

Exceptional Faculty



The 2018-2019 Exceptional Faculty Award recipients are, *clockwise from top left*, Dr. Karl Bailey, Nadine Fattaleh, Deena Godwin, Erin Staples, Malcolm McCay, and Zachary Grant. During the 2019 Commencement ceremony, President Robert K. Knight announced the names of the recipients of the 2019 Clark College Exceptional Faculty Awards. The awards are presented annually to full-time and part-time faculty members. Nominations can be submitted by Clark College students, faculty, classified employees, administrators, alumni, Board members, and Foundation directors.

The awards are made possible through an endowed trust fund established by the Washington State Legislature and the Clark College Exceptional Faculty Endowment Fund, which was established in 1993. That fund provides recognition of exemplary work performance, positive impact on students, professional commitment, and other contributions to the college.

This year's Exceptional Faculty members are:

Dr. Karl Bailey, Chemistry



Dr. Karl Bailey

Dr. Karl Bailey has taught chemistry at Clark College for the past 13 years. He served as chair of the chemistry department from 2012 to 2016 and has had a key leadership role in the college's implementation of the Guided Pathways model of higher education, which works to eliminate "achievement gaps" between different populations of students.

Dr. Bailey holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from California Polytechnic State University and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of California, Davis. In addition to his tenure at Clark, he has taught at Everett Community College and the Florida Institute of Technology, as well as at both his alma maters.

"Dr. B continuously shows that he supports his students and will do anything to help them succeed," wrote one student. "He has offered to help outside of office hours. ... I'm a single mom fighting to succeed, and he has been there during two quarters, doing everything he can to accommodate any hardships, within reason. Teachers like him leave marks on your academic heart."

Nadine Fattaleh, Chemistry



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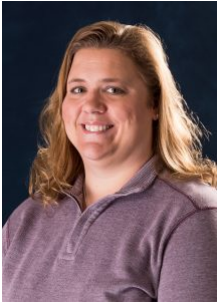
Nadine Fattaleh has taught chemistry at Clark College since 2002 and currently serves at the head of the chemistry department. She earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Scripps College in Claremont, California, and her master's degree in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Fattaleh is a member of the leadership team of the Pacific Northwest Green Chemistry Network. At Clark College, her primary teaching responsibilities are in general and organic chemistry, where she has implemented green chemistry lab experiments.

"Having taken a year of college-level chemistry before, I walked into Nadine's class nervous because the classes I had taken in the past made no sense to me or anyone else in the class," wrote one student in their nomination. "It turns out, though, that some educators can teach these complex concepts in a way that actually makes sense to students. Nadine sets us up for successful careers in science."

This is Fattaleh's second time earning the Exceptional Faculty Award, which she also won in 2010.

Deena Godwin, Communication Studies



Deena Godwin

Deena Godwin has taught communications courses at Clark College since 2001. She currently serves as chair of the communications and humanities division, and served as interim dean of the college's BEECH (Basic Education, English, Communication and Humanities) unit for two years. Over her time at Clark, she has contributed to the college community in many ways, including as advisor for the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, chair of the Associate of Arts Advisory Committee, and facilitator for many Teaching and Learning Center workshops providing professional development to Clark College employees.

Godwin earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in organizational communication from Dana College in Nebraska and her Master of Science degree in communication studies and journalism from South Dakota State University.

One student wrote in her nomination that Godwin helped her not only during class, but also after the class was over by writing her a letter of recommendation. "She not only wrote me a personalized letter, but she filled out recommender forms for five colleges for me—all of which I got into," she wrote.

Zachary Grant,

Libraries



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Zachary Grant's career at Clark College Libraries began in 2005, when he interned at Cannell Library as part of his coursework to complete his master's degree in library science from Emporia State University. He was hired into a tenure-track position at the college in 2006.

At Clark, Grant serves on the Emergency Management Planning Committee and has been active in the college's work toward implementing the Guided Pathways model of higher education, which is focused on eliminating the "achievement gap" between different populations of students. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Oregon State University.

Grant earns praise from colleagues for his patience and care when helping students find reliable sources for their research projects. One faculty member wrote in a nomination, "He is so concerned that the library be equally accessible to all that he began studying American Sign Language in order to be able to better communicate with Deaf students."

