



n anniversary is a time to look back – and ahead. So it's not surprising that, when we chose the theme for Clark College's 75th anniversary, we vowed to "preserve the past, honor the present and

embrace the future."

Our Diamond Jubilee provides an opportunity to do the same in our annual report. With pride, we preserve the past by taking you back in time to our founding. We honor the present by celebrating our recent accomplishments. We embrace the future by focusing, as we have since 1933, on our students and the community that we serve.

In 1933, a group of educators and businesspeople dared to dream of bringing higher education to Southwest Washington to help the region survive the darkest times of the Great Depression. Their dreams have forged our legacy over the decades. Ironically, as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, our country is facing the most critical economic challenges since the college was founded.

It was true during those first difficult years and it's true today. Clark College has thrived because it focuses on ensuring that each student has the opportunity to define and achieve success.

Since 1933, Clark has truly been the community's college. With pride in our past, we embrace our future. We continue to dream – with our students and our community – for the next 75 years and beyond.

Robert K. Knight Sherry Parker

President Chair, Board of Trustees

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## Our Students

## 1933-1934

CLARK JUNIOR COLLEGE Vancouver Junior College, as it was originally known, welcomed fewer than 20 students when it opened for classes on October 2, 1933. (On November 18, following a contest, it was announced that the name would be changed to Clark Junior College.) One student, Mrs. Frances Bunnell Wilde, was the first and only graduate in 1934. Mrs. Wilde was honored at what Clark Junior College called its "first all-school banquet and dance" at the Castle Grill in Vancouver.

## 2007-2008

Clark College welcomed more than 21,000 students throughout the year, including 752 in the Running Start program. During the 2007-2008 academic year, 1,129 Clark College students earned 1,252 associate degrees and certificates. Clark College welcomed author and screenwriter Sherman Alexie as guest speaker at the college's 2008 commencement ceremony, which was held at The Amphitheater at Clark County in Ridgefield.







# Our Faculty and Staff

### 1933-1934

While plans originally called for 15 faculty members, historic documents indicate that students were taught by five faculty members during that first year.



Early members of the Clark Junior College faculty. Back row (left to right): Ralph W. Hanna, Dean Lewis D. Cannell, and Homer P. Foster. Front row: Ruth C. Wooster (left) and Frances W. Doughty.

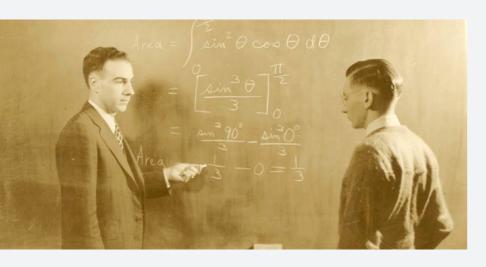
## 2007-2008

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Clark College students were taught by 200 full-time faculty members and 530 adjunct faculty members. In addition, 276 classified staff members and 75 administrators served students and community members in areas including Administrative Services, Communications and Marketing, Corporate and Continuing Education, Human Resources, Planning and Effectiveness, and Student Affairs.



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## Our Programs



### 1933-1934

As it announced plans to open, the college proudly proclaimed that its School of Liberal Arts would provide classes in English, mathematics, history and economics, foreign languages, social science and physical education. The School of Fine Arts offered classes in piano, voice, violin, cello, speech arts and dramatics. The college also offered a School of Business Administration.

## 2007-2008

Clark College offers 121 degrees and certificates – in programs ranging from health sciences and computer technology to culinary arts and automotive or diesel technology. Clark students can earn associate degrees in arts, applied science, and applied technology. In addition, students can earn certificates of achievement, completion and proficiency. Clark College also offers classes in adult basic education and English as a Second Language.



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# Our College Leadership

### 1933-1934

Robert T. Oliver, who taught English at the college, was also its first dean.



## 2007-2008

Robert K. Knight, seen on the right in this photo, is president of Clark College. During its history, the college has been led by 11 men and women. Clark College buildings have been named in honor of three of them: Dr. Paul F. Gaiser (Gaiser Hall), Dr. Lewis D. Cannell (Cannell Library) and Dr. Dwight C. Baird (Baird Administration Building).



Clark College history came to life as past presidents gathered at the Hidden House as part of the celebration of the college's 50th anniversary. Left to right: Dr. Dwight C. Baird, Dr. Paul F. Gaiser, Dr. I.S. "Bud" Hakanson, Dr. Robert T. Oliver, Dr. Lewis D. Cannell and Dr. Richard A. Jones.

