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CLARK COLLEGE

Your Next Global Step

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.



Christoph Reiner

Major: Biology
Age: 22
Hometown: Berlin, Germany
Favorite spot at Clark College: International programs office and the library
Favorite place to hangout: Downtown Portland
Favorite Activities: Doing fun stuff with International Student Club
Biggest challenge as an international student: Language initially. Trying to keep a good balance between studying and fun
Advice to new students: Don't move in with roommates who speak your native language. Try to speak English and not be afraid of being outgoing
Things that you miss the most from home: German bread and White Christmas

FOUNDED IN 1933, CLARK COLLEGE IS ONE OF THE OLDEST ACCREDITED TWO-YEAR COLLEGES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON SERVING NEARLY 13,000 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ANNUALLY. THE 80-ACRE CAMPUS IS LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON AND ADJACENT TO CENTRAL PARK, WHICH INCLUDES THE REGIONAL LIBRARY, A COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER AND ATHLETIC FIELDS, MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE.

Clark College has guided students toward reaching their educational goals for over 70 years. Clark College is The Next Step for students looking for an outstanding educational institution that provides academic and personal growth. Another highly important focus that makes Clark College the next step is our commitment to student success and professors' excellent teaching. Whether looking to transfer to a four-year college or university, seeking a professional skill or searching for a better global understanding, you will find a world of opportunity and support here throughout every step of your journey.

Richard Shamrell – Exceptional Faculty Award Winner

Clark College's commitment to student success and the excellent reputation of our professors' reflect just two areas where we excel, and of which we are most proud. We believe in quality, flexible and diverse learning as a foundation in decision-making, and supporting the efforts of faculty, staff and students in achieving high standards.

Richard Shamrell, Physics Department Chair, who recently won the Exceptional Faculty Award, demonstrates such commitment. The following words from students and colleagues sum up their nomination: "When we think of Dick Shamrell, one word comes to mind – 'amazing.'"

As Department Chair, Dick is devoted to enhancing the learning environment for students. Dick takes special experiences and brings them to life in the classroom. He can turn a simple action, such as walking up and down the stairs, by posing it as a physics problem to help students understand what they are learning.

Dick is always focused on his students' success. They have noted that, "Dick Shamrell goes out of his way and does everything he can to make sure you understand what he is teaching in class...he takes time during the week to go over our homework and will ask us several times if the concepts are making sense." His students add, "You will not meet another person more excited about physics than Dick Shamrell. His enthusiasm makes you excited about being in class and excited about learning."

You will find a campus staffed by dedicated and knowledgeable professors representing all programs offered at Clark College to take you to The Next Step on your career path.



Student Services

A broad offering of additional Student Services are available to assist you in transitioning to Clark College campus life. Among those student services are the following:

CAREER CENTER

- Career Counseling and Service Learning experience
- Resume writing, interviewing skills and job searches

ADVISING CENTER

- Assistance choosing a major
- Academic planning and course selection
- Assistance transferring to a four-year school
- Orientation for new students

HEALTH CENTER

- Medical treatment
- Immunization
- Women's health care
- Personal counseling

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Disability Support Services (DSS) Office staff assist those with disabilities in pursuing their educational goals

WRITING/TUTORING CENTER

- Writing assistance at all levels
- Tutoring in many subject areas
- Internet Access/Computer Services
- Clark's wireless network provides full wireless access to the internet throughout the entire campus
- Computers in computing labs are available for student use in various locations around the campus

CAMPUS SAFETY

Clark College Security/Safety works to ensure a safe and orderly environment in which members of the college community can pursue their educational goals. We provide service and assistance to students, staff and community members.

Walk-up and phone-in service and information center are open weekends and extended hours during quarter sessions and for limited hours during breaks.



Admissions

Clark College does not require the TOEFL exam for international student admission. International students who are accepted to the College are given an English placement test after their arrival to determine their English proficiency. Students are then placed in the appropriate English as a Non-native language (ENL) or English Composition class. Clark College offers over 70 degree and certificate programs, and students experience excellent teaching and student services that ensure student success in each program.

Clark College also provides access to baccalaureate degrees through co-admission partnerships with Washington State University Vancouver, Portland State University, Marylhurst University and Eastern Washington University.

ENL Classes for International Students

English as a Non-native language (ENL) classes are designed specifically to meet your needs. Our ENL faculty members each hold advanced degrees in language acquisition or related fields. Their expertise will provide you with the most up-to-date comprehensive language classes available. We offer classes at five levels, beginners to advanced, to help you prepare for success in college-level academics and American life.

