

Students honored at graduation ceremony

Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 14 and Friday, June 15.

Graduates of Clackamas Community College and outstanding students and community members will be honored in these two ceremonies in Randall Hall gym.

For the past few years, the college has held two graduation ceremonies. On Thursday, June 14, about 200 people will receive their General Education Degree (GED) and Adult High School diplomas. On Friday, June 15, about 200 graduates will receive degrees and certificates in the college's 33rd commencement exercises.

President John S. Keyser will preside over the graduation ceremonies at Clackamas for the 16th year in one of his last official acts as president of the college. Ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. both evenings. Guests should try to arrive about 6:30 p.m.

This year, one former and six current students will be honored at graduation. The graduates to be honored were each nominated by an instructor or staff member for being an outstanding student, an inspiration to others, involved in extracurricular or service activities at CCC, or for having overcome personal difficulties or challenges to reach personal and educational goals.

On this page are profiles of those being honored at graduation.

Matt Lindland

Lindland, 31, of Oregon City will be honored at Thursday's ceremony as a Distinguished Former Student. Lindland earned the silver metal in wrestling in the 167.5-pound weight class in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. His path to the Olympics began at Clackamas Community College in the late 1980s. Lindland earned two associate's degrees at CCC before receiving a scholarship to the University of Nebraska.

Shanna Waltman

Waltman, 18, of Portland is being honored at CCC's GED/Adult High School Diploma graduation ceremony on Thursday. Waltman came to the college three years ago with the Young Parent Opportunity Program after completing her freshman year of high school at Oregon City High School. She took parenting classes and worked toward a high school diploma, which she earned Winter term. She has received awards for her parenting skills and journal writing and is a strong role model for other students. Waltman plans to earn a degree in Family and Human Services and become a high school counselor.

Cassandra Earles

Earles, 22, of St. Helens has completed her pre-nursing studies at Clackamas and will receive a transfer degree. While at Clackamas, Earles tutored other students in various subjects including anatomy and physiology. On July 30, she will begin the nursing program at Oregon Health Sciences University. Cassandra plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Patrick Daugherty

Daugherty, 45, of Canby is graduating in the Manufacturing Technology program. He is an outstanding student who works for the Manufacturing Technology Department as a lab assistant. Daugherty also volunteers his time working with homeless children and with the Bridges program. This year, he also served as vice president of service for the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.



Victoria Bailey

Bailey, 19, of Milwaukie enrolled in CCC's Young Parents Opportunity Program more than two and a half years ago, then a young mother-to-be. Determined to receive an education, Bailey would catch a bus from Milwaukie, drop her son off at a child-care facility, and take another bus to the college. After graduating last fall with a 3.2 GPA, Victoria enrolled in the Bridges program. She applied and was accepted into the School of Legal Arts in Portland. She is now attending full time and studying to be a court reporter.

Heather Reed

Reed, 18 of Portland, began her education journey at Clackamas in the Tri-City Alternative School Program at the age of 15 after spending her freshman year at Gladstone High School. She continued on to the Campus Learning Center, adding several college-level classes to her growing list of credits. She has been on her own for the past two years and maintains a balance between school and work, relying on public transportation to reach the college. Through it all, she managed a 3.42 GPA. Although she has not decided on a major, her long-range plan is to continue on with her studies and graduate from a four-year institution.

Alex Bello

Bello, 42, of Canby first came to Clackamas in the fall of 1999 after retiring from a career in the U.S. Marine Corps. At CCC, he enrolled in project management in the Building Construction program. He built a new home using universal design features to meet the needs of his 11-year old daughter, who was critically injured in a car accident when she was a baby. His home was featured in an article in the Oregonian's Home & Gardens section in March. After earning an associate's degree in Building Construction at Clackamas, he will continue at Marylhurst University studying business management.

Editor's note: The Clackamas Print invited the honored grads to contribute their Clackamas success story in their own words. The two responses we received are below.

Graduate found friendship, guidance at Clackamas

I began attending CCC in October '98. I previously completed my freshman year at GHS with a 2.3 GPA. I absolutely hated it there, so I finished up and came to Tri-City Alternative Program here at the college. I began doing much better work, establishing goals, and learned to have more self discipline with the help and understanding of the awesome TCAP staff. I moved on to the Adult High School Diploma Completion Program at Dye Learning Center, which has been like my home base since I started there.

Mary Jane-Craven was my teacher and friend through all of my classes and all the problems I went through. She was a tremendous help and a really great, compassionate friend who was always there for me. I took courses on campus some of the time, and others at the Dye. I enjoyed tree-climbing, drawing, botany, and environmental science courses the most.

After graduation, I'd like to further my education by possibly ob-



Heather Reed plans to pursue a career in environmental sciences

taining an Associate degree to start out, and then maybe pursue an environmental career of some kind. I need to research and decide where to start right now. My final goal is to have a career that makes me happy and gives help to something that really needs it, such as our environment and it's life forms. I've really enjoyed CCC and I'll always remember all of the wonderful people, courses, and campus here.

Heather Reed

CCC assists long-time Marine in transition

After twenty-two years of service in the Marine Corps, I made the choice to make a career move. While in the Marines, my duties came first and I did not give it much thought about furthering my education during those years. Two years after leaving the Marines, I started making preparations for my transition into the civilian sector.

During this preparation phase, I realized that my leadership and people skills would only help me so far in the job market. I needed to get a degree. With help from VA counselors and a transition assistance specialist, I formed a plan that would allow me to further my education and incorporate a vision that my family and I had been mapping out for awhile.

This vision was twofold: to build a home that would allow our handicapped daughter Natasha to be independent as much as possible in a barrier free environment, and to set up my own consulting business to help families with accessibility issues in a home environment.

As I set my goals in motion, I amounts of information on accessible design and knew what did and didn't work in a home environment. However, I did not have the knowledge to be my own construction project manager.

While searching for information on project management courses, I came across this subject through Sue Metcalfe during the new student orientation day. Later, Bob Topping gave me a more in-depth understanding of the program. I liked what this course had to offer for



Bello will move on to Marylhurst University to obtain his Business Management degree.

building construction project management.

For the past two years, under continual guidance from the Building Construction Technology faculty, I have already attained my first goal and have the home we have long dreamed of for our daughter. Together, with this auspicious occasion of earning a degree—the first in my family—I am moving forward.

I will continue to build on the strong base of the AAS degree I have earned at Clackamas Community College. My plan is to complete three semesters of transferable general education requirements here at CCC and then transfer to Marylhurst University into the Business Management degree program.

With the education I have received at CCC and Marylhurst, I will pursue my dream of being a consultant/ project manager and apply my knowledge in Universal Design principles for people of all abilities and disabilities.

Alex M. Bello

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