

Students juggle work and school

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Many students here at Clackamas Community College have the extra workload of balancing school, work, and their home life, but how do they do it? Not all students have jobs for various reasons. There are many who have to remain organized in order to support themselves with a job to get them through school.

The consensus seems to be that education is very important these days, but keeping a job and focusing on home lives is just as important, according to College Money Insider, a website devoted to stress relief remedies.

According to Dawn Williams, a case career coach on campus, time management is the biggest concern when balancing school, work and home life. One helpful tip that she suggests is to create a master syllabus that combines all courses into one.

"If you create one space, maybe a desk calendar, or maybe it's in your phone, or maybe it's on your desktop, to just put all of your assignments

in one place," Williams said, "so that way you can look at your next week or next two weeks at a glance and say 'Oh, look! Next Friday I have three papers due for different classes,' so then you can try and spread it out a little bit."

This is also a great way to make sure that one is on track with the classes that they are taking and to still have time to focus on their home life as well as their job to support themselves.

"Working with advisers or careers coaches and kind of using the resources on campus to make sure that you're staying on track," said Williams. "You want to make sure you're kind of doing the right thing in the right order."

Some things that every student can do to organize between school and work is to set up a routine in which every day you can have a set time to do homework and then still have hours left to be available for work.

Students usually have some free time in their days, even if it's not scheduled to do homework then, they can still work on homework instead of procrastinating.

Many jobs that hire college

students can be very lenient in giving time off to students for them to study for finals. If possible, students should find student-friendly jobs, that way the employer is already expecting to give time off for studying, rather than a job where they expect their employees to be committed to their job and aren't willing to give time off for schoolwork.

One student at CCC, Jen Morris, has a three-year-old to take care of and is currently going to school and working.

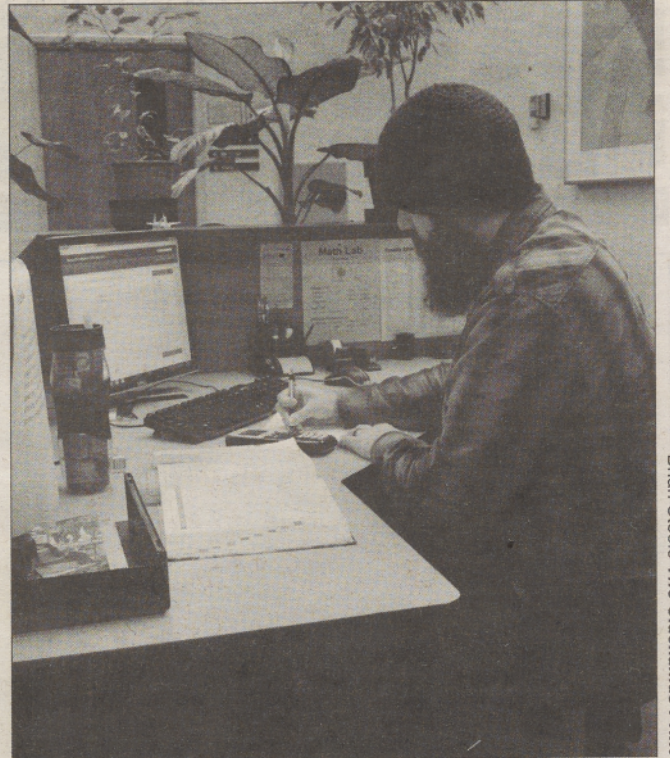
"I usually get work done at school. I balance homework by taking notes," said Morris. "I try not to work as much. It's definitely hard balancing homework, school and work."

Sophomore student Russell True has taken on more than most students and is working two jobs.

"Well, I am on call on construction, but I can say no if I have homework," said True. "I have a pretty regular schedule with McDonalds."

True also agrees that it can be tough working two jobs, but that the extra money is always nice.

"The construction job isn't as consistent since school started," said True. "But if it were consistent then I would turn down



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Ballot Fraud

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During the last few days leading up to the presidential election, Clackamas County election officials discovered that one of their own had turned against the system

Deanna Swenson, age 55, is a temporary elections worker for Clackamas County who has been accused of tampering with voter ballots according to the Department of Justice.

Swenson is accused of taking some ballots out of the box that were to be counted, and filled in bubbles that the original voters had left blank.

"To date, Clackamas County, under supervision of my elections monitors, has identified six ballots that were potentially altered by the accused temporary county

elections employee," stated Secretary of State Kate Brown in a press release. "The total number of ballots potentially affected is still under investigation by the Department of Justice."

The main concern of the investigation is to find out how it happened, and what can be done to prevent it in the future.

Michelle Baker, ASG Student Life and Leadership Advisor expressed her concerns.

"In my opinion, the person that's there and the systems in check to watch to make sure this doesn't happen," she said. "The person who did it is ultimately responsible for their actions."

The department of Justice is working alongside the Secretary of State, the County Clerk and high-ranking elections officials to look at how this happened, and to make sure that changes are put in place which would stop it from happening again.

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The Army Strong Community Center was opened in 2011 by the U.S. Army Reserve and is the first of its kind here in the northwest at a community college. The goal of the program is to connect with families of military personnel and give them a resource here in the community. According to Greg Myers, the Veteran Affairs Coordinator, there are approximately 375 veterans attending Clackamas Community College today.

Daniel Faust and other veterans at Clackamas have expressed their gratitude for the benefits available here.

"Thanks to Greg Myers, we have a program that helps support people," said Faust. "We have had good experiences."

According to Faust, the Veterans Club was invited to a dinner for Veterans Day put on by the Elks. There they were given a small grant for the program in which the money will be dispensed in hundred dollar increments for book scholarships to vets on campus.

Since 2007, Clackamas has increased the services provided to veterans to add additional support for those returning from overseas. In 2009, the Veterans Education and Training center was opened after Clackamas received a grant from the federal government to reach out to veterans. The school also offers college credits for military training, making it easier for veterans to go to school.

"For me it has been the staff," said Scott Meuser, another vet on campus. "They're really knowledgeable and since the G.I. Bill it's been great."

In recent years the college has hosted three career fairs. These fairs have allowed veterans and their families to connect with veteran-friendly employers and service providers.

The consensus seems to be that veterans have been treated well on campus. The college has worked hard to welcome the troops coming home and has diligently worked towards a better program for veterans.

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