Clark College ENL classes will provide you with more than English language instruction to meet your academic goals. The coursework, lectures and projects are built around lessons in American culture. You will learn the customs and traditions unique to the United States as you master written and conversational English. Our placement test will determine the level of ENL that meets your English language learning needs.

Taking The Next Step

Clark College provides students with comprehensive tools and a diverse education to take The Next Step in their academic and vocational careers. The following is a list of programs offered at Clark College.

Degrees, Academic & Vocational Programs

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science
- Associate in Applied Science
- Associate in Applied Technology
- Certificates

Anthropology
Art
Business Administration
Chemistry
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Culinary Arts
Dental Hygiene
Early Childhood Education
Graphic Design
Engineering
English
Environmental Science
Geology
History
Journalism
Mathematics
Multimedia
Music
Nursing
Physical Education
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Women's Studies

Oliver James Uy



Major: Health Science
Age: 18
Hometown: The Philippines
Favorite spot at Clark College: International Student Lounge
Favorite place to hangout: Chinatown and downtown Portland
Favorite Activities: Fishing and hanging out with friends
Biggest challenge as an international student: None, everyone has been very supportive
Advice to new students: Make friends, be involved
Things that you miss the most from home: Family and friends

Tomomi Iisako



Major: Liberal Arts
Age: 23
Hometown: Japan
Favorite spot at Clark College: International Student Lounge & Language Lab
Favorite place to hangout: Waterfront & Downtown Portland
Favorite Activities: Hanging out with friends and snowboarding
Biggest challenge as an international student: Graduation
Advice to new students: Don't be afraid to speak English
Things that you miss the most from home: Japanese food



Campus Life

For those moments to just take a “time out” and relax, you have lots of options from which to choose. You can take a coffee break in the International Student Lounge. You can chat with your friends in the cafeteria, or enjoy a quiet moment in your secret “R & R” spot, or lay out on the lawn on a sunny day. You can always find a special, enjoyable space for yourself at Clark College.

For entertainment, there’s always something to take in at Clark College: music performance, movies, theatre/drama, plus lots of off-campus selections, too. When you are enrolled in courses at Clark College, you are a member of the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC). ASCC oversees a variety of activities and services which enhance the educational experience of the College’s 12,000 students. ASCC coordinates over 35 campus clubs and programs.

International Student Club

The International Student Club is one of the fastest growing and most energetic student organizations on the Clark College campus. Students from all over the world come together to provide each other and the community with opportunities to learn more about different cultures, customs, and lifestyles. The club members meet regularly to discuss and plan fun activities and opportunities to serve both the international and local community.

International Student Support

Office of International Programs (OIP) serves as a focal point and center for international students. Here the friendly staff assists international students from immigration and academic advising, finding housing options, opening a bank account to employment. No question is too small to ask at the OIP.

While Clark College does not offer on-campus housing, OIP does work with international applicants to secure one of the following housing options:

- Live with an American family in a homestay program available through <http://www.studentstays.org/>.
- Live in an apartment building shared with domestic students from the nearby International Air Academy.
- Rent an apartment with single or double rooms close to campus.

You will find that Clark College has an active campus life. For entertainment, there’s always something to enjoy: music performances, movies, theatre presentations, and many off-campus selections, too. As a student at Clark College, you are a member of the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC). ASCC oversees a variety of activities and services which enhance the educational experience of the college’s 12,000 students. ASCC coordinates over 35 campus clubs and programs.

For those moments when you need to take “time out” and relax, Clark College offers many options. You can take a coffee break in the Foster Hall Student Lounge, chat with your friends in the cafeteria, enjoy the fresh air outside with classmates, or hang out in the Penguin Student Union. OIP also provides a place for students to meet and socialize, complete homework assignments, or just relax. There are many activities to participate in and many opportunities to make life long friends.

Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest

Clark College’s campus location in Vancouver is exceptional for outdoor scenery and convenience in the heart of the Pacific Northwest. The Pacific Northwest is known for its expansive natural beauty and pristine environment, and Clark College is within easy reach of the Cascade Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. At the same time, a step across the Columbia River and you find yourself in the middle of the vibrant Rose City of Portland, Oregon – winner of “America’s Best Big City” as judged by Money magazine. Step into a car or hop on a train to Seattle, Washington and you’re three hours from the Emerald City – home of Starbucks, Microsoft and Major League baseball, football and basketball.

