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COVER: Shirley Ann Sackman, a former Clark College professor, died in March. Her legacy brightens the lives of students and faculty.





**LEFT** Archer Gallery hosted a "Space Rocks" exhibit from November 2018 to February 2019 with pieces from Dylan Beck and other artists. Beck's art appearing at top: "Filtered AF"; "Stacks on Stacks on Stacks," bottom left; and "Lake of Fire," bottom right. Photos by Jenny Shadley

**RIGHT** The newest inductees into the Clark College Athletics Hall of Fame are top center, Brenda Bessner, 1989-1990 women's track and field, with Brad Thompson, left, and Roger Daniels '75 (former Clark athletic director), right. Middle left, Janie Hogan-Corbett, 1991-93 women's basketball with her daughter. The 1982 men's golf champs and staff, bottom, left to right, Bill Belden (VP, Clark student services), Roger Daniels '75, Jeff Coad, Mike Burch, Jay Gilberg (accepting on behalf of his brother, Tim), Todd Quigley, Kevin Antolock, Chris Jacob (Clark athletic director). Photos by athletic department





Clark friends Linda Beasley-Warson, below left, and her husband Toby Warson, center, speak with Darlene Sorenson '72, right, who earned her nursing degree at Clark. They were part of an intimate gathering of Penguins in California in February.

The 2019 Iris Awards honored outstanding women of achievement in Southwest Washington.

## PENGUINS SPOTTED IN THE WESTERN CALIFORNIA DESERT

A dozen retired faculty and staff members, as well as friends of the Penguin Nation who live in the area of Palm Desert, Calif., gathered at PGA West in La Quinta on February 22 to reminisce and learn about exciting new Clark College projects. President Robert Knight addressed the group, talking about a recent accreditation process headed by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Clark was applauded for making advances in social equity and its dedication to eliminating disparities. The entity also made several recommendations, including encouraging Clark to continue to evaluate general education outcomes to ensure the college's core themes align with its mission. Knight also updated the group on the status of the Promising Pathways fundraising campaign—currently at \$19.1 million on a \$35 million goal. He spoke about



several campaign initiatives such as public-private partnerships with local advanced manufacturers and automotive businesses. Penguins in the Desert, held in Arizona or California, is an annual gathering to reconnect far-flung Clark Penguins with the college.



Ann Fischer



Stacey Graham



Rekah Strong '92



Lynn Valenter



Maureen Montague



## Annual Iris Awards honor women of achievement

The annual Iris Awards, honoring women of achievement in Southwest Washington, was held March 7 on campus. The awards, which celebrate women's outstanding contributions to the community, are presented each year in observation of International Women's Day. Awards were presented to Ann Fischer, founder of the Healthy Equitable Living Project; Stacey Graham, president of the Humane Society for Southwest Washington; Rekah Strong '92, executive director of Educational Opportunities for Children and Families; and Lynn

Valenter, vice chancellor for finance and operations at Washington State University Vancouver. H-RoC, a nonpartisan political action committee dedicated to the advancement of elected and appointed female leaders in Southwest Washington, chose Columbia Springs Executive Director Maureen Montague for the Iris Award they sponsor. All of these honorees represent the very best of Clark County community leadership and volunteer efforts. Discover more photos at flickr.com/photos/clark\_college.

## BOA donates to Veterans Resource Center



Alison is a Navy veteran whose service included time aboard the destroyer, the USS Cole.



The Bank of America Charitable Foundation contributed \$15,000 in support of student veterans. The funding provides textbooks, school supplies, on-campus dental services, career assessments, emergency grant funds, certification exam fees, work-related tools, equipment and supplies through Clark's Veterans Resource Center (VRC). The center helps hundreds of veterans obtain education and training for success on the job, and transitioning to civilian life. Alison is one student who will benefit from the grant. A Navy veteran, Alison relies on the center's computers to print her homework assignments, the study area for a quiet space to concentrate and relax, and tutors to assist her with studying. The grant counts toward a fundraising effort to raise \$2 million for the VRC. Promising Pathways: The Campaign for Clark College is a \$35 million effort led by Clark College Foundation aimed at empowering students by providing enhanced educational opportunities and sharing the legacies of Clark's partners and donors.



## NEW GRANT HELPS STUDENT PARENTS

At a time when many colleges across the country are shutting down their child care centers, Clark College is expanding access to its Child and Family Studies program so that more low-income parents can pursue higher education. The expansion comes through a \$496,800 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents in School) program. The majority of the funds, which will be disbursed over four years, will subsidize child care in the college's Child and Family Studies program for Pell Grant-eligible student parents. About one-quarter of Clark students have dependent children, and 43 percent are low-income. "We know that child care can be a barrier for many people who would like to go to college, so having safe, high-quality and affordable early childhood care right here on campus can help these students succeed and create brighter futures for their whole families," said Child and Family Studies Director Michele Volk. The first funds were disbursed to 18 student parents during winter term, and plans are underway to expand the CCAMPIS program to additional families.







Photo by Nick Bremer Korb

# LEGACY FUND HONORS OUTGOING CLARK PRESIDENT

by JOEL B. MUNSON

President Robert K. Knight, who announced his retirement as the leader of the Penguin Nation effective August 31, 2019, is fond of saying that he never purposely sought out the job as president.

"I'm definitely not your traditional college leader," Knight often tells newcomers to Clark College.

As a United States Military Academy graduate and career officer, Knight came into the role of Clark president through a somewhat circuitous way—first as the head of administrative services for the institution, then as interim president and finally as president. Knight takes pride in the fact he has brought a different perspective to Clark and he thinks it has helped him garner support from the community.

It would be hard to argue against Knight's point of view. Since taking the reins of the institution 13 years ago, Clark has seen tremendous growth, particularly when it comes to projects

and programs that are financially supported by Clark College Foundation.

"I'm proud of the work we've done to improve the Early Childhood Education laboratories, the new STEM building, the Dental Hygiene program, the new Tod and Maxine McClaskey Culinary Institute and the soon-to-be Clark College at Boschma Farms campus in Ridgefield," said Knight. "But there are so many more programs and projects—almost too many to mention—that our faculty, staff and volunteers have helped us accomplish."