Malcolm Mccay, Economics



Malcolm McCay

Malcolm McCay did not come to teaching until after a 20-plus year career spent working in the energy and public-utility fields, primarily providing policy and legislative analysis. In 2007, he retired from Portland General Electric, where he had served as a federal policy specialist. In 2010, he began volunteering as a tutor at Clark College, where his skill and depth of knowledge led to an offer to teach classes.

McCay earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, and his master's degree, also in economics, from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

One student wrote in their nomination that McCay "makes everyone feel important," adding, "His teaching style really makes you start looking at the world and the history of the world in a different light. He brings to the subject a lot of examples of the effects of economics on our world and community."

Erin Staples, Health and Physical Education



Erin Staples

Erin Staples has taught health and physical education classes at Clark College since 2009. She has been active at Clark as a faculty academic advisor, a faculty advisor to a student club, and participant in the Curriculum and eLearning committees. She also volunteers with the YWCA SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program.

Staples earned her Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality management from the University of North Texas and her Master of Public Health in health education/healthy promotion from Portland State University. Additionally, in 2018 she earned a graduate certificate in diversity, social justice, and inclusion, which she used to revise the curriculum for a new Multicultural Health course, as well as her existing Women's Health course.

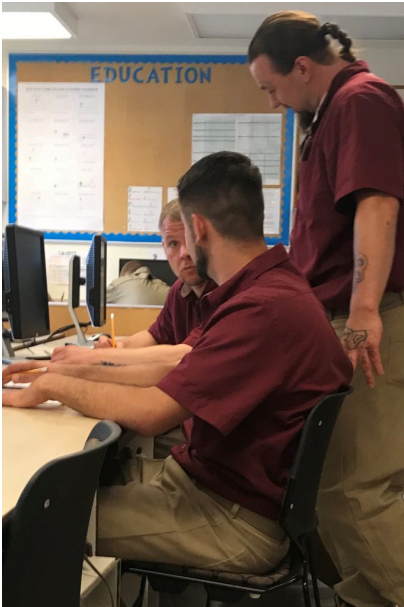
It was taking that latter class that prompted many students to nominate Staples for this award. One wrote, "Erin is absolutely amazing! She does a wonderful job at making every student feel comfortable in her class without judgment." Another wrote, "This instructor has taught me more about myself and helped guide me toward a better understanding of the world than any other previous instructor."

Photos: Clark College/Jenny Shadley

Creating new futures at Larch



Antonio Ibarra poses for a picture taken by Clark College instructor Lauren Zavrel to commemorate his passing his GED certification. He was one of 50 Larch Corrections Center inmates to pass his GED in the 2018-2019 academic year. Every year, just a day or two before Clark College's commencement ceremony, Clark College President Bob Knight and other college leaders attend a smaller ceremony at Larch Corrections Center to celebrate graduates of the college's GED preparation program there. This year, they will have plenty to celebrate: Not only did the program see a record number of students pass the GED during the 2018-2019 academic year, but in May its tutoring program became the first prison-based tutoring program to be certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).



Left to right, Jakkob McCallin, Howard Seaworth, and Timothy Tipton have all earned their GED certification through a program run by Clark College at Larch Corrections Center.

Fifty students passed their GED certification test this academic year—four more than the previous record of 46. For these students, passing their GED not only provides them with an important credential—the equivalent of a high school diploma—but it also gives them a sense of accomplishment and self-worth that can help them pursue better paths in their lives after their release from prison.

Larch inmates who become tutors through Clark College's program also gain marketable skills and work experience. Having the program be certified by the CRLA adds legitimacy to that experience.

According to findings published in the Journal of Experimental Criminology, inmates who participated in correctional education programs are 28 percent less likely to commit new crimes, compared to inmates who didn't.

The program was featured on the front page of the June 9 issue of *The Columbian*.

