

# Student respected by peers, college, country

## Electronics student honored for outstanding academic excellence

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His fellow students refer to electronics student Corneliu Boghean, winner of an All-American Collegiate Scholar award, as a "brain child."

Boghean, 30, is just finishing up his second year at Clackamas, where he'll be graduating this June. The honor role student has studied electronics and micro-electronics, excelling in the department and at his studies in general.

The United States Achievement Academy recognizes students every year for their outstanding academic excellence.

The nomination for the award was given by Electronics Program Director and Instructor Sanda Nedelcu, who has known Boghean since he began at Clackamas.

"Corneliu is an exceptional student. From the beginning, I was

amazed at his high math level," said Nedelcu.

The prerequisite for entering the electronics program is to place in Math 65, but Boghean easily tested into Math 261. Being naturally gifted, however, is not the only thing that has gotten Boghean this far.

"[Going to Clackamas] was a good experience," said Boghean. "I was very busy."

Aside from achieving a high GPA, Boghean has put a lot of himself into the electronics program.

"I have many other good students, but he had the ability to teach," said Nedelcu, who explained that Boghean comes to the electronics lab every day.

"I have been a tutor," said Boghean. "It has been interesting and fulfilling to help other students to better understand the material."

Boghean's giving nature is partly responsible for the success of the program.

"He is not paid for doing this, but he likes to help people," said Nedelcu. "The students actually requested him. They would say, 'If Corneliu isn't here, we won't take the class!'"

Nedelcu suggested her student for the All-American Collegiate Scholar award for many reasons.

"[I nominated him] because of his exceptional GPA," she said. "This guy is just very smart and helped the other students and the program so much ... when anyone asks for help, he immediately helps us."

After receiving a letter saying he had won the award, Boghean said modestly that he felt "honored."

"I was not surprised actually ... with his luck!" said Nedelcu. "I mean, this is a guy who won a lottery ticket in Romania."

Nedelcu shared how Boghean had bought a lottery ticket while living in Romania and won, which is why he was able to move to the United States.

All jokes about "luck" aside; Nedelcu knows that fortune alone is not what brought her student his award.

"He does not have anyone close to his grades and his performance," she concluded.



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Corneliu Boghean (CENTER), tutored micro-electronics students Trish Ellingson (LEFT) and Tim Bailey (RIGHT).

After graduation from Clackamas, at which he will be one of four students to be specially honored, Boghean plans to go to work in electronics.

"I hope to get a technician job at Intel," said Boghean. "I had an interview and was told I was successful, so I'm waiting

[to hear back from them]. Boghean also plans OIT where he will study ics further. His positive fident mindset may be ble for Boghean's success here at Clackamas.

"I always wanted the best," he said.

# Custodial Team Leader takes pride in campus appearance

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Many students may not know his name or even his face, but one can certainly recognize the results of Custodial Team Leader John Wilberg's work maintaining the aesthetics and

cleanliness of the college.

"I like things clean and nice—that's part of the reason why I like this position; it gives you the ability to clean things and look back at it and see what you did," Wilberg said. "Our campus is really beautiful and if you look at some of the other campuses ... some of

them are not real well kept. We get a lot of compliments."

With the addition of five (soon to be six) buildings on campus, Wilberg and his crew of 20 have had to compensate for the extra work, but have maintained a positive attitude.

"A lot of us are very happy to have our jobs here, because we realize how hard it is out there in the 'real' world," he said.

Clackamas has a very small custodial crew and is currently two workers short of the norm, which creates an even greater disadvantage.

"To clean the same amount of square footage, we do it with half of what [other colleges] have. We clean approximately 65,000 square feet a day, per person, which is way over the maximum," said Wilberg.

Along with their regular duties, which include keeping the grounds and parking lots clean; emptying all ash and trash receptacles, including 16 dumpsters; maintaining the

cleanliness of restrooms; relocating staff and faculty as necessary; and keeping the food areas clean, Wilberg said they work closely with the maintenance department.

"We need to know [all] facets of this campus instead of just knowing the custodial parts of it," Wilberg said. "We may need to know where to turn the water mains off, where the electrical shut-offs are; we need to know the intricate tunnel systems and what to do if some problems come up down there. We also need to respond to fire alarms and evacuate the buildings—we're all a team."

After 14 years on the job, Wilberg still strives to make a difference on campus and attributes much of that effort to teamwork.

"We have a lot of supportive people who are not afraid to get their hands dirty and help out," he said. "It's a team effort and that's what we need in a college like this. When you work for the community

college, we're working for the community in the college."

Outside of work, Wilberg enjoys gardening, boating, fishing, and camping.

"Vacationing is one of my favorite things; I love the coast and the mountains. We don't even pick an area to get in the RV and go. I'm a fanatic; I like to go ATV. One of the extremists [is] a three-wheeler—there are a lot of those around anymore."

Wilberg married Julie, his companion of nine years, two years ago. They also have two daughters, now 20, 21 and 22 in age. They also have three children. When the couple met, Julie worked as heretofore at the Cougar Café.

The Wilbergs plan to spend their vacation camping at Lake in the higher Cascades or 40 others, taking up a portion of the campsite.



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