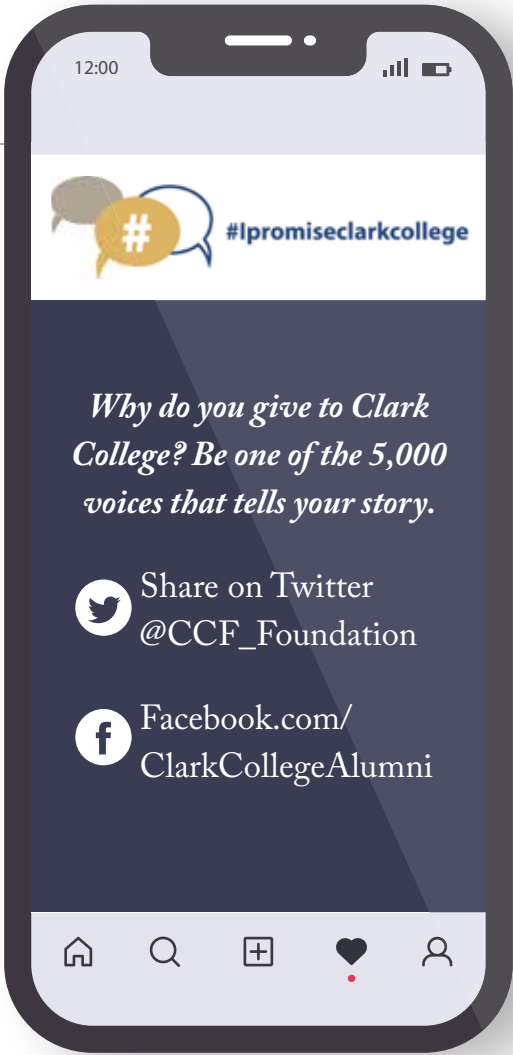
Knight is especially proud of the results of the college's most recent accreditation review by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which he announced earlier this year. Clark received commendations in six categories, including its efforts related to guided pathways—the overhaul of Clark's academic programs and student services—Veterans Resource Center and progress within the institution's social equity plan.

"Bob has been a powerful force for positive change," said Lisa Gibert, CEO of Clark College Foundation. It's a sentiment shared by the foundation's board of directors, including Cheree Nygard, outgoing board chair.

"This is a much stronger institution than it was when Bob became president 13 years ago," said Nygard. "His connection to this community is significant, and that connection has made the college stronger."

Nygard added that much of the foundation's success in its current \$35 million fundraising campaign—called Promising Pathways—is attributed to Bob's enthusiasm for Clark and the community's support of his vision. So far, more than \$19 million that has been raised is earmarked for priority programs and projects including guided pathways, advanced manufacturing, Veterans Resource Center, McClaskey Culinary Institute and scholarships.

Nygard and board members believe alumni, community members and



other friends give to the campaign, in part, because they see the positive results from the college's strategic plan and the institution's mission to provide quality education opportunities to all students.

The foundation, therefore, is launching a mini-campaign within its Promising Pathways fundraising effort, focusing on two priority areas that are near and dear to Knight's heart—Clark's Veterans Resource Center and area of greatest need.

The foundation intends to raise an additional \$200,000 to provide essential support for students in honor of Robert Knight and his wife, Paula. By giving generously in the Knights' honor, community members will simultaneously salute an effective leader and support two of the institution's priority needs.

To support the Robert and Paula Knight Legacy Fund, include your check or credit card information in the return envelope included in this magazine. Indicate the amount you want to donate and on the purpose line that reads "other," write the Knight Fund. For questions or to learn more, please contact Joel B. Munson at [jmunson@clark.edu](mailto:jmunson@clark.edu).



## 5,000 voices harmonize promising pathways

Successful fundraising campaigns aren't defined by money alone, according to Joel B. Munson, chief advancement officer for Clark College Foundation.

"People generate successful campaigns. People who not only share their gifts, no matter the size, but also their voices of support for causes they believe in," Munson said.

Clark College Foundation is launching 5,000 Voices, an initiative aimed at securing 5,000 donors who want to give to Promising Pathways: The Campaign for Clark College, and who also want to share their feelings about why they give. For example, a mini-campaign to support the newly announced

Robert and Paula Knight Legacy Fund is an example of how Clark College donors can support Promising Pathways and express their appreciation to the outgoing president.

Between now and the end of the Promising Pathways campaign in December 2021, the foundation plans to share donors' testimonies via its website, monthly Penguin Post newsletter, Clark Partners magazine, Penguin Chats podcasts and on Facebook and Twitter. These inspiring stories demonstrate why Clark donors are some of the most generous community college supporters in the state of Washington. Watch for more details on how you can become one of 5,000 voices making a difference for Clark College students.



Shirley Ann Sackman, accomplished musician and Clark professor, leaves a legacy to Clark College.

**SHIRLEY ANN SACKMAN** never took no for an answer. She never made excuses or let challenges deter her from her life's ambitions. Despite being born without the use of her right arm, she became an accomplished musician. Although she lived in a time when opportunities were limited for women, she excelled in endeavors mostly reserved for men, and she became a tenured professor and widely respected editor.

by SHELBY SEBENS

# PENNIES from HEAVEN



Shirley Ann Sackman, a beloved retired Clark faculty member, died March 5, 2019, at the age of 90. Sackman's profound effect on the faculty, staff and students is now playing out through the sharing of stories about her dedication and financial generosity to Clark College.

None of the barriers Sackman faced as a young woman were extraordinary to her. A refined scholar's determination was ingrained into her very being from childhood. It was natural and normal to succeed, to get a higher education and pursue a reputable career.

"I have to admit, I always aimed for the best," Sackman said in a 2016 interview with Clark Partners magazine.

That same determination and passion transferred to Clark College where she taught, edited and inspired others for more than four

decades. Her presence left a lasting imprint on students, colleagues, friends and family.

Sackman was born June 20, 1928, in Longview, Wash., to Ralph B. and Lolita B. Sackman. She was the eldest of three children. She faced an obstacle that could have deterred her and could cause challenges for anyone, even today in the era of advanced technology and progressive societal movements.

According to her brother Ralph Sackman, Shirley Ann's birth was breech—her feet entered the world first. The unusual position caused injury during delivery and she never gained the use of her right arm.

Having a physical challenge opened her up to discrimination and roadblocks, yet it never slowed her down. She chose early on not to dwell on it.