Photos: Clark College/Kelly Love

Showcasing student creativity



On May 22, Archer Gallery was filled with visitors for the opening of the 2019 Art Student Annual Exhibition. This event showcases the best artwork produced by Clark art students in the past academic year. Students compete not only for a spot in the show, but also for awards sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

The exhibition is on display through June 15. Archer Gallery is open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and noon to 5:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The gallery is located in the lower level of the Penguin Union Building on Clark College's main campus.

Additional photos of the show are available on our Flickr page.

2019 Art Student Annual Award Recipients

Best in Show and Most Ambitious

Stevie Hale, *"New Mythology"*

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore and the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art

Best Drawing

John Gasaway, *"Bling"*

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore and Collage Art Supply

Best Ceramics

Shirley Morgan, *"Boh, Of Course"*

Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Ceramics, 2nd Place

Jessica Joner, *"Peonies"*

Sponsored by Clay Art Center

Ceramics, 3rd Place

Stephanie Bowen, *"Enlightened"*

Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Best Graphic Design

Michael Fulgaro, *"Visit Northwest"*

Sponsored by Artist and Craftsman Art Supply

Best Metal Art

Channa Smith, *"Ready to Potlatch"*

Sponsored by MESA at Clark

Best Painting

Danielle Truckey, *"Portrait of a Girl"*

Sponsored by Gamblin Paints

Painting, 2nd place

Jewel Indino, “Abstract Figure”

Sponsored by Liquitext Paint Company

Painting, 3rd place

Katie Hyland, “Listening In”

Sponsored by Golden Paint Company

Best Photography

Keyanna Owen, “Untitled”

Sponsored by ProPhoto

Best Photography, Darkroom

Michelle Berg, “Big Picture”

Sponsored by Blue Moon Camera

Best Photography, Digital

Avalon Guerra, “Window Pane”

Sponsored by ProPhoto

Photography Award of Distinction

T.J. West, “Homeowrk”

Sponsored by Blue Sky Gallery

Best Video

Hayley Estep, “Woman Not Product”

Sponsored by Northwest Film Center

Merit Award

Sage Makela, “Album Covers”

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

Award of Distinction

Don Anderson, “A Man Has Many Moods”

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

Photo: Nick Bremer/Clark College

Presidential search firm selected



Clark College has selected Gold Hill Associates to assist the Board of Trustees in identifying and recruiting a new president for Clark College.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight has announced he plans to retire August 31 at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. He has served as college president for 13 years, helping Clark College expand and grow both in its programs and locations. Clark College is the largest community college in Southwest Washington and one of the largest community colleges in the state of Washington.

“For more than a decade President Knight has provided stability and vision helping the college grow, adapt and serve its community,” said Paul Speer, board trustee. Speer and board vice chair Jane Jacobson are co-leading the board’s recruitment and selection process. “This is an important moment for Clark College. We are looking for the right person for the next chapter of the college,” said Speer. “The board is fully committed to conducting an equitable, inclusive and transparent national search. Gold Hill Associates will be a good partner in the process.”

Gold Hill Associates was selected following a competitive bid process. Its CEO, Dr. Preston Pulliams, has worked in a variety of higher education leadership roles for 25 years. From 2004-2013, he served as District President at Portland Community College. Gold Hill has made successful placements at more than 20 colleges in the Pacific Northwest.

Gold Hill Associates will also assist the board in identifying and recruiting an interim president for Clark College.

The interim president is expected to serve beginning August 2019 for a one-year period allowing sufficient time for the permanent presidential search. The interim

will not be considered as a candidate for the permanent position.

“The presidential search will also be assisted by a Presidential Search Advisory Committee including representatives from the college and external community,” said Speer. “We look forward to updating and receiving feedback from the community as we move forward.”

All interested applicants must contact Gold Hill Associates directly. To contact Gold Hill Associates or learn more about the presidential selection process, visit Clark College’s website: www.clark.edu/presidential-search.

Commencement ceremony to be held on June 20



Graduates lining up at the 2018 Commencement Ceremony

On Thursday, June 20, Clark College will honor its 83rd graduating class at the 2019 Clark College Commencement ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunlight Supply Amphitheater. The keynote speaker is Julianna Marler, CEO of the Port of Vancouver USA (see full bio below).

More than 700 students are expected to participate in the ceremony, celebrating the completion of their bachelor's degree, associate degree, certificate, and/or high school diploma or equivalency.

