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Six of the nine German students pose for a group photo on the CCC campus. They had just given a presentation about the German political system to a German class taught by David Miller, a CCC German instructor.

# Deutsche besuchen die Pumas

**Clackamas Cougars get a visit from a group of German students from Stadthausen**

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Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said, "Nur wo du zu Fuß warst, bist du auch wirklich gewesen." Roughly translated this means "Only where you were with your own feet, is where you've actually been."

Travel has become a major step in today's society for people to see the world and become accustomed to different cultures. Foreign students on campus have a chance to get a head start in these endeavors at Clackamas Community College with participation in the German program.

The opportunities here allow these students to travel/study abroad and spend a full term in a foreign country while learning our culture. CCC's German program and their sister school in Stadthagen, Germany provide this experience to students willing to pay the given amount, which includes airfare, room and some meals. Also just having German students come to our campus opens up many opportunities.

"Our Instructor Heidi Cropsey usually takes students to France during spring break and instructor David Miller takes students to Germany during the summer," said

Irma Bjerre, Spanish instructor at Clackamas. "I have taken students to study in Barcelona during the summer also. I plan to do it again in the future."

These are just some of the opportunities CCC has to offer.

"CCC is part of the Oregon International Education Consortium. We are seven colleges in Oregon that work together in order to be able to provide study abroad opportunities to our students," added Bjerre. "These programs are set in Barcelona, Costa Rico, Florence, Mexico and London."

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, CCC's German class welcomed nine German students to speak about their country and the political system there. They arrived in Oregon on Oct. 5 and spent two weeks in America. Three days in San Francisco, Calif. concluded their educational journey.

Miller, German instructor, helps with getting the program together.

"Well the teacher, Sandra Kuehnast, she arranges it months in advance. She sends me a list of students and what they're studying," said Miller.

Sandra Kuehnast is the German teacher of English, Economics and Accounting. She is also in charge of the exchange program and has been to the United States countless times and with students she has been approximately 10 times. The program started in 1995.

"There's a written contract between Oregon and Stadthausen," said Kuehnast. "The students are all doing apprenticeships and all are hoping to become bankers, legal assistants, etc."

"We then try to find a class that they can sit in, job shadows and host family for these students," said Miller, who helps these students into their field of study.

During their time at CCC, the students got to talk about their German politics in front of Miller's German class. They included large insight on how the German politics and legal system were run. They included talking about the Bundestag in Germany and all the different parties that Germany has and how they differ from America's parties.

"In Germany there are smaller and larger parties, not just two parties as there are in the United States," Kuehnast said in example.

The German students get to fully get a feel for the American culture while they are here.

"Besides sightseeing, they spend days doing work related things. They have two days of job shadows," said Kuehnast.

Traveling to foreign countries is an eye opening experience for many students to see different cultures and learn new languages.

"For students, it's so exciting. The best experience is staying with host families," added Kuehnast on the possibilities of studying abroad.

It's a great experience that shows many people all the things in the world that are out there. Clackamas has many opportunities for study abroad programs that can help widen anyone's educational knowledge. For more information, contact Bjerre at [irmab@clackamas.edu](mailto:irmab@clackamas.edu) and Miller at [millerd@clackamas.edu](mailto:millerd@clackamas.edu).

# Aquarium to open on McLoughlin Blvd.

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"People are really excited for us to open."

Right now passes are being sold for 50 percent off, and if bought now the price to renew the pass in the future would also be 50 percent off. Tickets are also on sale right now for \$8; after the aquarium opens they will sell for \$20.

After sitting in the same spot on McLoughlin Boulevard for a few years, a new life has been brought to open, but the community's excitement keeps growing.

For the past few months the Portland Aquarium formerly known as the Oregon Aquarium has been remodeling, gathering publicity, and getting the marine life ready for the grand opening this December. The date has not been set for the 12,500-square-foot attraction to open, but the community's excitement keeps growing.

"I think the community is going to embrace us," said Shane Dietz, the head aquarist on site. "We're bringing something better to the area instead of a strip club or bar."

The aquarium's two month old Facebook page has already reached over 8,000 followers.

"I can't wait to check out the new aquarium!" posted Jenny Tackett from Troutdale. "It sounds awesome!"

The page has been concentrating its energy on selling annual passes and also giving them away to nominated Facebook users. The latest winner, Jessica Gary, had over 100 nominations, winning a season pass, as well as an invitation to the aquarium's pre-grand opening event.

"We've already sold hundreds of passes so far," said Steve Blair, director of husbandry and operations.

The aquarium's main attractions include hands-on experiences with the aquarium's various creatures. It's meant to be an educational place for kids to feel and feed the sea life that live there.

The marine animals that will be featured will include a shark exhibit, stingray pools, puffers, an octopus exhibit, tidal pools and all sorts of invertebrates. According to Blair, they're trying to make it as kid-friendly and family-orientated as possible.

The project has been privately funded and sits in the \$1 million range as of right now, which is a substantial starting amount for an aquarium of its size. In addition, they will be hiring 30-40 people in the next two months.

Blair and other staff are expecting at least 4,000 people to visit the aquarium per year.

"We're really excited to be here," said Blair. "I think we're the first aquarium in the Portland Metro area, and so far we've had great feedback."

Blair hopes to boost awareness about our waters, and increase ocean stewardship to those to visit the aquarium. Mostly the goal is to stand out as a good experience for the families who visit.



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The stingray pool is the only up and running pool that is in the aquarium at this time. A few other pools have already been placed, but more animals are yet to come.

# NELSON: CCC and safety officer part ways

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Coorpender owns PocketPress, publisher of statutory law books that provide officers with legal reference materials that are used in their police work.

A letter to Joanne Truesdell, president of the college, was also sent to *The Clackamas Print*. Coorpender wrote that he left the college because there are problems. He explains these in the letter.

"First, Dean Cochran man-

dated that Dept. of Campus Safety officers should take NO actions that involved self-initiated or proactive law enforcement," Coorpender stated in his letter. "Secondly, Cochran publically (sic) castigated the Director of Campus Safety, Kurt Nelson, while he and others officers were engaged in a lawful traffic stop."

Cochran denied the first statement and would not comment on the second reason.

On the phone, Coorpender also stated, "It became clear the college did not need law enforce-

ment." He also stated in an email conversation: "I was not present with any conversations between Kurt and Cochran, but subsequently, Kurt sent [me] an email stating that 'given the direction I have been given, do NO self-initiated activity'. Several other DCS officers were present at the traffic stop and heard Cochran yelling at Kurt."

Coorpender's letter makes it clear that he disagrees with the college's policies that involve how a law enforcement offi-

cer handles calls. He feels that Cochran's direction, in certain situations could potentially leave students and staff in danger, conflicting with lawful procedures all law enforcement officers are obligated to follow.

Wilton explained that until a replacement is hired, Cochran is in charge of Campus Safety. They plan on consulting with Oregon City Police if there is a need. Public safety is a main focus of administration at the college according to Wilton.

"I think we are very focused

on public safety and the role of what police do on campus," he said.

Officer Tim Cato, with Campus Safety, said he enjoyed working with Nelson and respected the opportunity to have learned from his extensive experience. He also made it clear the CCC community was his and his fellow officers were their first priority and that they were a proud part of it.

"We are a diverse community," he said. "Our agenda is to create a quality learning environment for students and faculty."