ABOUT VANCOUVER

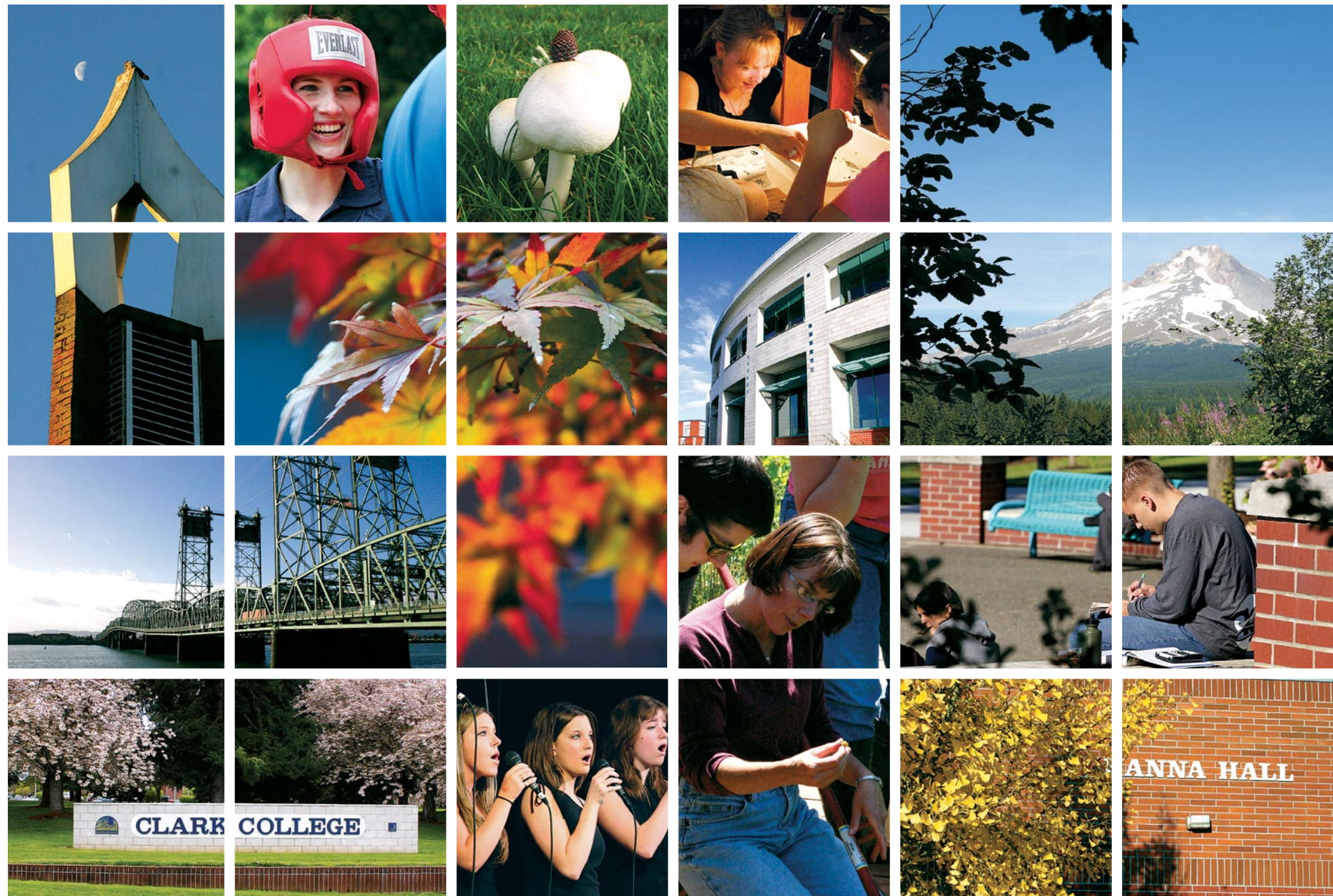
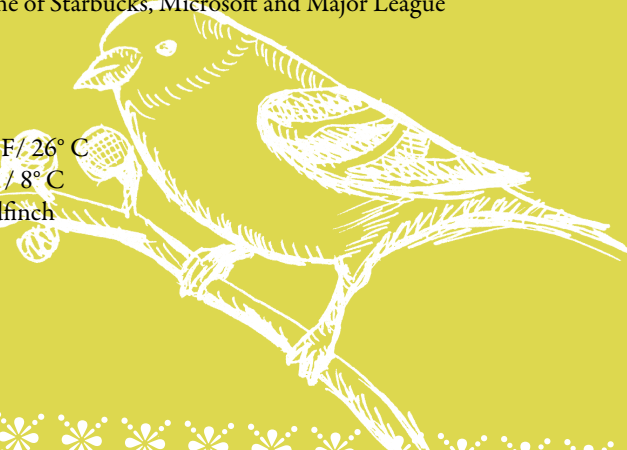
Population: 154,800

