



Welcome to winter term

Dear readers,

Winter term has arrived and with it comes the cold wind and rain; by now I hope everyone has settled into their winter schedule and is ready to tackle the new term.

For all the freshmen who finished the fall term, it wasn't as scary as you thought, right?

For everyone who is about to graduate, you are only a couple months from graduating here at Clackamas Community College and moving on to your next chapter in life. Whether that be heading to a university, getting a job in your field or just waiting to see where life takes you.

Exactly two years ago I enrolled at CCC and I had no plan for what I wanted to do. The first class I took here was the newspaper because I had a passion for taking photos. I remember sitting in the classroom for the very first time — as much of an extrovert I am — I felt like I didn't fit in, yet I was determined to make the best of it.

After my first term here, I applied to become the photo editor, and to my surprise, I was hired. Fast forward to winter term of 2020 where I took a massive jump. I am now the Editor-in-Chief of The Clackamas Print. It has truly been a privilege to work

alongside some of the most creative and outstanding people, (many of which are now my close friends) over these last two years.

Being here at CCC has opened many opportunities for me as well as many others. It's all about going out and finding them and it is all thanks to everyone here at Clackamas. I have never met a group of faculty as supportive as the ones here at Clackamas. From the team in the Welcome Center to all the full and part-time instructors who truly deserve more. To the athletic coaches who put all their energy into their teams. To the executive staff who all work together to give students the best education close to home. Don't forget to thank a teacher for all their hard work.

As the winter season continues, it's important to be taking care of yourself. Don't forget to take time to check in on yourself. If you ever feel like you need to talk to someone, don't be afraid to talk. Whether that be a friend or someone else you trust. CCC offers free counseling for all students, located in the Community Center. This is an invaluable service that our college offers and we are truly lucky to have them. I urge everyone to take advantage of this. You are important and we are all here to help each other. After all, this is a community.

If you want to get involved with the college, or if you want to meet new people, there are many opportunities available. That can be joining a club or joining a class that you are interested in. There is a spot for you here to grow. You'll never know what doors they'll open. It's all about taking the first jump.

I wish you all good luck in these coming weeks — it will be spring before you know it. We are very excited here at The Clackamas Print to bring you more of the news happening on and off campus. We publish every Wednesday and you can find us all over campus. If you want to reach out to us, please feel free to call or email us. We welcome everyone to come join our team. If you are interested in writing, photography, or have talent that you want to share with the world, we would love to have you join our team!

I look forward to going out and meeting more of the amazing people here at CCC.

GO COUGARS!

— Jonathan Villagomez
Editor-In-Chief

College faculty continues bargaining

Negotiations between full-time faculty and the college are moving to mediation.

In an email sent out to Clackamas Community College staff, Tim Cook said, "While we have made progress, we have not yet agreed on wages. We are at a point in negotiations where we believe we need help to come to an agreement. Therefore, we are contacting the Employee Relations Board,

the state agency responsible for supporting public employees, their labor representatives and public employers in labor relations matters in Oregon, to ask for a mediator to assist in bringing this process to a successful conclusion."

Cook said it may take up to six weeks for a mediator to be available, during which time the college intends to continue negotiating with full-time faculty.

The College and the Full-time Faculty Association have been in labor negotiations since February 2019.

We will update this story as more information becomes available.

— Laura Canida

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