"She did not look upon it as something that would hold her back and it didn't," Ralph said. "I

Shirley Ann Sackman edits a manuscript at her home at Touchmark at Fairway Village in 2016. Sackman, a beloved former Clark professor and accomplished musician, passed away on March 5, 2019, at the age of 90. Photos by Jenny Shadley



“Clark became to her, I think, more than her family had ever become. She looked upon Clark as the home and source of love that I don’t believe she experienced elsewhere.

— *Ralph Sackman, brother*

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don’t remember her ever saying, ‘please help me with this because it takes two hands.’”

On the contrary, she persevered and obtained multiple degrees, awards and accolades. She didn’t pursue her academic aspirations beyond earning a master’s degree, in part because she thought she would get married and have children.

“I thought, I may as well be honest, a woman with a Ph.D. is less likely to marry, and here I didn’t [marry] anyhow,” Sackman said.

Instead of marriage and children of her own, Sackman chose to commit herself to others through teaching and playing music that would defy the limitations society placed on her at the time.

Sackman’s ability to not only confront social and physical barriers, but to break through and stand strong as a role model for others is testament to her upbringing. She believed education isn’t as much about a building or a location as it is about having a bright mind that is willing to learn.

Lisa Gibert, CEO of Clark College Foundation, fondly recalls Sackman’s mantra about her students: “Give me a bright mind and amazing things can happen.”

Gibert was close to Sackman, having worked with her for decades to ensure Sackman’s philanthropic goals of enriching students, faculty and staff were met.

“My life has forever been impacted by this wonderful woman. I am blessed to have had her as a friend. I believe Clark College meant the world to her; however, I think the reverse is also true,” Gibert said.

### DETERMINED

As a young girl, several doctors examined her disfigured arm. “They all said, ‘give her as many opportunities as you can.’ And they said, ‘try music.’ And the only thing you could play with one hand was the trumpet. And so there I was,” Sackman said.

Ralph remembers his sister playing in the high school band and practicing diligently at home.

“My father wanted her to be an artist and she did do some art, but she enjoyed playing the

trumpet,” Ralph said, recalling that his father had concerns about a career as a trumpeter because, at that time, paying careers for musicians were mostly for men. She faced discrimination during her lifetime, particularly when pursuing music, but she rose above it.

After high school, Sackman landed at the private liberal arts school Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. A year into her studies, she was having a hard time accepting the high cost of the college, so she transferred to the University of Washington to study music. She soon found her stride, even joining the University Concert Band playing trumpet. She graduated magna cum laude at the University of Washington in 1950. Sackman continued her studies at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City, where she earned a master’s in music on June 7, 1951. This would be one of two master degrees she would obtain in her career.

While studying in New York, she took private trumpet lessons at the prestigious music, dance and drama institution, The Juilliard School, from William Vacchiano, the principal trumpeter of the New York Philharmonic. This was one place she ran head-on into discrimination. Sackman remembered Vacchiano telling her the only reason he was giving her lessons was because her family could pay for them.

He couldn’t get her a job in the orchestra, he told her, and she couldn’t play in the philharmonic because it was all male, except for the harpist.

“Because I was a woman, he couldn’t get me a job. I vowed that I was going to show him. He thought a girl, and one who played with her left hand, was a hopeless student,” Sackman said. “But he changed his mind. I practiced and practiced and practiced.”

‘You’re doing better than any of them,’ he recalls the principal trumpeter telling her.

Sackman went on to play in symphony orchestras in America. She represented the United States in 1954, playing trumpet in the International Revue, a concert at Union Theater at the University of Melbourne. At the time, Sackman was teaching music and English at East Brunswick Girls’ Teaching School in Brunswick, Australia, which is a suburb of Melbourne.

# GATHERING PENNIES PAYS OFF

Shirley Ann Sackman regularly picked up pennies from the sidewalk on campus and gave them to people as a friendly gesture. Those pennies and her acumen as a saver accumulated over the years, allowing her to support individuals near and dear to her heart. Now, in death, Sackman’s legacy will have long-lasting and profound affect at Clark College.

Rich in culture and friendships, Sackman led a simple yet fulfilling life. She made smart decisions about money and was a savvy investor. In recognizing her dad for instilling in her the value of hard work and an education, Clark College’s Honors program will now bear her father’s name: Ralph B. Sackman.

“Shirley’s commitment and generosity to her Clark family remains unparalleled,” said Lisa Gibert, CEO



of Clark College Foundation. “Whether providing encouraging words, correcting grammar or making a contribution in honor of someone on campus often overlooked, Shirley spread the spirit of joy, kindness and charity that brightened the day of anyone she interacted with.”

Sackman emphatically loved all employees at Clark. She brought hope, inspiration and a desire to people to do their best.

“For me, I choose to smile and carry on in her memory the generosity in spirit and philanthropy that makes Shirley a true inspiration,” said Gibert.

She taught at East Brunswick for about a year before returning to the U.S. to teach at a junior high school in Seattle for about seven years, Ralph recalls. Though she loved music and played trumpet most of her life, nothing compared to Sackman’s passion for the English language and proper grammar in particular.

“She always was, from the beginning, ever since I knew her, very particular about English and very respectful of the English language,” Ralph said.

Furthermore, Sackman’s academic focus never wavered and she earned a second master’s degree during a sabbatical from teaching. The degree was in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Oregon’s Teaching program in 1965.

### CLARK FAMILY

Teaching English as a career for Sackman started as just a job—an avenue for her to be a professional. But it morphed into so much more.

Sackman started working at Clark College in 1966 and it quickly became her family. She retired as a tenured faculty member in February 1992, but worked as a part-time instructor from June 1993 to April 2006, until she officially retired on January 1, 2007.

Later in her career, Sackman also worked as an associate editor for the Victorian Periodicals Review. In that position, Sackman edited manuscripts mostly from the U.S. and the United Kingdom, while coaxing various scholars to review recently published books, said Larry Weirather, a colleague in the 1980s and 1990s.

The year she officially retired, Clark College President Robert K. Knight awarded Sackman with the first-ever Presidential Coin, an honor given to faculty and staff members who provide exemplary service to Clark students, the college and community.

Ralph said his sister found compassion and a kindness she could return at Clark. “She really loved Clark and the people there,” he said. “Clark became to her, I think, more than her family had ever become. She looked upon Clark as the home and source of love that I don’t believe she experienced elsewhere.”

