



Students, college plan for graduation

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Do you really want to walk the walk? Graduating from Clackamas Community College is an exciting prospect to some, but it might carry a stigma for others.

When a student is ready to graduate the college offers petitions for graduation.

Although some students look forward to walking with their class, other students may find it unnecessary to walk from a two-year college. Diana Shkurinsky, freshman at CCC who wants to take medical classes said, "I don't think I would participate in the ceremony, since I just graduated from

high school a year ago. Just give me my certificate and let me go find a job."

Other students such as Natasha Coy, who began taking her GED classes at CCC in 2010, have missed out on such a ceremony in high school. Coy didn't graduate from high school and feels like she missed out on so much as she watched her friends go through the ceremony. "I want to celebrate my success and accomplishments. This time I am walking up to get my certificate," Coy said.

Michelle Lucier is taking general courses CCC and hopes later to take the ten week Pharmacy Technician courses. "It would be fun to celebrate that I got through and to graduate with my peers."

Director of Enrollment

Management and Registrar Tara Sprehe said, "For those students who want to receive their certificate or degree, they must submit a petition for graduation form to the admissions, registration and records office."

"Our graduation ceremony is held in June before spring grades are due. So while there may be many students who have not yet officially received their certificate or degree when they walk across the stage, those students that have successfully completed their certificate and degree requirements after grades have been submitted do graduate," Sprehe said.

Graduation petitions for spring term are due May 11. If you have acquired two certificates or degree awards, separate

petitions are needed.

Petitions for graduation can be obtained from the enrollment services center in Roger Rook Hall, or printed from our forms and documents page.

Formal graduation activities are held every year at the end of spring term. If you have completed degree or certificate requirements during preceding terms, you are eligible to join the graduation ceremony.

"Our experience is that our graduation ceremony is a significant source of pride and joy for many graduates and their family, friends and support networks. This is particularly true for our Adult High School Diploma and GED students. I personally have known many students who have transferred to a four year institution that loved our ceremony and felt it represented an important recognition of their accomplishment," said Sprehe.

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Student



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Just south of Interstate 205, Highway 213 shows the signs of road construction and traffic chaos. The road will be closed March 22-27. Alternate route is recommended during this time.

Construction equipment stands ready for the impending bridge replacement on Highway 213 near Washinton Street across from Home Depot.

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Oregon City awarded the construction contract to Mowat Construction based on the company's expertise with complex bridge projects, past success completing extensive night-work projects on time and a competitive bid price. Mowat Construction's Jughandle Project team, based in Clackamas County, includes 34 employees and more than 10 specialty subcontractor firms.

Jason Kelly, resident engineer and lead structure designer for OBEC, an engineering consulting firm, is the manager of the project. He makes sure the job is done according to

the design.

"Twelve crews have been working nights for the past six months in constructing the foundation and the bridge to install on the four day closure. We have been spending \$500,000 to a million dollars a month on this project. We are on task and ahead of schedule and ready to install the bridge," said Kelly.

It is recommended that travelers from communities south of Oregon City bypass the city to avoid heavy traffic congestion. The city will assign an alternate route to I-5 during the four day closure of Highway 213.

Traveling to I-5 may be the fastest way for residents of Canby, Molalla and Mulino

to reach destinations north and east of Oregon City. The assigned alternate route to I-5 will begin on Highway 213 in Liberal and direct motorists along Macksburg Road and other arterial roads to reach I-5 at exit 282 in Wilsonville. A map of the signed route to I-5 is available for downloading at www.jughandleproject.com/detour.html, along with maps of two assigned alternate routes between Highway 213 and I-205.

Susan Iwata, administrative assistant for the college advancement department, will be working at the college during the construction.

"We'll all take the closure in stride. It's only a few days, after all," said Iwata.

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Correction

In last week's issue Chuck Pierce was misidentified on pages 1 and 5.

On page 2, Scott Giltz was misidentified.