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## Our Student Leadership



1933-1934

Chester Boddy was the first leader of the Clark Junior College student body.

Sketch and signature from the archives

Sketch and signature from the au of Bess Gedney Christensen. Reprinted with permission.

## 2007-2008

Patrick Mehigan (seen on the left in the photo with Clark College Distinguished Lecturer David Gergen) served as president of the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) during the 2007-2008 academic year. He was reelected to a second term as president for the 2008-2009 academic year.





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## Our Facilities

### 1933-1934

The college's first home was the Hidden House in downtown Vancouver, Washington.



#### AD FUTURUM

Student sketch of the Hidden House from the 1937 *Galapagon* yearbook.

## 2007-2008

Clark College welcomes students on its main campus, located on 101 acres in Vancouver's Central Park. In addition, Clark College at WSU Vancouver is home to the college's nursing program and general education classes. Clark College at Town Plaza offers classes including adult basic education and English as a Second Language.



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## Accreditation

## Jr. College Accredited By U. of W.

Important Step Forward Taken by Local Educational Institution

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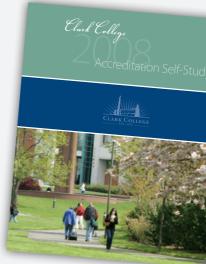
## 1937: The college's first accreditation

The goal of accreditation is to ensure the quality of education provided by institutions of higher education. At the invitation of the college, a committee of five professors from the University of Washington visited Clark on March 12, 1937. Historians note that, while the college facilities were meager, the committee members were impressed by the quality of the work being done by the faculty. As

a result, it was announced on April 23, 1937, that Clark Junior College had been accredited for one year.

# 2008: The college's accreditation is reaffirmed

From October 8-10, 2008, the college hosted an accreditation visit by educators from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The visit, which followed



a two-year self-study by the college, resulted in reaffirmation of the college's accreditation. Since its first accreditation in 1937, Clark College has remained accredited throughout its history.



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## Our Supporters

## JUNIOR COLLEGE Drive for Cash Starts Monday

Money Raised to be Used For Purchase of Permanent Equipment

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# 1934: Seeking community support

In the fall of 1934, Clark Junior College announced plans to raise \$5,000 to buy permanent equipment, including chemical laboratory supplies, library books, chairs, blackboards and other necessities. Years later, Dean Robert Oliver recalled that only about \$30 was raised.

## 2008: Supported by a strong foundation

The Clark College Foundation was established in 1973 to bridge the gap between state funding provisions and the college's aspirations for its students and future.

In the 2007-2008 academic year, over 140 scholarship funds gave more than 310 students the boost they needed to take The Next Step on their educational path for a total of nearly \$450,000. Another \$750,000 was made possible through existing endowments and new contributions for 30 innovative projects and seven permanently funded grants at Clark College.



the college's official fundraising arm for the past 35 years, the Clark College Foundation is devoted to supporting student success and program excellence. We have plenty of

help achieving this mission. There are thousands of loyal donors - individuals, foundations, private businesses, and and other organizations – committed to providing strong educational opportunities in Southwest Washington. Their generosity demonstrates confidence in Clark College's role as a premier – and affordable – institution of higher learning.

To ensure that the maximum amount of dollars is directed toward student success and program excellence, Clark College Foundation is conducting more business electronically. With a gift from the Firstenburg Family Foundation, an ePhilanthropy program was launched.

Countless numbers of students have attended Clark College. They are forever a Penguin Nation member whether they took one class or several. This year, we reconnected with over 35,000 alumni. Please visit the I Am an Alum page on our Web site at clarkcollegefoundation.org if you need to update your information.

Just as they did in 1933, students come to Clark College in economic downturns seeking new careers. Scholarships are essential, new program development is critical, and existing disciplines must stay contemporary. Already, Clark College is being called upon to ease forecasted staffing shortages in the health care field.

We're proud of our past success – this momentum will guide us forward. With your benevolence and participation, we will tackle the challenges ahead.

Warmly,

Bruce Davidson Lisa Gibert

President/CEO Chair

Clark College Foundation Foundation Board of Directors

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## Students Then - Donors Today

### - Grace and Captain Stan Wetherell

Stan Wetherell and Grace Matthews were classmates who graduated Vancouver High School in 1939. With a rare scholarship to Clark Junior College and a part-time job to help, Grace finished up her business studies in 1941. After working at a bank in Vancouver, she moved to Bellingham and earned an emergency teaching certificate (awarded during World War II to fill critical teacher shortages) from Western Washington College of Education (Western Washington University). Stan also went to Clark, taking night classes throughout the 1940s. He left to attend the



In the newly established music department, Grace Matthews (second from right, front row) sang alto in the girls' sextet, the Penguinettes.

