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Clark College announces \$3.1M land gift

Also, \$400K Meyer Memorial matching grant received

M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust receives Presidential Award

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Clark College Foundation’s annual Savoring Excellence dinner on Wednesday celebrated a significant announcement: a \$3.1 million gift of land from the Boschma family in Ridgefield, Wash. When combined with private and state funding, the land will be the location of a future Clark College campus.

During the college’s annual donor appreciation event, in which more than 170 guests attended, Clark College President Robert K. Knight said that future students and the North County community will reap the greatest benefits of the Boschma family gift.

“For our students, the door of opportunity and access will be opened wider. For the city of Ridgefield, this announcement is monumental,” he said. “Once built, the North County campus will be known as Clark College at Boschma Farms.”

Lisa Gibert, president and CEO of Clark College Foundation, who was instrumental in securing the gift and brokering the land purchase, said the gift sets the tone for the future of North County.



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“This type of partnership demonstrates the overwhelming generosity that people of Southwest Washington have for Clark. Making education more accessible for people in the region means greater prosperity for the residents and a brighter economic future,” she said.

Clark College will benefit by the acquisition of the new property through the combined generosity of the Boschma family and the charitable support of Clark County residents, Clark College alumni, philanthropic supporters, trusts and foundations, whose donations to the Clark College Foundation have made this opportunity possible.

The transaction consists of a \$5.67 million land purchase by the Clark College Foundation, accompanied by the Boschma Family LLC’s generous \$3.12 million land donation – providing a total of 59.24 acres for the future expansion of Clark College.

Meyer Memorial Trust

In addition to the land gift news, Gibert announced that Clark College Foundation received a \$400,000 matching grant from Meyer Memorial Trust to outfit its new science technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) building with equipment and furnishings.

Community Foundation for Southwest Washington

Gibert also noted that a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington was recently awarded to Clark to benefit the college’s Pathways program. The grant will assist in helping break cycles of poverty through access to education, literacy training, mentoring and career services.



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Murdock Charitable Trust Honored

Also during the dinner event, Gibert presented her Presidential Award for Excellence to M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, which provided \$250,000 last year to Clark College for new dental equipment in its nationally recognized Dental Hygiene program. The money purchased modern technology to ensure student access to current advances in the industry and meet federal privacy regulations.

“The grant allows Clark’s Dental Hygiene program to meet rapidly changing technology advancements in the dental profession. Students must be trained in the use of modern tools in order for them to secure jobs. M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust is also directly affecting the wellness of residents in Southwest Washington because Clark students care for hundreds of underserved patients each year,” said Gibert.

The Firstenburg Family Dental Hygiene Education & Care Center opened earlier this year after undergoing renovations, adding paperless charting software and updating its digital radiography area. The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust grant enabled the college to purchase instructional cameras, workstation computers, radiology computers, patient privacy materials and vacuum systems.

Clark College Foundation is a nonprofit charity that serves as the fundraising partner of Clark College in support of student access to educational programs and services. It is nationally recognized for excellence in superior fundraising programs. Savoring Excellence is a yearly event presented by the Clark College Foundation to honor major contributors to the programs and students of Clark College.