The ceremony also will include the announcement of 2018-2019 Community College President's Award.

This annual scholarship is given to a Clark College graduate who is transferring to a degree program at Washington State University

Vancouver (WSUV) and who demonstrated leadership potential, a commitment to community service, and academic achievement. The scholarship award provides full-time tuition and is renewable for one additional year, essentially providing full tuition to complete a bachelor's degree.

The Sunlight

Supply Amphitheater is located at 17200 NE Delfel Road in Ridgefield, Wash.

Tickets are not required to attend. Anyone needing 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. For more information visit www.clark.edu/cc/commencement.

About Julianna Marler



Julianna Marler

Julianna Marler is the CEO of the Port of Vancouver USA. Prior to her appointment, she served as the port's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer. Marler is the first female CEO in the port's 105-year history and one of just a handful of female port CEOs in the U.S.

Prior to joining the port in 2008, Marler worked at the City of Vancouver for nine years, where she served as the procurement services manager. Recipient of a 2018 Iris Award – an award honoring women of achievement in Southwest Washington – Marler engages in ongoing activities to encourage and support women in leadership positions.

Marler is a Vancouver Rotary Club member and serves on the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Greater Portland Inc Board of Directors, American Association of Port Authorities Board of Directors, and the Washington State University Vancouver Advisory Council. She was recently appointed to the Association of Washington Business Board of Directors.

A native of Vancouver, Marler attended Clark College and received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Washington State University Vancouver.

Clark College Theatre ends season with “Proof”



Clark College Theatre finishes its 2018-2019 season with *Proof* by David Auburn.

Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play, *Proof* is an emotional examination of the relationship between genius and mental illness. On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness—or

genius—will she inherit?

This production's cast includes: Kelli English as Catherine; Patti Tipton as Claire; Ryan Larson as Hal; Dan Haggerty as Robert. The director is Zak Campbell.

This show contains adult themes, language, and content.

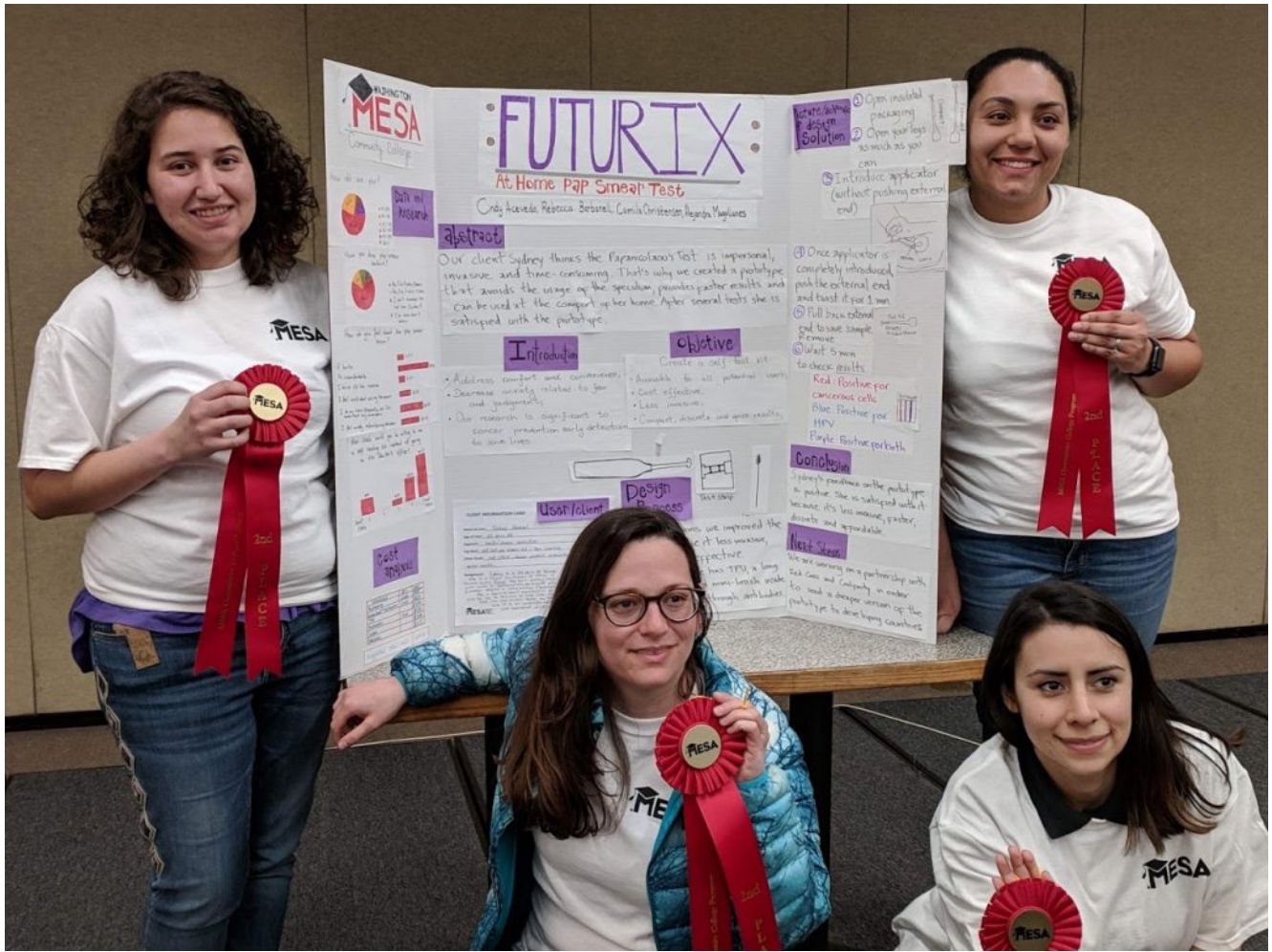
View additional photos of "Proof" on Flickr.

