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One gold, one silver, five bronze medals equal 4th place at speech competition

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A fourth-place finish and seven national medal winners highlighted Clackamas' run at the 2003 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

Clackamas, Clark, Mt. Hood and Lower Columbia community colleges combined to host the event, which was held at the downtown Marriott April 14-19. The competition featured over 600 students representing 72 schools from all over the U.S.

The tournament commenced with a keynote address from CCC President Dr. Joe Johnson and a very impressive performance by Lonnie Cline and the rest of the CCC music group, according to Forensics Coach Kelly Brennan.

"It was just so beautiful," said Brennan. "I cannot say, nor could the executive board say, enough about both Dr. Johnson and

Lonnie Cline. It was just phenomenal. So that really kicked us off [in] a very good way."

Clackamas had a good showing as the team won one gold medal, one silver medal and five bronze medals.

Matt Steketeer was the only Clackamas representative to earn a gold medal at the nationals.

His first place finish in impromptu speaking was made even more impressive by the fact that this event contained the most competitors, with about 500 entrants.

Sixteen-year-old home school student Joanna Pearson earned a silver medal in informative speaking. Pearson did a great job, according to Brennan, who said her performance was only a couple of points away from the gold in that category.



JOANNA PEARSON

Melissa Karki earned a bronze in prose and one in parliamentary debate. Stacie Bariesheff took one in both impromptu speaking and parliamentary debate.

Noel Steketeer took a bronze in the impromptu competition.

"I was very happy with my students. I could not have asked any more of them," said Brennan.

With a total of seven, Clackamas won the most national medals of the Pacific Northwest schools. Mt. Hood earned four, Clark took two and Lower Columbia one.

Now that the national competition is over, Clackamas is preparing to play host to the state event. Oregon and Washington community colleges will be on hand for the April 25-26 tournament. Friday's schedule consists of debate competition, while Saturday will feature individual events.

A number of schools that weren't at nationals will be participating in the state competition. Columbia Basin, Portland, Lane and Blue Mountain community colleges are all scheduled to attend. A total of 10 schools and 150 competitors are expected to be on campus for the weekend event.

Campus Incidents



All reports are taken from CCC's public safety incident logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

4-11-03  
Talked with white male found urinating on side of building. He left on Tri-Met bus.

4-14-03  
Pottery instructor phoned. Found slow leak of water and oil from pipe near fire panel at Art Center building.

4-14-03  
Confirmed slow leak at Art Center building. Placed newspaper under pipe to absorb. No hazard was apparent.

In memory of Erin Cunningham

Erin Cunningham was known here. To one English Instructor, she was an outstanding student. To another, a memory of a face comes with the sound of her name.

On April 17, at age 30, Erin Cunningham took her own life. She left behind her mother and stepfather Judith and Edward, father Gary, and grandparents Steve and Virginia.

Cunningham was born Aug. 17, 1972 in Oregon City. She attended boarding school in Ireland and high school in Mexico. Her Master's degree was bestowed by Portland State.

She was a former student as well as a part-time instructor at CCC before moving on to a position with the English department at George Fox.

Today at 4 p.m. a memorial service will be held in her honor at St. John's Episcopal Church in Milwaukie. The Oregonian notes that remembrances and donations can be sent to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

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New bicultural program provides pathway to understanding racism

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The college will offer a new teaching curriculum next year - one with a focus on the importance of understanding the nation's growing multicultural identity, particularly within schools.

The program, Pathways to Progress, is geared towards bilingual or bicultural instructional assistants and future teachers who plan to work with kindergartners through high school seniors.

Its aim is to provide instructors the skills needed to capably work with students who speak English as a secondary language, said Paula Hamm, the program's director.

The program requires 31 credit hours of education courses and can be fitted into three degree options:

Associate of General Studies (AGS) with a concentration on education, Associate of Applied Sciences (AAS) in Human Services or Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree (AAOT).

Hamm said that students of the program will be qualified to work as instructional assistants in federally funded Title I programs upon graduation.

