 21-25.

One of the ways this commitment is fulfilled is by a “soft closure” of most buildings and services for two separate weeks per year. A soft closure means some programs close entirely, some work remotely, and some remain on campus.

The first soft closure was the week of December 20-24, 2021, and the second is March 21-25, 2022.

Below please find a summary of college services during the March 2022 closure period.

Athletics

▪ Surveillance testing appointments

only. Closed to the public.

Bookstore

- March 21-25: Closed to the public, no appointments will be scheduled.
- March 21-23: Limited staff will be on site processing student online orders only.

Business Services

- Will remotely maintain normal operating hours

Cashiering

- Limited services will be available remotely. Student payments can be made online in CTCLink.

Central Services

- Open normal operating hours.

Child and Family Services

- Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Communications and Marketing

- Will remotely maintain normal operating hours

Community and Continuing Education

- Test Center is closed and employees will work remotely.

Counseling and Health Center

- Closed

Emergency Management

- Normal operations

Environmental Health and Safety

- Normal operations

Events Services

- Will remotely maintain normal operating hours.

Facilities Services

- Normal operations

Food Service

- Closed

Human Resources

- Will remotely maintain normal operating hours.

Information Technology Services

- Phone support will be remote
- SHL open computer labs will be available by request
- TechHub will be remote
- Limited staff will cover in-person tasks at SHL
- All critical services teams will be remote, but will be on campus if there is an incident

Library Services

- Closed, working remotely

Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Diversity Center will be closed to the public.
- ODEI will remotely maintain normal operating hours.

Office of Instruction

- Will remotely maintain normal operating hours

President's Office

- Will remotely maintain normal operating hours

Production Printing

- Closed

PUB/GHL Offices

Advising, Care & Conduct, Career Services, Enrollment Services, Disability Support Services, Welcome Center, Financial Aid, Financial Wellness, International Programs, One Stop, Penguin Pantry, Student Life, Veterans Resource Center, VPSA, Workforce Education Services

- Closed to the public, working remotely

Security

- Main Campus: Remains staffed 24/7/365.
- Columbia Tech Center: Monday, March 21, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

only. CTC will be closed the rest of the week.

- Lost and Found: Closed

Tutoring Centers

- Closed

Other Clark College locations

- The Clark Center at WSU (CCW): Closed
- Clark College at Columbia Tech Center (CTC): CTC security onsite; other staff work remotely. Testing center is closed.

Phi Theta Kappa earns awards



Anne LeGrave and Jordan Peterson

Clark College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for community colleges, has been hard at work this year. Two of its members have been nominated to the All-Washington Academic Team, and the chapter took top honors in PTK's regional Hallmark Awards.

"I am so excited that our chapter is being recognized at the regional level and I'm looking forward to attending [the annual PTK conference] Catalyst in April to see how we rank internationally," said PTK advisor Darci Feider, who earned a regional PTK Paragon Award for new advisor. The chapter also ranked No. 1 regionally for its college project (supporting a fall return to campus) and distinguished theme, and No. 3 for its Honors in Action project. Additionally, three officers—Isabel Henkes, Jady Pahlka, and Nathan Pham—were recognized with regional awards. See the full list of regional awards [here](#).

In addition to these regional awards, earlier this year Clark

College President Karin Edwards was named a PTK Paragon President.

Alpha Sigma Phi (the name of Clark College's PTK chapter) has even more accomplishments to celebrate. Two of its members have been nominated to the 2022 All-Washington Academic Team. On May 12, students Anne LeGrave and Jordan Peterson will represent Clark College at the 25th annual All-Washington Academic Team ceremony, honoring 80 students from Washington State for their academic excellence and community service.

Top students from 33 of Washington state's community and technical colleges will be honored at the annual ceremony, which will be held virtually on Zoom; each receives a medal and a \$225 scholarship from KeyBank and becomes eligible for additional scholarships from private sponsors as well as transfer scholarships from four-year colleges and universities. Gov. Jay Inslee, who will be providing a video speech for the event, will also issue a signed proclamation declaring May12, 2022 to be All-Washington Academic Team Day.

Read more about both students below.



Anne LeGrave

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Anne LeGrave has had her share of challenges trying to pursue her education during the COVID-19 pandemic. A single mother, she has had to take online classes while caring for her toddler daughter. However, she hasn't let those challenges keep her from her dream of earning a college degree in

business administration. Described by one professor as a “model student,” she continues to earn good grades while working to build a better life for herself and her daughter.

Jordan Peterson



Jordan Peterson

Jordan Peterson is a Running Start student attending Clark College while still high school, with a passion for supporting her community. When the COVID-19 pandemic forced her school to move to remote learning, she realized some of her classmates were having trouble adjusting. She created an online study group that allowed students to connect with each other and overcome technological and academic challenges. Jordan is pursuing a degree in biology as part of her plan to become a doctor.