Show Dates: May 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25. 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.

If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event, contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building room 013, as soon as possible.

**MESA students engineer
possibilities**



Clark student Alejandra Magallanes, *far left*, was part of a group that won second place in a competition for human-based engineering solutions at a recent MESA conference.

Clark's MESA program is still in its first year, but already it's providing new opportunities for student success.

MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) is a national program dedicated to encouraging under-represented populations to succeed in STEM fields. At Clark, this includes a dedicated space for studying and creating community, as well as opportunities for mentorship, assistance with books and fees, and conference participation.

This March, two Clark MESA students attended the MESA Student Leadership Retreat at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, Washington, along with students from 15 other MESA community college programs from Washington and California. Mai Lee Xiong and Alejandra Magallanes were able to participate in activities to boost their professional development and leadership skills.

They also participated in a competition for human-centered design solutions, breaking into groups to identify a problem, interview a potential user of their solution, and prepare a poster and oral presentation to explain it to others.



Mai Lee Xiong, *far left*, collaborated on a concept for a medical-translation app at a recent MESA conference.

Xiong's group focused on health care disparities that arise from language barriers between health care providers and patients whose first language is not English. They proposed the development of an app to translate medical information into different languages—one that would include medical terminology not available through tools like Google Translate. The project was a perfect fit for Xiong, who is studying biology and plans to pursue a degree natural medicine after

her bachelor's degree.

Alejandra Magallanes's group also decided to tackle an issue related to healthcare: the availability and convenience of Pap smear exams to detect cervical cancer. They proposed a device that could be used at home to collect a sample of cervical cells. It could be used by people who have difficulty attending doctors' appointments or who may avoid Pap smears because of the uncomfortable nature of the exam—and in doing so, could increase the number of people who receive preventative care. Magallanes' group won second place in the competition, which includes proposals from more than 20 teams.

As with Xiong, Magallanes's project aligned well with her interests; like Xiong, she is studying biology and plans to transfer to a university for her bachelor's degree after graduating from Clark College in 2020.

"This experience really helped show the value of having the MESA program at Clark College," said MESA director Dr. Ellen Harju. "It was wonderful to see these two students be able to work and succeed with their peers in an environment that allowed them to be their authentic selves. I'm excited to see more of our MESA students get the chance for these experiences."