Average summer temperature: 79° F / 26° C

Average winter temperature: 46° F / 8° C

Official State Bird: American Goldfinch

Sister City: Joyo, Japan





Jaime Salceda

Major: Business
Age: 19
Hometown: Mexico
Favorite spot at Clark College: International Student Lounge and the gymnasium
Favorite place to hangout: Shopping malls
Favorite Activities: Listening to music and basketball
Biggest challenge as an international student: Language
Advice to new students: Make friends
Things that you miss the most from home: My girlfriend, of course.

Financial matters

Tuitions & Fees*: \$7,900
Books & Medical Insurance*: \$1,300
Living Expenses & Transportation*: \$6,700
Total*: \$15,900

**Note: Figures are estimated average costs in U.S. dollars of attending full time for three terms. Actual tuition and fees, room and board, transportation and personal expenses may vary depending on student and are subject to change.*

College Information

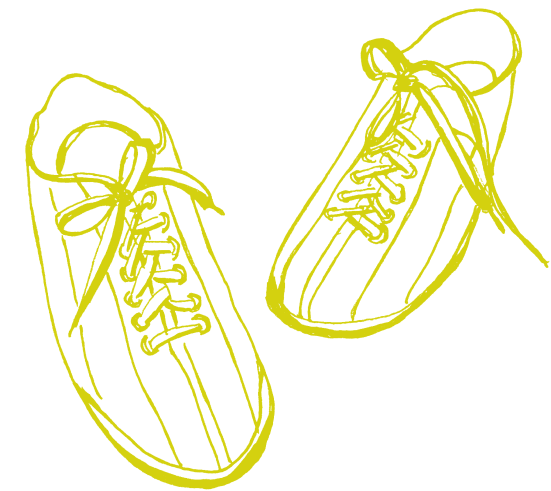
Total enrollment: 12,000
Student/Faculty ratio: 1:20
Number of programs: 70
Clubs & Organizations: 35
Academic Calendar: Quarter System
Mascot: Penguin

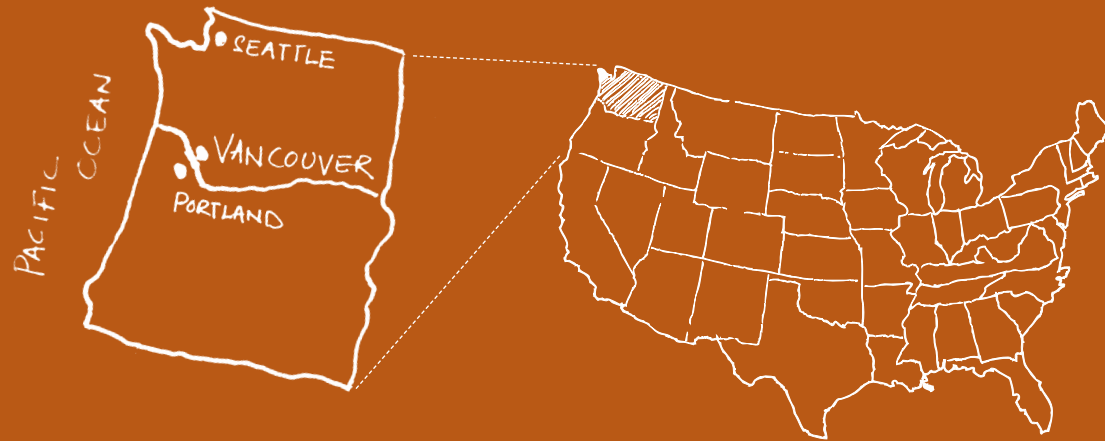
Student Composition

Average age: 29
Gender composition: 60% women/40% men
Washington resident composition: 96%
Oregon resident composition: 4%
Number of countries represented: 35

We know you have choices, and we know there are many options for your education. Taking a small step down your path with Clark College can open up new and exciting opportunities for your future. Our friendly, caring staff will help make your stay with us something special that you will always remember. To apply, please submit a complete application packet as follows:

- Clark College international application
- US \$35.00 application fee (non-refundable)
- Copy of high school or college transcript
- Current bank statement (minimum of US \$15,900 per year) as proof of financial ability to attend Clark College





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