Sackman touched the lives of those she served and taught with during her tenure at Clark. However, the pennies she used to pick up around campus and her diligent attitude of saving compounded her ability leave a legacy for generations.

Be mindful should you be one to receive Sackman’s generosity as a student or employee at Clark. She wouldn’t tolerate a shorthand Tweet of thanks; you can be sure she would mark them all as spelling errors. 📧

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# Gifts FROM THE heart

by LILY RAFF MCCAULOU

Clark alumna and donor, Lisa Wright, left, and donor, Susan Courtney, right. Wright is the daughter of Harriet Wilson '58, former Clark College Foundation board chair, who left an estate gift to Clark upon her death in 2011. Photo by Craig Mitchelldyer '00

**M**aking charitable gifts can save taxes and establish a family legacy in areas people are passionate about such as education. Still more, such gifts can provide income for people and their children.

“We call that a win-win,” said Vivian Manning, director of development, major gifts and gift planning for Clark College Foundation.

Charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities are two examples of these types of winning solutions offered by Clark College Foundation. More women are driving their family’s giving by establishing life income gifts that benefit their families and the college in unique ways.

## CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Susan Courtney’s mother, Cleda Mae Churchill, died in 2010, leaving her estate to her two children. Courtney cared for her mother during her last year, so her brother turned his share of the inheritance over to her. Courtney did not need the additional money to support herself.

“It took me a long time to decide what to do with it,” said Courtney, 72. “I decided what would make my mother happy would be to share it with her grandchildren.”

Courtney and her brother each have two grown children. Courtney used the money to set up a charitable remainder trust to support

the grandchildren and demonstrate to them how the family enriches the community by giving to Clark College.

In a charitable remainder trust, assets—whether cash, an apartment building or stocks—are transferred into an irrevocable trust and liquidated, free of income taxes. The trust pays a living beneficiary a certain percentage of the total assets each year for a set number of years. Then, the remainder turns over to the charity. The donor receives a sizable deduction at the time of the donation.

In Courtney’s case, each of her mother’s four grandchildren are the beneficiaries and will earn quarterly income on the money for 20 years. After that, the remainder of the trust will fund scholarships for single parents at Clark College.

“My mother was a single parent for many years. I was a single parent for many years,” Courtney said. “And I know that it is hard.”

The quarterly checks to the grandchildren will be “a reminder of...the love that she had for these grandkids, and it just seemed to be the most profound way that her legacy could be carried on,” Courtney added.

Courtney and her husband, Dean Irvin, have made other donations to Clark College too, including funding several scholarships. Courtney said her most personal connection to Clark comes not from her mother, but from her mother-in-law, Stella Mae Irvin. Irvin was married at the age of 16. She had four children and lived in a rural area. Her husband died in his 50s, and Irvin found herself widowed at a relatively young age.

**Learn how to maximize your investments while making a sustained commitment to Clark College.**

Contact Vivian Manning, CFRE, or Hal Abrams, JD, LL.M, for more about charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities or other types of estate gifts.

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I don’t have any grandkids... So this is kind of our legacy.

— *Lois Porch*

Clark’s physics lab is named for her son Paul Porch, and her husband, Paul.

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Lois Porch took Mature Learning classes and volunteered at Clark before becoming a donor. She has several charitable gift annuities. One annuity provides income for herself, and upon her death, her son, Paul, will receive income from the annuity. Porch is seen here at her Vancouver home in 2015. Photo by Jenny Shadley



“I took her to Clark,” Courtney said, “to what was at that time called the Displaced Homemakers program (now part of Workforce Education Services). She was welcomed there, she received her GED diploma and she earned an associate degree at Clark. They even employed her for a while. It was one of the highlights of her life.”

Irvin took floral design classes at Clark and started a small florist shop, called “Late Bloomers,” with one of her classmates. Courtney saw how an education from Clark turned Irvin’s life around.

Courtney also found that Clark played a vital for her pursuits. While owning and running two restaurants, Hidden House and Paradise Cafe, she often phoned Clark’s culinary school when she was looking to hire.

“Clark supports us as a community, and as a business owner,” she said.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

Lois Porch, 92, grew up in Michigan and retired to Texas before moving to Vancouver in 1988, to be closer to her son, Paul Porch. Paul taught math at Mount Hood Community College at the time. When she moved to Vancouver she had already been retired for years, and was eager to learn about genealogy. Her son pointed her toward Clark College, which seemed a fitting place to research her family history.

She enrolled in a course through Clark’s Mature Learning program. However, Porch wasn’t as interested in genealogy as she was in Clark. Porch began volunteering at the college, helping people register for Mature Learning programs over the phone. She found the experience rewarding and the community welcoming.

Porch and her son funded a \$100,000 charitable gift annuity through Clark College Foundation. Each donated half of that amount and received a tax deduction. Lois Porch will receive quarterly payments from the fund until her death. After that, Paul Porch will receive payments for his lifetime. Following his death, the remainder will benefit Clark’s STEM programs.

Porch also established several other charitable gift annuities for the college where she is the sole income beneficiary and Clark’s STEM program is the remainder beneficiary upon her death. In recognition for these gifts, the physics lab is named for her son Paul Porch, and her husband, Paul.

“I don’t have any grandkids... So this is kind of our legacy,” she said.

Manning, of Clark College Foundation, said that when she first started working in estate gifts 15 years ago, she struggled to bring up the topic of death and legacies. Now she’s comfortable with letting the subject arise on its own while discussing an individual’s personal goals and legacy intentions.

“By the time I’m having this conversation with somebody, we’ve already talked about everything under the sun: Their physical health, education and careers, and first and second husbands,” she said. “And so it’s more about the bigger conversation of: What would you still like to accomplish?”

Manning said that she normally does not bring up annuities unless a donor is nearing age 65. When that conversation does occur, they talk about annuities that pay a fixed percentage rate based on the person’s age at the time it is established. For example, a 65-year-old donor receives a lifetime payment of 5.1 percent; a 75-year-old receives 6.2 percent; and someone aged 90 or older receives 9.5 percent a year for life. Individuals also get an income tax charitable deduction in the initial year of their gift.

“Donors are delighted to learn they can maximize their investment, earn a higher guaranteed payment than holding low-paying certificates of deposit, and empower the lives of Clark students of the future,” Manning explains.

