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Speech and debate team places first



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Bottom, from left to right: Students Melissa Jones, Jenifer Gile, Amy Perin, Paul Southwick; backrow, from left to right: Dan Graves, Brian Everest, and Kelly Brennan, speech team coach, are all part of Clackamas' speech team.

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Clackamas' speech and debate team placed first at a debate tournament held at Lewis & Clark College last weekend and brought home 20 individual awards.

"We are very pleased. It was the first tournament of the year, and you never know if you are ready for it or not," explained Kelly Brennan, communications instructor.

Students on the team won their individual awards by performing speeches in areas such as debate, impromptu, dramatic speaking and persuasion.

"Depending on how everybody does individually, it all affects the team

score," said Brennan. "The individual points add up to the team score."

The speech and debate team consists of 16 members, including returning students Kerrie Baker, Samantha Griffin, Paul Southwick, Laura Pimentel, Jenifer Gile and Dan Graves,

who were on the speech team last year.

Their next goal is to attend the nationals, which will be held in Texas next spring. In 2003, Clackamas

will be hosting the Nationals for the second time since 2000.

"It's an honor for a Community College to host something like that," informed Brennan. "That means that they thought we had done such a great job the first time that they wanted to come back to Clackamas."

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communications instructor

College supports students in financial need

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To assist students who are in financial need, Clackamas offers a variety of scholarships, grants, loans as well as financial aid packages throughout the school year.

"We want people to know that it's not too late to apply for financial aid," said Mary Jo Jackson, director of financial services.

Financial aid applications will be accepted throughout spring term. When applying for financial aid, there are different variables that are taken into account, including information on how many credit hours a student is taking, income, parent's income and how many family members go to college.

"When you file an application, it goes through a federal process where they look at the information and make a determination where you fall within the range for financial aid," explained Jackson.

When processing financial aid applications, officials determine how much money the student's family needs to contribute before financial aid kicks in.

"The higher your family contribution the less you are getting grants, and the more you are eligible for loans," said Jackson.

Another way Clackamas

is trying to support students financially is to offer a wide variety of scholarships.

"Right now, we have our mini open session for scholarships going on," said Jackson. "Those scholarships are mainly geared for second-year students because we have given those students an opportunity to get through

that whole first year and then come in and apply in fall."

A lot of scholarships offered on campus right now are technical and automotive scholarships. A wider variety of scholarships will be available in January when

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Craig Nickles, financial aid coordinator, assists Brandy Baker, on right, with her financial aid application. Students can now apply for financial aid for winter and spring.

the large annual open enrollment session starts. Scholarships are based on a variety of elements.

"Some of our scholarships are based on simple things such as whether you are the first person in your

family to go to college," explained Jackson.

As part of financial aid, Clackamas is also offering tuition waivers in order to help students with financial need. There are different types of tuition waivers

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