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Clackamas, Sheriff's office join forces on new program

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The arrival of a new program to Clackamas, designed to aid current public safety officers in the area, comes at a time in which the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office could be facing personnel cutbacks without the passing of a new tax levy.

On May 8, the CCC Board of Education unanimously approved a customized training program that offers an Associate of Applied Science degree. The development of this new curriculum began with a needs assessment and the organization of a plan for the program, which has been approved by all of the necessary committees at Clackamas.

The next step for the program, a joint effort between the college and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, is the pending approval of the State Board of Education sometime in September of this year. Plans are underway for classes to begin in the Fall term of 2002.

"It's kind of like two sides to the college. There is the schedule, which I call 'if we offer it they will come,' and customized training is tell us what you want, and we'll make it happen for you," said Sylvia Hearing, Clackamas' project coordinator for Customized Training and Development Services.

A number of courses that the program will offer will be held at the Public Safety Training Center on 82nd Avenue. Captain Michael Machado, administrative services commander for the sheriff's department, feels the training center is an ideal place to be used for the new program.

"The range has several items that we use (for training) that are kind of innovative," Machado said.

There will be 27 public safety elective courses offered, with a minimum of 51 credit hours needed to fulfill the degree completion program. Along with the general education requirements, 24 credits of basic elective courses, such as Workplace Spanish and Human Relations, will be required to receive a degree.

Individuals who have taken similar classes to those offered at



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Jason Gibson, presidential candidate



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Molly Stanley, presidential candidate

Who will lead?

Jason Gibson

Age: 32

High School: Oregon City

Major: Art history/natural science

Quote: "The country is thirsting for a vision. We have no vision for the future. We need to be more sensitive to the environment and the needs around us. Trust your intuition. Investigate your own mind. If you are not living for a dream, then you are probably not living."

Molly Stanley

Age: 18

High School: Portland Christian

Major: Elementary education

Quote: "I really want to work for students, to listen to their needs and desires, to make the college experience better for everyone concerned. Communication really is the key. If everyone can keep an open mind, then we should be able to come up with reasonable solutions."



Erika Egger

Age: 19

High School: North Clackamas Christian

Major: Business



Stephanie Neuhauser

Age: 21

High School: Las Cruces, N.M.

Major: Pre-med / criminal justice

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