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## Event Highlight

Horticulture club plant sale Friday May 8  
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## Legislature gives stimulus checkup

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Everyone has a boss and on Wednesday, April 29, Clackamas administrators reported to theirs.

Oregon's Speaker of the House Dave Hunt, state Senator Martha Schrader and state Representative Brent Barton came to CCC so they could view the progress the college has been making with the \$1.35 million in stimulus money received from the state.

"We thought it would be important for them to see what we were doing so we can be accountable for the funds," College President Joanne Truesdell said, shortly before the state officials arrived, adding, "They really wanted to see this."

When Hunt, Schrader and Barton arrived they were warmly greeted by many of the school's prominent administrators, who had been involved with the Go Oregon stimulus project.

Once the welcomes and introductions were concluded by Truesdell, Bill Leach, dean of campus services, began a presentation highlighting what was being done, what was already completed, what savings the college had been able to manage and what more and how many jobs were produced.

Leach announced that out of the 29 projects that were being funded by the stimulus package, six had already been completed, the other 23 were already on their way, an important factor because all projects were required to start before May 1.

One crucial role the projects played was in reducing the school's utility costs substantially.

"We've actually reduced our utility budget by \$140,000 for the next year," Leach reported.

One key detail that the state officials were excited about was the money the college was able to save when it went through the bidding process with contractors.

"The school's bids came back as half of what was expected," said Joe Austin, dean of information technology services.

"They're bidding these projects to keep people working," Austin added, referring to why contractors bid so low.

After the presentation, the group went on a tour showing the work that had been done and the people that were being affected by it.

Michael Antonietti, a manager for Cochran technologies, one of the contractors doing work for the college, explained how the work provided by the college has helped him and his employees.

"More than 50 percent of the people haven't been getting their 40 hours," Antonietti commented to the state reps, "but count our blessings. Nobody's been laid-off thanks to you guys."

Schrader was pleasantly surprised by what Antonietti had to say.

"I'm planning to share this on the floor tomorrow," Schrader said emphatically. "It's creating and it's sustaining jobs."

All in all, the project was purported to create or retain a total of 100 jobs in the local economy.

After the tour was concluded, all three of the visiting officials seemed very pleased with how the college had managed the stimulus money.

"This was a challenging decision for me," Barton said, referring to when he voted for the stimulus package. "In retrospect, I feel very good about it."

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State Rep. Brent Barton said on his decision to vote on Oregon's stimulus package



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Sen. Martha Schrader (bottom left), Speaker of the House Dave Hunt (bottom right) and Rep. Brent Barton (middle back) are being led on a tour by College President Joanne Truesdell (back left) and Board of Education member Ron Adams (back right).

## Interviews with the next team of student representatives

ASG Presidential candidate Alyssa Fava

*For a second year in a row, both the Associated Student Government (ASG) Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates are running unopposed in what is becoming Clackamas' annual coronation. We decided to sit down with the candidates and learn what they are planning to do over the next year.*

ASG VP candidate Bailee Sanders

What do you plan to do as ASG President?

I really want to make sure students feel that they are being heard. One of my biggest plans is having bi-monthly open meetings with students. I'm going to sit down and talk to students about the questions they have, what changes they would like to see in ASG. All of their ideas I will bring to meetings like presidents council and the board of education. Especially, with the economy and the changes happening on campus, I want to make sure that I'm not the only one talking, that I know what students are saying as well.

What exact policy are you planning to enact to better improve Clackamas?

My meetings, that's going to improve my knowledge of the student body. I want to create a larger sense of community on campus, so I will be working with our campus

activities department to really reach out to clubs on campus as well as athletic departments. Every month campus activities is going to have a club in mind or an athletic team, and they're going to work on an activity to host on campus. There are also internal things I would like to work on as well.

What do you mean by that?

Just within our departments. Our promotions department-this was its first year. I think it's a great department to have and I would like to utilize that. It's really a great way to promote the student government on campus. I want make sure that any event ASG is having is really well promoted. I think that is really something that we can do a better job on.

What do you want the administration to work on?

Cost is big. Students are already facing a tuition raise. There are new fees being reinstated and I completely understand the pressure the college is under to fill that gap, but students have to be kept in mind. We really want to push them to keep students in mind and realize students can't keep forking out a lot of money.

What are the vice-presidents responsibilities in ASG?

We're the internal management of the team, and we just kind of keep everyone on ASG responsible for their requirements. We're in charge of setting the office, making sure people

are turning in their hour logs and we also take care of all of the conflict resolution, setting up the meetings. We work a lot with the appeals committee, and we make sure that we are following our bylaws. Another thing that I'm really excited about, being vice president is the clubs. Currently, the vice-president is the officer of the clubs department. I think that there is so much potential and so much of a need for more involvement in the clubs. I'm really looking forward to being able to oversee that and facilitate all the clubs on campus.

What kind of experience do you have in leadership?

I've been on student council all through elementary school and middle school. I was involved in DECA during high school. It's kind of a quirky little thing. [DECA] is a club that you join and you put together business plans. It's teaching you business operations and marketing strategies depending on what event you're a part of. My role in DECA was the vice president of promotions. Junior year, I was co-captain, for soccer. I was team captain my senior year. I was varsity all four years. I was a soccer referee. That's another thing I've done and that kind of puts me in a leadership. DECA is really what has brought me here to being a part of ASG on campus. Actually, Emily Smith is the one who got me hooked on ASG.



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