

Restoration: 'It gives students an experiential learning opportunity'

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"For me, it's a win-win-win," said Angela Cosby, director of the city's Parks and Recreation Department. "It gives the students an experiential learning opportunity, while helping the city restore one of its historical halls."

The college is preparing future workshops at Alderbrook Hall to restore the columns in front of the building, remove the plywood siding from the gable overlooking Lief Erikson Drive, restore the original stucco finish on the second story and uncover a boarded-over window, Swerdloff said.

Cosby hopes the work on Alderbrook Hall will entice more groups to use the neighborhood center. The Clatsop County Master Gardeners recently adopted a portion of the playground and will soon start building a community demonstration garden.

Just like with maritime science, the college offers one of the only historic restoration programs in the region, regularly drawing students from around the country. Participants at the workshop ranged from teenagers fresh out of high school to Julie Whalen, 51, who traveled from Eugene to learn window restoration techniques for her new business, Willamette Window Restoration.

A former state parks employee, Whalen first met Gustafson at a University of Oregon field preservation school and learned about the college's workshops.

"Clatsop Community College and the University of Oregon, that's it, that I'm aware of" she said of regional preservation workshops. "I've gone across the country. I went to a summit in Kentucky, and I'm attending the Belvedere School (for Historic Preservation) in Missouri."

Richie Velasquez, 25, has been traveling around 100 miles each way, three days a week, between Newberg and Astoria to take construction, drafting and restoration classes at the college. His father runs a paint-removal business working on historic homes. One homeowner had attended the college and told Velasquez about the program.

"I really want to add to what my dad does," Velasquez said.

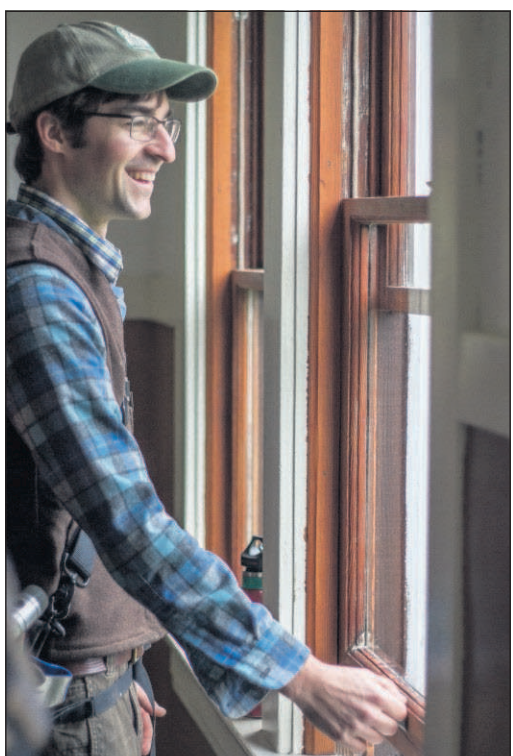
The vast difference in age and experience among students doesn't surprise Swerdloff.

"A lot of people hear the term historic preservation, and they're not really sure what that means," he said. "It's kind of a vague term. But once they understand what it is, they realize it involves construction, it involves analysis, it involves documentation. I think they're just naturally inclined to that kind of craft."



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Richie Velasquez travels about 200 miles a day, three times a week, between Newberg and Astoria to take courses and workshops at Clatsop Community College.



Chris Gustafson, a window restoration specialist and workshop instructor for Clatsop Community College's Historic Preservation and Restoration Program, tries a recently restored window at Alderbrook Hall.



Julie Whalen, owner of Willamette Window Restoration in Eugene, traveled to Astoria for a historic window restoration workshop through Clatsop Community College at Alderbrook Hall.



Jose Luis Roidan Perez, a first-year historic preservation and restoration student at Clatsop Community College, fixes a rope pulley system in a window at Astoria's Alderbrook Hall.

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