**ESTATE GIFT**

Wilma Raines, 82, grew up in Vancouver “during the war and shipyard days,” she said. She attended Clark College back when it was “just two little row houses out there on Fourth Plain.”

She met her husband, Jim Raines, when she was in third grade and he was in sixth. Jim was the older brother of her good friend, Alice. The couple started dating when Wilma was a student at Clark College. Jim had already transferred from Clark to Lewis and Clark College in Oregon. They married, finished their educations and moved to Seattle. About 25 years ago, they retired and moved back. Immediately, they reconnected with Clark.

The college had changed. There was no longer one little room used as a cafeteria, banquet hall and dance venue.

“Now, I walk around and see these new buildings...there’s the new STEM building, the Nursing program. There are sports teams and a Drama program. Now they’re talking about a new athletic field complex,” Raines said.

Jim Raines was active in bringing baseball back to Clark, fundraising for the new field, fence and bleachers. Each winter, the couple organized

and sponsored a basketball clinic for grade school students, taught by Clark College basketball players. The event combined three of the couple’s favorite things: sports, Clark College and the greater Vancouver community.

“We always felt that Vancouver was such a community town and it was just neat to...keep the whole community involved in the college,” Raines said.

“The last thing my husband did before he passed away [in 2018] was decide that he wanted a bunch of money to go to field maintenance and community sports,” she said.

The couple had already funded scholarships for student athletes, including one in memory of their daughter, the Jami Raines Shogren Scholarship. Jami was a softball player at Clark who played catcher, like her dad.

Three days before Jim’s death, he was very ill but Wilma helped him get dressed and into his wheelchair to attend a two-hour meeting with Clark’s athletic director.

“The last thing he did with his life was to be at Clark College, which was kind of fitting,” she said. “And it definitely makes me want to help Clark even more. If he could help, he was going to help.”

Wilma Raines made a provision in her living trust to support Clark with more than 50 percent of her estate. She did this in memory of Jim and Jami. The gift will also avoid federal and state inheritance taxes.

“We had one child and I was told we’d never have more,” Raines said. “She passed away about 10 years ago, in her 40s. And so...Clark is our child.”

Charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities and estate gifts are ways individuals can maximize their investments, and have a lasting effect on the college in profound ways. 🥰

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# There is more than one way to give to Clark

by CLAIRE SYKES



Photo provided by Brittini Lasseigne



Photo by Tofik Khan

Two women, from different experiences, discover the rewards of volunteering

**“It’s a way for me to give back to the community.” That’s what Brittini Lasseigne ’05 says about volunteering on Clark College’s Alumni Board. While her gratitude and generosity connect her to a cause she cares about, her gifts of time and talent strengthen Clark’s own connection to the community.**

There are many ways to contribute to or get involved with Clark, as Brittini Lasseigne ’05 shows. A director of philanthropy at the YWCA Clark County, in Vancouver, Wash., with 15 years working with nonprofits, Lasseigne joined Clark’s Alumni Board in the summer of 2018. She’s the first African American on the board.

“I came really open-minded to what the college was doing about diversity, and hoped to offer a fresh perspective as a person of color who understands what racial equity can look like,” Lasseigne said. “It’s important that the diversity of the board be reflective of the alumni we’re trying to engage. I don’t try to represent all African Americans, but with me on the board, maybe more people of color who are alumni will see Clark as a worthy investment.”

Lasseigne, other alumni, and friends of the college, are playing a critical role by being involved while Clark is in the midst of the largest fundraising campaign in its history. Promising Pathways: The Campaign for Clark College aims to raise \$35 million to support eight initiatives—among them, programs in Advanced Manufacturing and Cuisine Management, as well as scholarships. Another is guided pathways, a national model carried out at more than 200 community colleges. Here, academic and professional advisers support students in their specific academic, career and financial plans, while addressing disparities of

equity, diversity and inclusion, and other barriers. The Promising Pathways campaign furthers Clark’s efforts to position itself in the vanguard of higher education social equity.

One need not be an alumna to get involved or give financially. Carol Parker-Walsh, J.D., Ph.D., is a small-business owner who didn’t attend Clark. Yet, as a professional consultant for women at midlife, and based in Camas, Wash., she chose to volunteer at Clark, “because Clark grounds students in a practical, real-life education. It’s done so much for the community where I live,” she said.

Parker-Walsh has served in top-level positions with Clark County and been active in the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. In 2009, she was recognized with the Southwest Washington Women of Achievement Award, now called the Iris Awards, for her diversity-development presentations and trainings throughout the Pacific Northwest. As a consultant, she works with successful, professional women who dream of doing what they love, from local corner-office CEOs to winners of Grammy Awards.

Parker-Walsh brings to Clark more than 30 years in executive-level leadership, human resources, corporate and organizational consulting, higher education and work as a practicing attorney. In class lectures and panel discussions, and as a judge for Clark’s Pitch Fest, sponsored by the student-led Entrepreneur Club, she fuels students’ dreams.

“I help them ask themselves the deeper questions, about who they are through what they do and the impact they want to make in the world from their businesses.”

It’s a quest Parker-Walsh has pursued since childhood: “I always had a vision of the different things I could do with my future, and was able to ask, ‘What would I need to do to do that?’”

She grew up in Palo Alto, Calif., with a postmaster father who told her she could achieve anything she wanted in life, and a mother who taught her how to dress and behave for any social situation. When they divorced, she moved to Chicago with her mother and two of her siblings. It was there that Parker-Walsh studied and practiced employment law. Her own divorce

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Vita Blanco is the first in her family of 27 to get a high school diploma and college degree. Passionate donors assist in her journey.

# WARM BREAD LEFT ON DOOR STEPS:

## A PRIMER TO GIVING BACK

by RHONDA MORIN

“My hope is that students will know that Clark’s Board of Trustees cares about them. I love to know that this is like dropping a bag of bread and running away. I love it.”

—Jane Jacobsen

Nearly 69 percent of men and women received a college degree in 2017 in the United States. Yet those completion rates are considerably lower for African American and Latinx students than white and Asian students. Meanwhile, high school completion rates are at an all-time high. Esmeralda “Vita” Blanco is one of those individuals who had neither a diploma nor degree. Her enrollment at Clark College three years ago is a profound reversal for her family.