Clark's MESA program is located in the STEM Building rooms 206/208 and is open Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. More information about the program is available online at www.clark.edu/cc/mesa.

Photos: Clark College/Ellen Harju

Clark named national welding testing center



Clark's welding technologies program allows students – and now professional welders seeking national certifications – to demonstrate their skills.

The Clark College welding technologies program is proud to announce its accreditation as an American Welding Society (AWS) testing center. This accreditation makes national certifications available to both students and professional welders in the region who are seeking to advance their careers.

Beginning May 1, Clark will make a number of certifications available for testing. The most common is the Certified Welder (CW), which tests welders on procedures used in the structural steel, petroleum pipelines, sheet metal, and

chemical refinery
welding industries. Certifications available include Steel,
Stainless steel and
Aluminum. In conjunction with the AWS certification, Clark
College also offers
the Washington Association Building Officials (WABO) welding
certification at
the Clark facilities.

Fees for certifications
will start at \$300, with more-complex testing requiring up to
\$600. All testing
will be completed at the Clark welding lab located on the main
campus, at 1933
Ft. Vancouver Way in Building AA2. The college will provide
all the needed
steel, stainless steel, and aluminum materials required for
completing the
certification examination.

Professionals
interested in testing for either AWS or WABO certifications at
Clark College
may contact welding faculty member Brian McVay at 360-992-2359
or bmcvay@clark.edu
to discuss their certification requirements, the costs, and
testing schedules. For
more information about Clark College's welding technologies
program visit www.clark.edu/cc/welding.

"We are excited to be
able to serve our community by providing this unique testing,
which will help
expand the opportunities for career advancement in the
industry and support
this region's economy," said McVay, noting that the next-
closest AWS Accredited
Testing Facility is in Tacoma, Washington.

Photo: Clark College/Jenny Shadley

Family fun at El Día del Niño/El Día del Libro



Young attendees enjoying a puppet show and story time at the 2015 event

On Friday, April 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Clark College invites the community to participate in an evening of free, family-friendly activities that celebrate both Latino culture and the value of literacy.

“Celebración de Mi Gente: El Día del Niño/El Día del Libro” (“Celebration of My People: Day of the Child/Day of the Book”) is an annual event hosted by the college. It is free

and open to the public. It is always held on or near the Mexican holiday of Día del Niño (April 30), which is also celebrated as Día del Libro by the American Library Association. The festival will feature interactive performances and activities, dancing, face-painting, bilingual games, environmentally sustainable crafts, and delicious snacks. Clark College's mascot, Oswald the Penguin, will be on hand for photos with visiting children.

The event will be held in the Gaiser Student Center on Clark College's main campus. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps. Anyone needing 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.

Photos from Clark's 2017 Celebración de Mi Gente are available on Flickr at https://www.flickr.com/photos/clark_college/albums/72157683286542155. Video of past celebrations can be viewed on Clark YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/gNxuROUfDdY>.

Sakura Festival is coming



On Thursday, April 18, Clark College's 2019 Sakura Festival will honor the historic ties of friendship between the sister-cities of Vancouver, Washington, and Joyo, Japan.

The festival will begin at 1:00 p.m. with opening remarks near the Royce E. Pollard Japanese Friendship Garden, which is located next to the Beacock Music Hall on Clark's main campus. Dignitaries who are scheduled to speak include Mayor Anne McEnerny Ogle, Clark College President Bob Knight, Japanese Consul General Takashi Teraoka, and Clark College Japanese Scholarship recipient Kiho Takedoa.

The opening ceremony will include a koto performance by Yukiko

Vossen and a performance by the Clark College Women's Choral Ensemble. The koto, a stringed musical instrument, is the national instrument of Japan.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Sakura celebration will continue in the Gaiser Student Center, where guests will enjoy family-friendly cultural activities including performances by the Clark College Japanese Cultural Club, traditional calligraphy by Sora Shodo, a greeting from the college's Child & Family Studies program, and drumming by members of Takohachi TakoQ. Cookies and tea will be served. Information about the Sakura Ceremony is available at www.clark.edu/cc/sakura.

All events are free and open to the public. The Sakura Festival is sponsored by Clark College, the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Rotary.

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