

Annual graduation ceremony next week

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This year's graduating students at Clackamas will receive their two year degrees and certificates at the 31st Annual Graduation Ceremonies, to be held at 7 p.m., Friday June 11 in Randall Hall gymnasium.

There will be a separate ceremony for the GED graduates on June 10.

Foundation members Larry Wright, Ross Smith and Bonnie Robertson will be awarding the degrees and certificates.

College President Dr. John Keyser will present four Student Profile Awards during the ceremonies. The recipients are Nicholas Delgado, Laurie Robinson, Yelena Durkot and Troy Smith. These awards recognize the students' inspiring accomplishments while attending Clackamas.

Delgado is a 1997 graduate of

Canby High School and is the first in his family to attend college. As an art student, Delgado helped with the creation of the Volkswagen sculpture in the automotive department and with the geological evolution mural installed this year in the Pauling Science Center.

Robinson, who is from Colton, is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and is retired from the Air Force. She suffered nerve damage as a result of her involvement in the war. Robinson has been active in the Associated Student Government while attending school and is graduating with a degree in accounting.

Durkot lives in Portland and came to the United States from the Ukraine seven years ago overcoming language and cultural differences that made life difficult for her. Durkot is graduating from Clackamas' nursing program after two years of study.

Smith is also from Portland and is an engineering technician. He has worked for the past 12 years at Precision Castparts in Milwaukie. Smith earned a two-year degree in investment casting management through a special degree program in conjunction with Precision Castparts. Clackamas has similar programs with Warn Industries, also in Milwaukie, and other business in the area.

The graduation speaker this year will be ASG President David Ledoux.

"I want to talk about my second chance at life and having a future. About how all of us in life sometimes get a second chance, and just to say thank you," Ledoux said.

The Outstanding Former Student award is going to Clackamas County Fire District #1 Battalion Chief Ken Frentress, who graduated from Clackamas in 1972 receiving degrees in general studies

and fire science.

Punky Scott, former Clackamas Foundation President, and Mary Baur, namesake for the Mary Baur Endowment, will both receive Distinguished Friend of the College awards.

Scott is the owner of a famous Oak Grove landmark, The Bomber Restaurant, formerly a gas station owned by her father. She is an active participant in local fund-raising efforts and is well-known at other community events. One of

her projects is to expand the restaurant at its present location and restore the World War Two vintage B-17 bomber that is displayed in front of the restaurant, to its original condition.

Baur is from Ridgefield, Washington, and chaired the committee that created Clackamas Community College in 1966. Her interest is seeing Clackamas continue to grow. Early in the 1990s she was one of the first to create an endowed scholarship for students.

GED graduation in Randall Hall gymnasium next Thursday

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The 2nd annual GED and Adult High School Diploma Graduation Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10 in Randall Hall gymnasium. The class will be presented by Dean of Instructional Services Dian Connett.

A separate graduation ceremony for the college graduates will be held on Friday.

The speaker for the ceremony is Humberto Reyna, owner of the Portland firm Reyna Moore Advertising and president of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Elardo of Aurora, former Clackamas Foundation Board President and the current member-at-large, will receive the Distinguished Friend of the College Award during the ceremonies.

One of three Student Profile Awards will go to Kamie J. Thrall, 17, who overcame a disability to earn her GED with a 3.6 grade point average. Thrall, who lives in West Linn, has enrolled at Clackamas to earn a transfer degree and plans to attend a four-year college to study psychiatry.

Husband and wife Tomas and Berta Torres will receive the other two Student Profile Awards. The Torres came to the United States 17 years ago from Mexico. Tomas

suffered the loss of nearly all his vision and despite the loss, he and his wife completed their GED degrees together this year. They each work two jobs and are raising four children and a grandson in their home.

Graduation announcements are available at the bookstore and cost 25 cents each. Tickets are not required for guests at the ceremony.

A graduation fee of \$12 can be paid at the bookstore. A video of the ceremony is being produced and can be ordered at that time. The video costs \$10 and will be mailed June 24.

A reception will be held in Gregory Forum after the ceremonies.

Oregon Leadership Institute celebrates graduation



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High school students who participated this year in the Oregon Leadership Institute celebrated with a graduation ceremony last Friday in the Gregory Forum. Their mentors, Clackamas students, are pictured above; they are members of the Latino Leadership class. From left are Sofia Perez, Carla Castillo, Vanessa Corral, Abelina Toral, Sandra Lopez and Eva Rivera. At right, OLI student Fernando Garcia from Woodburn takes a turn with the "trust fall" and puts his trust in his fellow students.



Molalla man critically injured crossing street

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Ernest E. Miller, a former Clackamas student, was critically injured by a truck May 24 as he crossed the intersection of Highway 213 and Molalla Avenue at the west entrance to the college.

Miller, 59, remains in critical condition at Portland's Legacy Emanuel Hospital this week, said Neural Care Unit Manager, Jay Caulk on Tuesday.

The accident occurred shortly after 7 a.m. and involved a truck turn-

ing left from Molalla Avenue onto the north bound lane of 213.

The accident happened in the crosswalk, said Lt. John Stewart, Information Officer of the Oregon City Police. No citation was issued. The driver of the truck was not injured.

For several hours traffic was tied up after the accident on Molalla Avenue, on Highway 213 and along both roads leading to the intersection north of the accident.

Miller was taken by Life-Flight helicopter to the hospital after it landed on a Clackamas soccer field that morning.

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