College graduation rates have steadily increased year after year from 1940 to 2017, according to Statista. However, not all ethnic groups experienced a similar rate of success. Inside Higher Ed reported in 2017 that African American students attained the lowest completion rate, while the Latinx population experienced nearly 10 percent higher graduation rates than African Americans. The numbers reflect attendance at four-year colleges or universities, as well as two-year community colleges, where graduation rates are considerably lower—39 percent nationally, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

The Washington Post reported in 2016 that high school graduation rates increased by four percentage points since 2011. Like with college degrees, there continues to be a discrepancy in earning a diploma for communities of color as compared to their white classmates, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Though communities of color students all experienced increases in graduation rates, they lagged behind white students. The Latinx population experienced a 79 percent graduation rate, while African Americans had 76 percent and American Indian/Alaska Native groups had a 72 percent completion success rate.

At 37 years old, Blanco decided to contradict the U.S. statistic and change the trajectory of



her future. For two decades, she worked a series of low-paying jobs with little opportunity for advancement. Then, in the fall of 2015, she took what she describes as a “leap of faith,” and found her way to Clark College.

“The deepest desires of my heart were to one day finish my high school education. I started attending Clark’s transitional studies High School 21+ program,” said Blanco. “I [later] had the privilege of crossing the stage after earning my high school diploma.”

In June, the mother of two will finish her associate degree in business administration and transfer to Washington State University Vancouver to study for a bachelor’s in public speaking and communications. Her journey is possible, in part, by scholarships from generous individuals who deeply believe that helping others is at the very foundation of humanity.

Trustee vice chair, Jane Jacobsen, left, always enjoys the time she gets to interact with Clark students. As a donor, Jacobsen is passionate about helping students along their path. Photo by Jenny Shadley





Vita Blanco represented Clark's high school diploma and GED graduates on stage in 2016 where she shared her story in front of 6,000 people. Photo by Jenny Shadley

Funding that ambition means receiving scholarships from private donors who understand the transformational power of education. In Blanco's case, she receives several scholarship awards. Meanwhile, a local donor, who used to leave loaves of warm bread on the doorsteps of her neighbors as a young girl, is one particular person with a special story.

AGAINST THE ODDS

Blanco grew up in California among 26 brothers and sisters, none of whom were high school graduates or had college aspirations. Her father, an abusive man who suffered from alcoholism, kicked Blanco out of the family's house when she was 15 years old. After moving from home to home, she relocated to Vancouver, Wash., to stay with her siblings. After attempting to go back to school, she dropped out again in order to support herself. By age 17, she became pregnant with her first daughter. The next 20 years consisted of working to support her family, yet she always had a sense that she could and would do more.

Blanco eventually entered Clark's transitional studies program, working extra hard on homework assignments.

"The first time I had to write an essay, it took me 30 hours. But, the day after I handed it in, my daughter needed help with her own middle

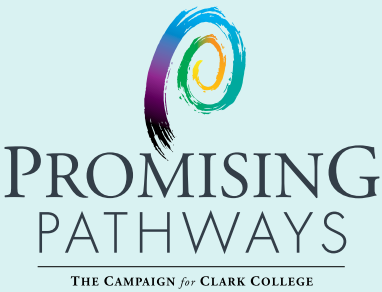
school essay, and for the first time, I was able to help her with her homework. I knew then that I was on the right path," she said.

Blanco thrived. When it was time to graduate in 2016, she represented Clark's high school diploma and GED graduates on stage where she shared her story in front of 6,000 people.

"By then, I had decided to continue my education and become the first in my family to go to college," Blanco said.

Blanco has several aspirations. She's a Clark student ambassador, a frequent presenter at college events and wants to be a professional public speaker. In January 2019, she earned a top scholarship—the Clark College Transforming Lives award. Recipients are chosen by the Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT). ACT consists of 30 two-year community and technical colleges districts in Washington. Each year the group choses five current or former students whose lives were catapulted by higher education. In addition to the \$500 award from ACT, Blanco received an additional \$500 from Clark College Foundation.

"Beyond the professional side, I want to be an inspiration to my family and give back to my community, especially to other single moms, other Latinas, and anyone who needs encouragement to find and use their voice," she said.



"I am currently in the last year of my associate degree in business administration. I am blessed with a part-time job on campus as a student ambassador, which is a joy because Clark College is where my heart is. I love to share my story with others and welcome them to Clark

Vita Blanco's journey

and encourage them that it's never too late and you're never too old to come to college.

The Clark College community has become my backbone in my educational journey. There were many days filled with doubt, fear and too little time to get everything done, but the support and motivation from professors and staff have inspired me and made a huge impact on my success. Every class has offered me an opportunity to grow as a person and as a mother, as well as gain knowledge and skills.

This journey is not just for me; it is for my daughters and future generations. My hope is to sever my family's roots of settling for less. I am working hard to accomplish this, to face all the challenges that are in front of me. I realize my story is not completely unique, but it is mine to finish. Clark has given me the confidence to believe that no matter what life throws at me, my education cannot be taken away."

Blanco is not interested in mediocrity for herself, nor is a Clark College Board of Trustee who is part of a group that provides one of Blanco's scholarships.

Ever since Jane Jacobsen and her husband Paul moved to Vancouver, Wash., 31 years ago with their two boys, Jacobsen has wanted to "reach high, while giving back to everyone."

That's why she volunteered for boards and got involved in Earth Day celebrations. She was also a board member with the Columbia Land Trust, a Washington member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission, a bi-state entity overseeing the Columbia River Gorge, and worked as the founding executive director for the Confluence Project, a public arts organization in Vancouver that installs interpretive art in local parks.

Today, Jacobsen is one of five trustees and a scholarship donor. In fact, she was instrumental in establishing a board of trustees' scholarship in 2017. Blanco is one of several students who receives this scholarship.

WARM BREAD ON DOORSTEPS

Jacobsen's education in philanthropy began with her grandmother and loaves of bread. Instead of attending kindergarten, Jacobsen's parents opted to have their 5-year-old daughter spend weekdays with her grandmother. One of her weekly lessons was to read the newspaper and find people in

her neighborhood who were experiencing difficult times, such as sickness. On Fridays, her grandmother made fresh bread, wrapping the loaves in brown paper bags and affixing anonymous notes expressing compassion for their neighbor's unfortunate circumstance.

