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## Clark College alumni to be honored

Barbara Saur '86 and James R. Martin '68 will receive accolades during a June 5 event at Clark College Tickets still available for the alumni-student celebration

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Barbara Saur, a tireless community volunteer and James R. Martin, a highly respected expert in investments, are the 2012 Clark College Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

Barbara Saur '86 was 57 when she graduated from Clark College with a certificate in business technology. She was determined to re-enter the work force after an 11 year hiatus and so began a decade-long career as a program assistant in Clark's Women's Programs mentoring women in the Displaced Homemaker Program. Her friendly and kind manner was appreciated by the women she mentored, and resulted in more women staying in school.

Saur was active in Clark's Mature Learning Program and remained engaged upon her retirement in 1996. She has advocated for Al-Anon, volunteered with the HIV/AIDS program at SW Washington Health District and on the YWCA's Women of Achievement committee—earning the honor herself in 2004.

James R. Martin '68, chief investment officer for M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, has provided his expertise to many foundations in the Southwest Washington community. He earned an associate degree in business accounting at Clark and continued on to Eastern Washington University for a



bachelor's in accounting. He also holds a Certified Public Accountant credential. Martin was recently named Small Foundation Manager of the Year by the industry magazine <u>Institutional Investor</u>.

He credits the availability of a Clark College education as giving him the momentum to achieve higher education, and believes the affordability and accessibility that the community receives from Clark College is a valuable resource.

Martin currently serves on the PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors, and the Vancouver Rotary Foundation Investment Committee, and has been involved with the Boy's and Girl's Clubs and Boy Scouts of America.

Saur and Martin will be honored at the annual Clark College Alumni-Student Dinner on Tuesday, June 5, in Gaiser Hall Student Center at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver, Wash. Tickets are available for \$25. Register online at <a href="www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/alumni\_student\_dinner.php">www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/alumni\_student\_dinner.php</a> or contact Vivian Cheadle Manning, director of annual fund and alumni relations, <a href="www.nmanning@clark.edu">wmanning@clark.edu</a> or 360.992.2104.

The Alumni-Student Dinner is held annually to bring current students and Clark alumni together for an evening of networking and celebration.

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