

# LOCAL NEWS



2023 Clackamas Community College graduate

## Celebrate CCC's Commencement Ceremony

Clackamas Community College will celebrate its 2024 graduates at a commencement ceremony on June 14 for students earning degrees and certificates, Adult High School diplomas and General Educational Development (GED) certificates.

This year, Clackamas Community College is awarding 1,264 degrees and certificates, and 203 GEDs and Adult High School diplomas. The youngest graduate is 17 and the oldest is 75. Five-hundred-eighty-three graduates were on the honor roll, earning a cumulative grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74, 376 made the President's List earning a GPA between 3.75 and 4.0, and 129

are graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

"Our graduates are not only students, but they are also parents, workers, caregivers, veterans, starting new or starting over," CCC President Dr. Tim Cook said. "Graduating from college is no small feat. It takes dedication, persistence and grit. We are proud of this year's graduates."

The commencement ceremony begins at 4 p.m. and takes place outdoors (rain or shine) by the Holden Industrial Technology Center on the Oregon City Campus, 19600 Molalla Ave. For more information, visit CCC's Graduation webpage.

## Gresham Firefighter Injured Fire Likely Caused by Candle

At approximately 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, Gresham Fire Department and Portland Fire and Rescue responded to the reports of a duplex on fire at the 1300 block of Southeast 182nd Street. Due to the quick work of the responding crews, the fire was able to be contained to a single duplex unit and no civilians were injured.

This was a complex response as the nature of the fire evolved rapidly. During the incident, three Gresham Firefighters sustained injuries and were transported to the Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. Two of the Firefighters have been treated and released. However, Firefighter Spencer Tejedas remains hospitalized at this time. Firefighter Tejedas suffered severe burns on over 45% of his body.

"Incidents of this nature are a harrowing reminder that despite our best efforts with robust training and protective gear just how dangerous the job of a firefighter is," said Gresham Fire Chief Scott Lewis. "Our hearts go out to the entire Tejedas family."

After further investigation, it has been determined that the fire was accidental and caused by an unattended candle.



Courtesy of City of Gresham

Firefighter Spencer Tejedas remains in critical but stable condition. He was tentatively scheduled for surgery Monday, June 3. The family wants

to express their thanks for the outpouring of support they have received from the community. There are no further updates at this time.

## Bringing a Strong Foundation in Student Advocacy

### St. Andrew Nativity School Welcomes New Principal

Please join us in welcoming Joseph Aguilera, our next principal of St. Andrew Nativity School. Joseph received his Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business with a minor in Theology at Loyola University Maryland, followed by his Master of Arts in Teaching at Boston College. He is enrolled in Fordham University's Graduate School of Education and is a Ph.D. candidate in Administration, Supervision, and Leadership.

Currently, Joseph is the Director of Graduate Support at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. He has experience in teaching and served as Dean of Students at Nativity Preparatory School of Boston. He brings a strong foundation in student advocacy, leadership, restorative practices, and a deep understanding of our Jesuit charism and the Nativity Miguel school model.

Joseph is thrilled to join the Nativity family. "I am a native New Yorker with Dominican and Cuban heritage. I embrace the 'Cura Personalis' philosophy, emphasizing comprehensive care for individuals and empowering young people in urban communities. I offer a holistic perspective and work to transform society. It's an honor to be



Joseph Aguilera

a part of St. Andrew Nativity's rich history and exciting future." Joseph will be joining St. Andrew Nativity School in early August 2024.

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