Driving around the neighborhood, Jacobsen would hop out of the passenger seat, run up to the front door, put the bread by the entryway, ring the bell and run back to the car.

"To be able to give something to people was meaningful. We were just letting them know that people care. They [the neighbors] didn't need to know who did it," Jacobsen recalls.

Later in her married life, Jacobsen and her husband experienced being on the receiving end. When Paul was in medical school in Richmond, Va., an anonymous couple gave them checks every six months for living expenses.

"That money saved our lives," Jacobsen said.

Having experienced generosity from others first-hand is a humbling moment. It's one that Jacobsen takes to heart and carries forward.

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hurled her west with a master’s in organizational management and behavior, followed by a doctorate in human development and social systems.

By then, Parker-Walsh was a single mother in her 30s. “I’d been wrestling with how others saw me, single and black, yet also highly educated. Those two identities are so disparate. I was trying to figure out where I belonged.”

LEANING IN

Her two kids were in the car with her the day it happened, in 2006, on a then-two-lane road in Camas. Parker-Walsh literally heard a voice in her head saying “Turn!” On the right was a drop-off to a ravine, on the left, oncoming traffic flanked by a hill. If she had continued straight, the drunk driver would’ve surely killed them all. A month and three surgeries later, leaving her with permanent steel rods and screws in her leg and shoulder, Parker-Walsh saw the analogy in the accident.

“When we’re faced with two scary options, we can be unsure as to which one to choose and so we don’t. But what becomes clear is to not continue in the same direction,” she said.

In 2008, remarried, Parker-Walsh was making a high salary and traveling the world when her father’s death stopped her long enough to contemplate her life.

“I was miserable. I felt like I was dying inside.” Two weeks later, she quit her job.

“It’s been an incredible journey,” she said. “When you lean in to who you are, into your purpose and what you’re meant to do in the world, the universe puts the stepping stones in front of you as you walk.”

Those stones have been there for Parker-Walsh since childhood. But for Lasseigne, born in Lewiston, Idaho, growing up in various places around the Northwest and as far away as Saudi Arabia, it was rocky, dangerous terrain. Several times she witnessed domestic violence in her family, whose poverty had them turning to nonprofits. Looking back, she also sees in herself “a kid who wanted to make sure that people were

included and had someone to talk to, and that they felt loved.”

As a high school student, Lasseigne entered Running Start at Clark, a program allowing eligible junior and seniors to earn college credit. Here she took her first psychology course, where she enjoyed learning about what motivates people to think and act the way they do. Stepping stones finally began to appear.

“I felt called to become a psychologist and work with children who’d been sexually assaulted, given everything that had happened in my life,” Lasseigne said.

At the end of her junior year at Washington State University Vancouver, Lasseigne became pregnant and dropped out to have her baby. Three years later, she returned to finish her degree. But first, she volunteered for YWCA Clark County, and soon landed an AmeriCorps post working with foster youth. Then she volunteered at the organization’s auction and life took another turn.

“It was my first time at a fundraiser, and I was blown away by the generosity of so many people participating in something that would benefit some of the most vulnerable people in the community. You could really feel the joy in the room,” Lasseigne said.

When Lasseigne was invited to be on Clark’s alumni board, she thought about Running Start. “Clark provided a really critical piece for me when I wasn’t all that positive about my life or sure what my future looked like. I had teachers and advisers helping me, taking a real interest in students’ lives,” she said.

“Now, if I can engage alumni in contributing to Clark’s Promising Pathways campaign, and also reach more alumni of color, then I can make a difference in others’ lives, as well,” Lasseigne said.

The college and its students aren’t the only ones who benefit from those with big hearts who give. When Clark thrives, then the community as a whole is thriving. 🌱

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THE 50S

**Neil Kimsey ’57**, a Clark Regional Wastewater District commissioner, is seeking re-election for his seat.

THE 60S

**Samuel Elliott ’65** was nominated for an Oscar for his work in the 2018 remake of “A Star is Born.”

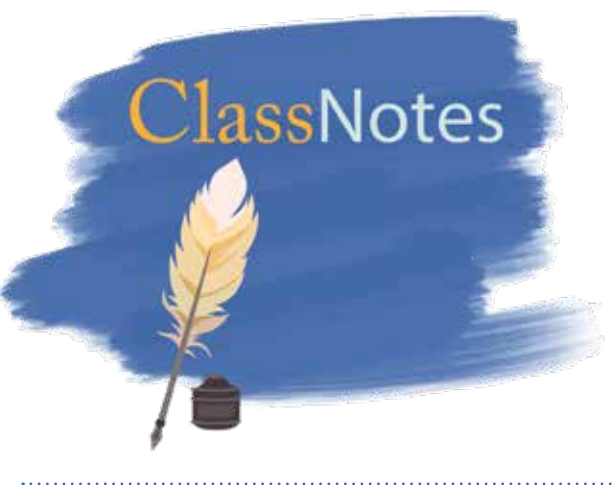
**James Martin ’68** will be honored by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington as a Friend of the Foundation at their annual Mosaic gala on Tuesday, June 4, in Vancouver.

THE 80S

**Martin Kohn ’80**, head chef of Meriwether’s Bistro at the Red Lion in Lewiston, Idaho, was named Red Lion Hotels Corporation’s Employee of the Year.

**Jeanne Stewart ’84** is running for Vancouver City Council, Position 6. Stewart has been serving as a Republican member of the Clark County Council.

**Tyson Vogeler ’84**, the superintendent for Green Mountain School District, was interviewed by The Columbian about navigating the hurdles of the school district’s limited staffing and shrinking budget.



THE 90S

**Karen Hagen ’94**, a Clark College Foundation employee, was awarded the Clark College Presidential Coin by President Robert Knight for her dedication to and great work for the college.

**Mitchell Jackson ’94**, author and educator, was interviewed on NPR Radio’s “Think Out Loud” in March about his new book “Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family.”

**Merry Saari ’97** joined the Vancouver Clark Parks and Recreation Department as a board member for its marketing committee.

THE OOS

**Natalya Belonozhko ’05** joined Horenstein Law Group. Belonozhko will serve clients in

business planning, real estate, leasing and finance.

**Mike Pond ’08**, marketing specialist for ADCO, joined the race for Vancouver City Council, Position 6.

**Laura Butterfield ’08** joined the staff of the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

**Janice Taylor ’08**, a Clark employee, received the Clark College Presidential Coin by President Robert Knight for her dedication to and great work for the college.

