



## Ensuring a Bright Future

### The Investment

Once in full operation, 125 students will be served annually through Penguin Promise. The \$105,000 per year cost includes scholarships and programs. In order to ensure the program's ongoing success and availability to students, a \$3.5 million endowment must be established. An endowment allows the program to continue in perpetuity and will grow over time to accommodate increases in tuition and other program costs, as well as impact more students.

Clark College seeks 35 or more donors—at an endowment level of \$100,000 each—to create Penguin Promise endowment funds. Each fund will be named in honor of the investor. Donors can make an outright gift or set up a pledge agreement for up to five years.

Clark College Foundation promises a **high rate of return** on your financial investment. Clark College will do the same by providing an outstanding education for the students in the Penguin Promise program.

College graduates earn nearly double what their high school counterparts make, and were more likely to be employed during the recent recession, according to a Brookings Institute study. This translates to more individuals in Southwest Washington contributing to the economic health and vibrancy of the region.

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## Penguin Promise at CLARK COLLEGE



Haylea Close '11 has the world in her hands as she pursues her dream of becoming an electrical engineer.



*Lindsay Lowdermilk (left) and Carolina Sanchez*

"For college preparation, I need to try harder in school to be successful." Lindsay spends more of her time doing homework and rewriting class notes to help her retain information.

~ Lindsay Lowdermilk, Fort Vancouver High School student

Carolina aspires to be a forensic scientist or an FBI investigator. The first time she stepped onto a campus it was less scary than she expected. "The kids didn't seem very different from me."

~ Carolina Sanchez, McLoughlin Middle School student

## CLARK COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT

Extraordinary Education ~ Engaged Learners ~ Excellent Services ~ Enriched Community

# Penguin Promise at Clark College

## Partnership

A college preparatory and scholarship program partnership between Clark College and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington (BGCSW).

### Purpose

To inspire the dream of a college education and prepare members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington to graduate from high school, and enroll and succeed at Clark College.

### Why?

A college degree opens doors to opportunities otherwise closed to some individuals in our community. Attending college allows people to explore their interests, pursue goals, expand career options and increase their lifelong earning potential.

### What?

BGCSW provides mentoring and programs to help students strive and achieve their educational goals. Once admitted to Clark College, students are matched with a mentor and receive top-off scholarship funding to assist with tuition, fees and books.

### How?

Penguin Promise participants will engage in college prep activities that include entrance exams, the college application processes, financial aid counseling and many other support mechanisms to ensure success.

### When?

By fall 2013, there will be more than 30 BGCSW members enrolled. Each year, at least 25 students may be added. By the fifth year of the program, up to 125 students could be enrolled on an annual basis.

Students must be BGCSW members and in 8th grade. A student can enter in subsequent years through the first term of 10th grade and be eligible for prorated funding.

- ❖ Individuals must qualify through an application and interview process.
- ❖ Financial aid and at least three other scholarships must be applied for annually.
- ❖ Penguin Promise scholarship dollars will be the top-off dollars applied to the cost of college.
- ❖ Funding will cover tuition, fees and books.
- ❖ The scholarship pays for a class only once.

## Eligibility

### High school student must:

- Be a Clark County resident
- Enroll in math and English classes all four years
- Maintain 90 percent attendance
- Graduate from high school

### College student must:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Attend full time
- Complete degree within three consecutive years
- Receive up to 120 paid credits (needed for an associate degree)
- Apply for financial aid (if eligible to apply) and at least three other scholarships annually

Students can also apply for a transfer scholarship to pursue a baccalaureate degree.



*Clark College student Rintaro Kobayashi*

**Together with you, we promise to ensure that the youth in our community know—with certainty—that they can attend college, graduate and lead rich, meaningful lives.**