"There are new requirements for instructional assistants who want to work out in the public schools, and this would meet that requirement," said Hamm. "So (graduates) could stop with the two-year degree and be qualified to get a job anywhere, really, in the United States. Or they could go on, and we will give them advising about how to transfer to a four-year college or university."

The college is able to implement the Pathways to Progress program after being named the recipient of a

Title III grant, an offshoot of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The grant required that the college demonstrate an effort towards directly helping children who are learning English as a secondary language or preparing professionals to work with those kids, according to Hamm.

Patricia McIlveen, coordinator of education and human services, spearheaded the writing of the grant proposal.

In preparation for the new curriculum, the college's Education and Human Services Department, in collaboration with the Pathways to Progress program, will bring the Understanding Racism Foundation to campus to lead a six-week workshop for faculty and staff. Starting from the Foundation's belief that the majority of discriminatory actions are unintentional and subconscious, the Understanding

Racism workshop will strive to increase each participant's awareness of his or her own biased behaviors. The workshop will begin on April 30.

Though this series of the Understanding Racism workshop is for faculty and staff, Hamm said that future workshops for students could be presented if there was enough interest from the student body.

"Everybody is going to be working with students from multicultural programs, and they are going to be working with students who don't have English as their first language. Everybody on this campus needs to learn about differences so that we can welcome students of all cultures and backgrounds," said Hamm.

For further information on the Pathways to Progress program or the Understanding Racism workshop, contact David Martinez at ext. 5130.

Art Show opens Thursday

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The annual Student Art Show will celebrate this year's grand opening on Thursday in the Pauling Gallery. The evening will begin with a reception and an awards presentation from 4 to 6 p.m.

According to Nora Brodnicki, visual arts instructor, approximately 130 pieces of work, ranging from ceramics to sculpture to paintings, were submitted to the competition. In past years, every submission was displayed in the show. This year, in an effort to raise the quality of the exhibit, new policies have been implemented. Brodnicki said that she and David Andersen, art department chair, will evaluate each piece and enter only the most competitive works into the exhibit.

The show will be judged by Bob Dozono, Portland artist and retired chairman of the Portland Community College Art Department. The work will be critiqued on "concept, intent, skill and presentation," said Brodnicki.

First, second and third place awards will be given in both two- and three-dimensional categories. The Lee Hutchison Art Endowment funds the prizes, which include such things as tuition waivers, gift certificates and education supplies.

Any student who has taken a class at Clackamas within a year of the exhibit is welcome to enter his or her work for evaluation and a chance to be displayed, said Brodnicki.

The Art Show will run through May 30. The Pauling Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Exhibits are free and open to the public.

PTK searches for new members

You could become a member of the honor society

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Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the college's honor society, is searching for new members. A formal induction will be held on May 1, at 7 p.m. in Gregory Forum. Members are encouraged to invite friends and family members to the ceremony.

"Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence in the two-year college since 1918 and has become the largest and the most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world," according to PTK's official web site. "Membership is based primarily upon academic achievement. Invitation to membership may be extended only by

the local chapter at the institution in which you are enrolled."

The web site goes on to convey eligibility for PTK membership, which requires students to be "enrolled in a regionally accredited institution offering an associate degree program." Initially potential members "must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program (part-time students may be eligible)." It is also essential to have a grade point average of 3.5 or better to start, and thereafter maintain a 3.3 GPA.

PTK's four hallmarks are scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. There are many scholastic personal enrichment opportunities and other benefits that can be achieved through membership.

Clackamas Community College's

chapter of PTK is an active club that maintains the highest status a chapter can earn: five stars.

"This past year has been an amazing experience," said Jennifer Nelson of her term as PTK President. "It is so rewarding to collaboratively work for causes such as the American Cancer Society, and know that we can make a difference."

"This is a great time for new and existing members to become active in PTK's endeavors," said Nelson. "Elections for new officers will be taking place shortly, and all members are welcome to apply for a position. After the election the new officers will plan the upcoming year's events."

PTK meets every Wednesday at noon in R101. For more information visit ptk.org or dial ext. 2103.