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maritime academy in New York. The couple reconnected in Vancouver and recently celebrated 64 years of marriage. They stayed in touch with Clark College throughout the years and have included the college in their estate plans. "We looked for some worthy places in the community to share our assets with," says Capt. Wetherell, "and we decided that the college touches a lot of lives." The couple feels strongly about investing in capital improvements and facilities at Clark College to maintain a positive and contemporary learning environment.



Grace and Captain Stan Wetherell

"As the fifth child out of seven, there wasn't money for college-bound kids in our family. I wanted to go to college like my brothers. I got one of the two scholarships for Clark given at high school graduation, which tipped it. Education opened up a world for me."

- Grace Matthews Wetherell

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## Recent Alumna – Giving Back

- Leah Cox



Leah Cox (right) with basketball teammates (left to right) Michelle Noel, Erin Tharp, and Jennifer Krug from the 1989-90 season.

As her teenage years were coming to a close at Prairie High School in Battle Ground, Washington, Leah Cox considered her choices for post-secondary education. "I chose Clark College both for the high-quality education and the women's athletics," says Cox. "It was an opportunity to learn in a smaller class size environment and participate in a very successful basketball program." In addition to being a full-time student athlete, she worked part time in various departments on campus. "After a year in the mailroom, I still remember every zip code in Clark County," she says. In 1991, she graduated Clark College with an A.A. degree in business. Cox transferred to Portland State University where she earned a

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bachelor's degree with a double major in human resource management and accounting. Today, Leah Cox is the human resources manager at Adalis in Vancouver, Washington, and shares her success by giving back to her alma mater, Clark College. "It is my hope that my participation as a donor and/or a volunteer will help other students realize their own dreams and pave their path to success."



Leah Cox, 2008

"I've always been a firm believer in giving back to the people and/or programs that have made me successful. To a large extent, Clark College is responsible for where I am today."

- LEAH COX

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accuracy and reliability of the foundation's financial data, compliance with donor restrictions and instructions, and proper safeguarding of assets.

The Investment Committee emphasizes a disciplined approach to investment management and maintains a diversified portfolio. Following the 2001-2002 economic decline, the committee established reserve funds to provide a more consistent level of support to the college and its students.

Donors can be confident that their gift goes directly toward supporting their area of interest, whether it is scholarships for students, programs for the college, or campus capital improvements. The foundation's prudently managed operational and fundraising costs are covered by unrestricted endowment distributions, unrestricted donations, and administrative fees on endowments.

During the tumultuous environment reflected in national and global economies, there is great need for philanthropic support for Clark College. Please contact the Clark College Foundation if you would like to help *preserve the past, honor the present, and embrace the future.* 

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## Clark College Foundation Statement of Financial Position

	JUNE 30, 2008	JUNE 30, 2007
TOTAL ASSETS	\$75,733,824	\$80,724,291
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,855,718	\$2,178,018
NET ASSETS  Unrestricted  Temporarily Restricted  Permanently Restricted	\$13,157,818 14,804,209 45,916,079	\$13,807,003 15,059,198 49,680,072
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$73,878,106	\$78,546,273
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$75,733,824	\$80,724,291

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### CLARK COLLEGE FOUNDATION Statement of Activities for the Year Ended 2008

	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
SUPPORT, REVENUE & GAINS		
Contributions	\$979,788	\$1,079,759
Fees and Other Revenue	234,078	158,079
Investment Income	(2,477,917)	10,444,866
TOTAL SUPPORT, REVENUE & GAINS	(\$1,264,051)	\$11,682,704
EXPENSES		
Program	\$2,214,751	\$6,160,872
Fundraising	321,808	608,061
Operations	867,557	777,397
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,404,116	\$7,546,330
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	(\$4,668,167) \$78,546,273 \$73,878,106	\$4,136,374 \$74,409,899 \$78,546,273

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Washington. Clark College at Columbia Tech Center will offer general education classes, professional and technical training, basic skills classes, workforce development and personal enrichment courses. With increased natural lighting, large projection-screen displays, acoustics, and ergonomic furnishings, the building will be environmentally friendly, designed to meet and exceed the U.S.

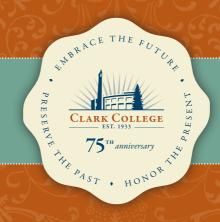
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