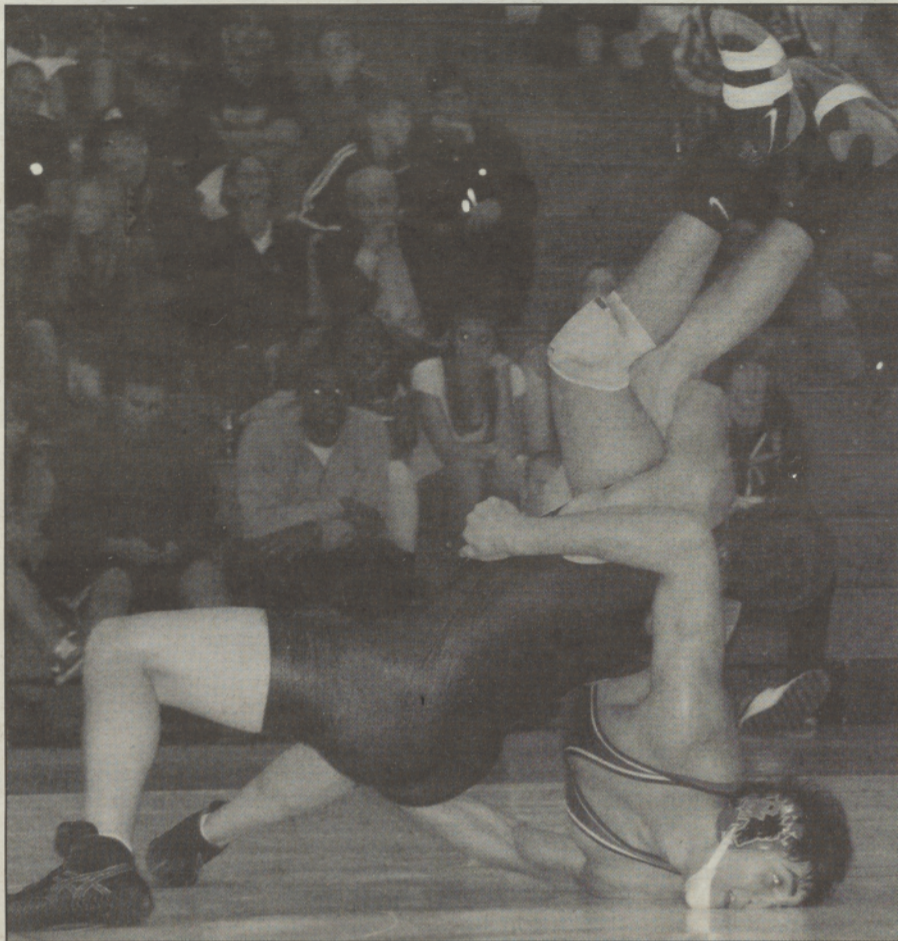


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Clackamas wrestler, Trent Noon, (pictured right) struggles to keep his opponent from holding him down. Last season the team made it to Nationals, where they managed to place first, despite losing a key team member, Tarrence Williams, to an unexpected injury at the last minute.

Wrestling revisits team success

By Katie Aamatti
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With the first wrestling meet, the Mike happening on Nov. 6, Clackamas Community College's wrestling team takes the time to remember the success of last season and map out their individual and team goals once again.

This past February in Spokane, Wash., the Clackamas national team won the NJCAA title for the first time since 1971, after overcoming a plethora of bumps and bruises on their way to victory.

During the quarterfinals in Spokane, the Cougars lost All-American Tarrence Williams, who wrestled in the 174 weight class to an injury, leaving five of the National team's 10 individuals in the semifinals. Such an unexpected loss has the potential to break a team's focus but that wasn't the case for the Cougars. As the weekend went on, the guys came closer together and rallied for their teammate.

"If someone were to tell us beforehand that we were going to lose [Williams] and still win Nationals, we would have been like, 'No way, not possible,'" said Head Coach Josh Rhoden. "[But] as the weekend went on you could see the guys really come together. It's a show of how far we could come and the bond of our team in just two months."

Filling the shoes of those who have moved on after last season are returning sophomore All-Americans Martin Gonzalez and Matt Melendrez and sophomore Eric Luna, among others. Gonzalez (133), who is nationally ranked in the top three and Melendrez (157) both placed 4th at Nationals last season.

"[Luna] practiced as a red shirt last season and we're looking forward to seeing him back in action," said Rhoden. Williams will be returning this year to the team, taking the place that Luna had last year as a red shirt.

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Former CCC student Aaron Burton talks about journey to NASA

By Robert Morrison
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"I really love my job. I love getting up and going to my job," said Aaron Burton, NASA employee.

Not many people get the chance to say that they enjoy their job everyday on their way to work, Burton is one of the few that can. His work is something really loves to do and he found that love at Clackamas Community College.

On Tuesday Oct. 26, CCC had the rare opportunity to host one of America's proudest undertakings, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). Former CCC student Burton paid the school a visit to his previous chemistry teacher, Nick Hamel. Burton is a post-doctoral researcher for NASA. Hamel and Burton organized a presentation in which

Burton would speak about his journey from CCC to NASA as well as how Burton had to take many roads to get to where he was going. The presentation brought in a group of over 20 students and staff.

"Students will see how transfer of classes from CCC directly lead to four-year college success," stated Hamel before the event in an email.

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It's only by giving things a chance and coming across it later in life that you find out you really like it."

Aaron Burton
NASA Scientist

"As a student he was a class leader, directing discussions, leading group work and helping others work out difficulties." Hamel was Burton's teacher in three different chemistry classes from 2001-2002 in which he eventually graduated with his Associate of Arts with honors.

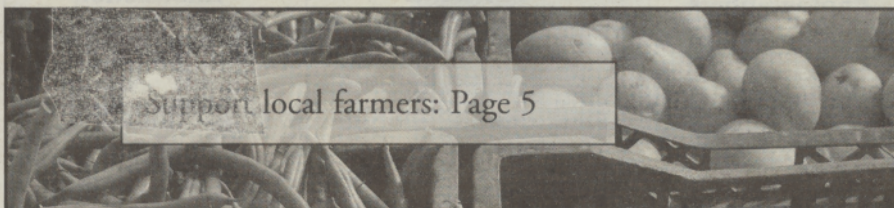
Burton grew up locally in Estacada where he went to high school. At that point in his life, he wanted to be a computer programmer. He went to Oregon State University, Clackamas and Portland State University majoring in many areas includ-

ing math, computer programming and biochemistry. When Burton attended CCC he found his love for chemistry which lead to him getting his associate of arts transfer degree. Burton received his Ph.D in biochemistry from PSU. Burton took a few years off from school, which he spent stocking shelves.

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