

CCC student Jacob Juntunen accepted at Reed college

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Jacob Juntunen, along with Lyman Louis, is a CCC student who has been fortunate enough to benefit sufficiently from Clackamas' exceptional instructors and impressive academic programs sufficiently to gain acceptance at Reed College, one of America's highest ranking liberal arts institutions.

Juntunen is studying in the field of English and Literature. "I'm getting an AA [Associate of Arts] degree in English," Juntunen said. "At the moment I've been concentrating on American Literature and creative writing. Right now I'm taking Playwriting, Poetry Writing, and Advanced Fiction Writing. It's been a fun quarter."

Juntunen definitely has dreams for the future. "I'd like to write and actually get paid for it, but that involves luck and other such things. I'd like to teach, though. I'd like to teach something on the college level; something having to do with literature and creative writing," said Juntunen. He also tutors for the English department, and can often be found in Streeter hall working in that capacity.

Juntunen also has an unusual music background. "I was in a really bad garage band in high school, because, you know, you have to be at some point," confides Juntunen, "and after that I just got some crappy recording equipment and started doing stuff

on my own" Juntunen looks back on this fondly. "Everyone should be in a crappy garage band. You get to scream into microphones, and strum on guitars, and every now and then, people will clap," Juntunen says with a laugh.

While he has received no financial aid, Juntunen is still en-

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thusiastic about attending Reed. His admission process was quite interesting. Ever the artistic and incorrigible soul, his decision to attend Reed was a simple one: "Reed was close by, so I just drove down there and saw the architecture, and said, 'Ah, this is the place!' Then I went in and I even liked the curriculum, too, so that was an added plus," Juntunen says, smiling. "It was the first place I went to, and I really liked it. I looked around after, but really it was just kind of a nice 'luck' thing."

Juntunen's application process itself was also unique. He sent Reed a completed application as well as a self-produced music demo. "I think my sense of hu-

mor really helped. I guess that's kind of an egotistical thing to say, but I included a lot of humor in my application. They asked for a series of essays, and the essays [I submitted] were not serious at all. It was very sarcastic and joking, really. Lots of things on the application were," Juntunen said. He also admits wryly that, "I was really wondering how that was gonna fly, but apparently it flew well."

Juntunen is very appreciative of the expert guidance received from Clackamas instructors, acknowledging that it is they who have enabled him to pursue this exciting opportunity. "I've been particularly impressed with the English Department," he said. "You could almost go down [the offices] and look at each person's name on their door and say they've all been wonderful. I can't really pick out a single person." Juntunen also added that, "one thing that impressed me is that a lot of them are practicing in their fields," going on to point out plays, poetry books, novels and such that have been produced by many writing instructors.

All in all, Jacob Juntunen has been empowered greatly by both Clackamas and his own numerous talents to pursue his dreams at a higher institution. His acceptance is Reed College's gain, but it is CCC's gain as well, for this is an achievement on which our college can look with pride. Clackamas can indeed do great things for its students, and that indeed is something worth celebrating.



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Kit Youngren, associate dean, to retire this year

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Next month CCC Associate Dean of Instructional Delivery Kit Youngren will retire after 16 years here at the college.

Youngren described his work here at the college as helping the faculty and staff be able to change in terms of how they continue to offer quality instruction.

"I think that's our main goal...always deliver quality instruction," he said.

Youngren was voted Oregon Administrator of the Year by the Oregon Council of Career Vocational Administrators for his efforts in building partnerships between CCC, the business community, secondary schools and four-year colleges.

With 30 years of experience with the Oregon educational system Youngren plans to consult and help school districts throughout Oregon to do developmental work getting teachers ready for the changes that are happening in today's educational system.

"In balancing 20 or 25 projects all at the same time, you don't have time to really concentrate on one or two things," said Youngren. "With my retirement I'm hoping that I'll be able to just focus on a few projects."

Youngren's last day is officially June 27 and then he'll take three days off. On July 1 he will return on a statement of appointment as a substitute administrator replacing Glenn Ferris, associate dean, who will be away on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Midsummer at Clackamas

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