The curtain rises



Actors Andrew Poletto and Dani Neblock rehearse a scene from the one-act "Sure Thing" in February 2022. They will be some of the first performers to be part of a live-audience theatre production at Clark College since the COVID-19 pandemic began. *Photo: Mark Owsley/Clark College.*

In theatre, they say, timing is everything. And now, at long last, the timing is right to bring back live dramatic productions to Clark College. After moving to remote operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the Clark College Theatre Department returns to in-person performances at Decker Theatre, with a collection of one-act plays running March 10-12.

"We are elated to return to live theatre," says Theatre department chair Dr. Gene Biby. "After nearly a two-year hiatus, our students are thrilled to be rehearsing and performing once again. This production is six sketches that include a cast and crew composed of current and former Clark College students."

All in the Timing is a collection of six one-act plays written

by David Ives. Winner of the John Gassner Playwrighting Award, the collection has been described by the *New York Times* as “like sketches for some hilarious, celestially conceived revue. The writing is not only very funny, it has density of thought and precision of poetry.”

All in the Timing runs March 10, 11 & 12 in the Decker Theater, on Clark College’s main campus. Visit www.clark.edu/maps for maps and directions. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and tickets can be purchased through the Clark College Bookstore. Seats will be assigned upon arrival. Social distancing and mask requirements are in effect for these performances.

This show contains adult themes, language, and content and is recommended for a mature audience.

Full cast and crew

Sure Thing

- Directed by Linda Owsley
- Cast: Andrew Poletto and Dani Neblock

Words, Words, Words

- Directed by Sterling Buck
- Cast: Neil Wade Freer, Colby Conerly, and Lizzy Swanson

Variations on the Death of Trotsky

- Directed by Travis Beagley
- Cast: Sterling Buck, Ariel Huntley, and Andrew Poletto

The Philadelphia

- Directed by Lila Soelberg
- Cast: Andrew York, Brenden Kinnee, and Madison Harris

The Universal Language

- Directed by Autumn Fivecoats
- Cast: Lizzy Swanson, Neil Wade Freer, and Vic Paxman

English Made Simple

- Directed by Dani Neblock
- Cast: Ariel Huntley, Vic Paxman, and Corey Harper

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Columbia Writers Series welcomes Lincoln Michel



Lincoln Michel. *Photo courtesy of the author.*

The Clark College Columbia Writers Series continues its 2021-2022 season with writer and critic Lincoln Michel. This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held virtually on Thursday, March 3, 10:00-11:00 a.m. The event will be held on Zoom (passcode: Clark).

Lincoln Michel's debut novel, *The Body Scout* (Orbit), was named one of the ten "Best Science Fiction and Fantasy Books of 2021" by the *New York Times*. He's also the author of the story collection *Upright Beasts* (Coffee House Press) and the co-editor of the anthologies *Tiny Crimes* and *Tiny Nightmares* (Catapult). His fiction appears or is forthcoming in *The Paris Review*, *Granta*, *NOON*, *Lightspeed*, and elsewhere. His essays and criticism appear in the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *Lit Hub*, among others. You can find him online at lincolnmichel.com and [@thelincoln](https://twitter.com/thelincoln).

Readers can request Lincoln Michel's books *Upright Beasts* (2015) and *The Body Scout* (2021), among others, through Clark College Libraries or find them at Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries and Multnomah County Library.

The Columbia Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region. This year's lineup of authors will continue with award-winning poet Morgan Parker on May 12.

Individuals who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services (DSS) Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP). The DSS office is located in room 013 in Clark's Penguin Union Building.

Dr. Edwards named a Paragon President



Dr. Karin Edwards. *Craig Mitchell*dyer for Clark College Foundation.

Clark College President Dr. Karin Edwards was recently named a Paragon President by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK). The award recognizes college presidents who have shown support of student success initiatives leading to stronger pathways to completion, transfer, and employment. They have taken an active interest in supporting students, including high-achieving students and developing student leaders on campus.

“This award is especially meaningful to me because I was nominated by our students,” said Dr. Edwards. “Nomination and selection for this award is recognition that PTK and other students know they have my support.”

To be eligible for this award, college presidents and CEOs must be new in their role, having served less than three years. Recipients are nominated by students on their campus and are only eligible to receive the award once. These 20 recipients were selected from among 426 college presidents, chancellors, and CEOs eligible to receive this award.

“These college presidents have students-first leadership styles and have made it a priority to keep students engaged throughout the pandemic,” said Phi Theta Kappa President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. “Their nomination is evidence of the gratitude their PTK students feel for supporting them and students like them—even during the most difficult times.”

All PTK Paragon Presidents will be recognized during PTK Catalyst 2022, the Society’s annual convention in Denver, Colorado, on April 7-9.

About Clark College

Founded in 1933, Clark College provides residents of Southwest Washington with affordable, high-quality academic and technical education. It is a public community college offering more than 100 degree and certificate programs, including bachelor’s and associate degrees; professional certificates; high school diplomas and GED preparation; and non-credit community and continuing education. Clark serves a wide range of students including high school students, displaced workers, veterans, parents, non-native English speakers, and mature learners. Approximately three-quarters of its students are in the first generation of their families to attend college. Learn more at www.clark.edu.

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About Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.8 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 countries, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges. Learn more at ptk.org.