THE 10S

**Gloria Boieriu ’17** participated in the Miss Clark County pageant during its 70th anniversary celebration in March.

**McKenzie Hammond ’16** participated in the Miss Clark County pageant during its 70th anniversary celebration in March.

**Takunda Masike ’16** was awarded the “Husky 100” honor for making the most of his time at the University of Washington. He also landed an internship at MIT’s Lincoln Lab beginning this summer.

CLASS DATES UNKNOWN

**Michael Charpentier**, head chef at Vancouver Hilton’s Grays Restaurant and Bar, appeared in The Columbian newspaper in March about designing the menu with locally sourced ingredients.

**Lily Hart**, Clark’s former Phoenix editor, is published in the winter 2018 edition of Oregon Historical Quarterly. Her essay is titled “Voices of the River: The Confluence Story Gathering Interview Collection.”

**Allison Magyar**, owner of Hubb, an event technology firm, won the Vancouver Business Journal’s 2017 Fastest Growing Company 1-5 Years and Innovator of the Year awards.

**Cathernie Martinez** shared how she learned to walk again after developing transverse myelitis in a story that appeared in The Columbian in February.

**Erik Paulsen** was selected to fill a Vancouver City Council vacancy, replacing Alishia Topper.

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**W**ill Kalmbach first enrolled at Clark in 1947 after serving in the Army Air Corps in the Philippines and Asian Pacific from 1944 to 1946. He ran track and sang in Clark’s choir, but did not graduate because he was busy raising a family and working at Crown Zellerbach in Camas, Wash. He returned to Clark in the 1960s to take courses and thought he had earned enough to get his diploma, but never received the official papers. In 2009, during our 75th anniversary year graduation, Clark corrected that error and Kalmbach received his diploma with the rest of the 2009 graduates. In January, Kalmbach, 92, returned to Clark as a special guest of President Robert Knight during the State of the College address.

Left, Will Kalmbach, 92, who may be Clark’s oldest living alumnus, was a special guest of President Knight’s during the January State of the College address.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**CALLING ALL PENGUIN NATION ALUMNI.** There are openings for volunteers for a variety of events this year. Be watching social media for dates and more information on these upcoming events and your chance to reconnect with Clark College, your friends, former professors and coaches. **Contact Kelsey Hukill at [alumni@clark.edu](mailto:alumni@clark.edu) or 360.992.2767.**

**APRIL 17**  
Alumni career visits for Business & Health Sciences students. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Scarpelli Hall

**MAY 4**  
Alumni tailgate doubleheader. Baseball and softball. 11:30 a.m., Kindsfather Field

**JUNE 25**  
Linda Gilliam book launch. Gaiser Student Center

**JULY**  
Alumni outing to Ridgefield Raptors baseball game

**AUGUST 12**  
Penguin Nation Golf Tournament. 8:30 a.m., Camas Meadows

**SEPTEMBER**  
Jim Raines Welcome Back Alumni Barbecue, O'Connell Sports Center



THE 40S

Carrell Francis Bennett '49  
John Crowley '49  
Frances Marie Munson '46

THE 50S

Jack Emerson '58  
Kenneth "Ken" Greenfield '57  
Robert "Bob" Hanson '59  
Lowell Madson '57  
Gerald "Jerry" McGee '53  
Diane Joye Sampson '54  
David Skeans '59

THE 60S

Leona Anderson '62  
Charles Henry Crumpacker '61  
Eugene "Gene" Forbes '64  
Alfred Gabriel '66  
Alvin "Al" Gustafson '68  
Norma Gosiak '68  
Gordon Leonard Homola '65  
Duane Kennedy '68  
John Michael Lehner '62  
Elaine "Chic" Sutherland '64

Edward Tandberg '65  
James "Jim" Thorkildson '68  
Gerald Williams '65

THE 70S

Clyde Barnes '75  
Sadie Bochart '75  
Dale Ivan Demaray '74  
Lola Falls '71  
Marjorie Godfrey '72  
Wayne Griffith '71  
Henry Harris '72  
Sylvia Honmyo '76  
Glen Jones '74  
Marguerite "Rita" Kilgore '76  
Eugene Knight '75  
Donald Lawry '72  
Peter Lindgren '71  
John McBride '71  
Janice Meyer '76  
Jennifer Lee-Ann Nelson '75  
David Patrick Petersen '74  
Robert Rich '73  
Jeannie Marie Roberts '76  
Neil Rose '71  
Carletta Scheiwiller '76

William Starr '71  
Paul Trullinger '70

THE 80S

Dan Bonker '84  
Lawrence "Larry" Cordano '86  
Shirley Ann Schultz-Campbell '88

THE 90S

Bruce Carlson '93  
Joan Annette Murray '90  
Larry Winters '95

THE 00S

April Merfeld '02  
Mary Strobel '06  
Joanne Thomas '00

THE 10S

Megan Stucky '10

CLASS DATES UNKNOWN

David Allman  
Ronald "Ron" Anderson  
Isabelle M. Barnes  
Margaret "Peggy" Blair  
Shirley Brase  
Robert Breitenstein  
Delores Butterworth  
Ronald Denis  
Fern Fritz  
Donald Kallman  
Terry King  
James O'Connell  
William "Hugh" Shuford  
Walter Straight  
Cheryl Wigen

FACULTY

Shirley Ann Sackman

FRIENDS OF CLARK

Mary Langsdorf  
Carolyn Propstra  
Ned Walker



Shirley Ann Sackman (above, left with Lisa Gibert) worked at Clark for 26 years as an English faculty member. She was the first faculty member to receive the Presidential Coin from Clark President Robert Knight. Sackman was well loved by her students and admired by colleagues. "She's one of a kind. She's the most magnificent woman I've ever met," said Joan Raney, who was Sackman's student in 1973 and later worked as her administrative assistant. Sackman passed away on March 5, 2019, at the age of 90.

SUBMIT AN IN MEMORIAM

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# EXPERIENCE HERSTORY 100 YEARS TO THE DAY

On June 4, 1919, Congress passed the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. Ratification and passage would follow over the next year. Celebrate the brave women who led the final lap to victory in an afternoon presentation with Clark College's Tracy Reilly-Kelly.



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