

Spanish teacher well-traveled

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Imagine going to England with an American passport and asking a question saying, "I don't understand."

The story of Enrique Cesar Junquera Santana Munoz, a native of Clackamas, is as charming as

Junquera, the name he focuses on for convenience, was born in Denver, Colorado. He was seven months old when he moved to Venezuela on his father's work. Junquera has traveled to many countries. He went to Spain recently and would vacation in South America. He was open and culturally

When Junquera was 15, he graduated from high school in Venezuela, so his father sent him to England to learn Spanish. At the airport, his father had cigarettes to give him as a gift from Venezuela. He was asked about them and he didn't know what they were and all he could say was "I don't understand," which means "I don't understand" in



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English. A boy with an American Passport didn't know how to speak English.

After living in England, Junquera learned the language and moved to France, where he also adapted to the language of French.

While Junquera was helping his friends learn a language, he

decided he really had a passion for teaching. He moved to California where he taught for 15 years. Later he moved to Oregon, where he has been teaching since. He has been an instructor at Clackamas for the past six years, and has officially become full-time this year. All together Junquera has been

teaching for 25 years.

Here at Clackamas he teaches all the levels that are provided; he also helps with the Spanish Club, and he is taking students to Cuernavaca, Mexico this summer along with some other faculty members.

When the lively teacher isn't working, he reads Latin litera-

ture, his favorite style of literature. He listens to music, and traveling is a major priority.

"I have been all over the world, but I want to travel to more places," said Junquera.

The humorous instructor still has things on his "to-do" list, like parachuting from a plane, learning more languages and traveling more. If he had a choice of living anywhere in the world, he couldn't choose only one place; he would live in several parts of the world.

One should know a few things about Junquera.

"I'm a terrible dancer," said Junquera. The stereotype of a Latin man being a terrific dancer is not true in this case. Also, if he could have any other occupation, he would teach Tai-Chi. "I'm interested in the health part of it," said Junquera. Whatever the job, teaching has something to do with it. "My favorite part is the teaching."

Junquera has a strong drive to teach and it shows in the classroom. His passion for teaching is so enthusiastic. His charisma shows his experience and devotion to teach.

"When I see students making progress that gives me satisfaction that I'm doing my job."

Horticulture instructor great teacher, great resource

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It would be easy for a person to earn a doctorate degree, and then a "post-doc" to concentrate more on science than on teaching, but for a teacher like Joanne Harber, that would not be an option.

Harber is a first year, full-time member here at Clackamas, and she has also taught part-time for the last two years.

As an instructor of horticulture, she not only prepares students for degrees, but also is able to help people already in the field to beef up their skills, and as home gardeners.

In an effort to give students a good foundation about how plants grow, she said, "and the ability to think on their feet so they

can make decisions when things come up."

Another project of Harber's, is to create the monthly crossword puzzles in the Home and Gardens section of the Oregonian.

"They may be slightly difficult for the home gardener," said Harber, "but I wanted to make them a little challenging so they can learn something new."

Harber teaches a Plant Identification course, as well as Plant Propagation. Plant Propagation includes all the different methods of creating and multiplying plants.

She also has a strong interest in getting people to understand that we have limited resources so they can use drought-tolerant plants.

"Water is in limited supply,"

said Harber, it's all about "getting the right plant in the right place."

That is why she is excited about the new Water Efficient Demonstration Garden, which is located just east of Clairmont Hall. There is literature available on the site, so people can take a self-guided tour and see an example of a real water-efficient landscape.

Harber grew up on a farm with a large family in Indiana, where she completed her bachelor's degree in biology, with a



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minor in botany. Even then, she was interested in the applied side of horticulture, and wanted to work helping farmers.

After receiving her doctorate at OSU in Corvallis, Harber said, "I felt isolated from real

people, and was on the path of discovering myself and where I fit in."

"Now I am teaching," she said. "I am really enjoying it. I love the students. It is great fun."

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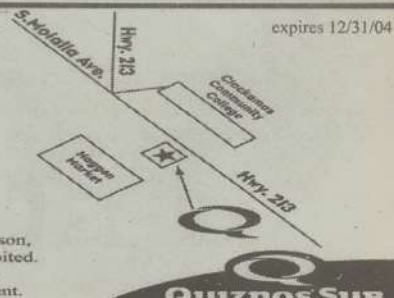
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