

Clark College and Marylhurst University to sign historic agreement tomorrow

Clark College president **R. Wayne Branch** and Marylhurst University president **Nancy Wilgenbusch** tomorrow will sign an historic co-admission agreement between Clark College and the private Oregon university that will guarantee Clark students admission to upper division studies, provided grades are maintained in coursework that would lead to a degree at the university.

The agreement, similar to one between Clark College and Washington State University Vancouver, will be signed at 11 a.m. in the Penguin Student Union Building at the Clark campus, 1800 E McLoughlin Boulevard.

Branch says that the partnership agreement will provide new educational opportunities for students. "Marylhurst offers outstanding baccalaureate programs including degree programs not widely available in the northwest, including music therapy and real estate studies. Students interested in pursuing art therapy, interdisciplinary studies or religious studies may work toward a masters degree in those subjects," Branch adds.

Wilgenbusch says: "We will work to ensure a seamless transfer process between our institutions. Our students are 'Always a person, never a number,' and we look forward to seeing that Clark College graduates have this same experience and a quality education along the way to earning a bachelors degree."

As part of the agreement both institutions have established mutual goals, including faculty exchanges, professional development activities, career path programs, and technology programs.

Founded in 1933, Clark College serves 12,500 full- and part-time students. It is the third largest of the state's 35 community and technical colleges.

Marylhurst was founded in 1893 as a private co-educational university. It serves a student body of 1,300. Many courses are scheduled in the evenings, weekends and online to address the needs of students with active lives.

Benjamin Barber headlines library Making Democracy Work Project

Benjamin Barber, Kekst Professor of Civil Society, University of Maryland, is the keynote speaker at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District's Forum at the Library, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in Fort Vancouver High School, 5700 E 18th Street.

In addition to the keynote speech, the forum will present displays and exhibits by 40 Clark County volunteer and interest groups, three workshops, and a panel discussion presented by local activists.

The Making Democracy Work Project was initiated by the Forum at the Library steering committee in 2004. It is meant to be a nonpartisan effort seeking to demonstrate why and how citizens should engage in the democratic process. Barber is the author of 17 books and numerous articles on citizen involvement.

Sponsored by the regional library district and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation, this is the first event in what is planned as a series. There is no charge. For further information, call **Marjorie Casswell, 576-0965**.



Benjamin Barber

Lisa Lowe named president of Camas-Washougal Chamber

Lisa Lowe has been elected president of the 300-member Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce board of directors, succeeding **Norm Paulson**. Lowe is an attorney with Schwabe, Williamson &, Wyatt.

Lowe is general counsel for the Port of Vancouver and represents the Ports of Vancouver, Kalama, Longview and Woodland in matters relating to the Columbia River channel deepening. Lowe is a former president of the Clark County Bar Association and a member of the Washington State and American Bar Associations. She is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Clark County.



Lisa Lowe

Deadline for *Vancouver Business Journal's* Accomplished Under 40 nominations Friday

Nominations for the *Vancouver Business Journal's* Accomplished Under 40 awards is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, reports publisher **John McDonagh**. The awards are made annually to the “best and the brightest up-and-coming young leaders in our community,” according to McDonagh.

For further information and to acquire nomination forms, call **695-2442**, or go to www.vbjusa.com, for electronic nomination forms.

Calendar

State attorney general **Rob McKenna** headlines a forum at 7 p.m. this evening in the main auditorium at Washington State University Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue. Sponsored by *The Columbian*, the forum will focus on public disclosure and citizen involvement in government. ✎ **Paul Rusesbagina**, real-life hero of *Hotel Rwanda*, speaks at the YWCA of Clark County benefit luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Tickets are \$35 each. For reservations, call **Ann Gannon, 906-9153**.

Wednesday headlines at home and abroad

[Good dogs: School drug search program welcomed--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[First phase of state crime lab at 1401 Kauffman Avenue dedicated by Gov. Gregoire yesterday--](#)

[Columbian Stephanie Rice](#)

[Rising bank fees hit customers--USA TODAY, Kathy Chu](#)

[Stocks fall on Fed comments, oil price drop--USA TODAY, Reuters](#)

[Hurricane Tammy forming off Florida coastline--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Supreme Court agrees to hear Oregon's Assisted-Suicide Law appeal--New York Times,](#)

[Linda Greenhouse](#)

Wednesday on the air

City Minutes (9/25)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (9/15)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (10/2)—6 p.m. CVTV

Pearson Field 100th Anniversary—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (9/7, 9/14)—7 p.m. CVTV

Forum: Living Meth Free—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Ruth Crossland back home following adventure. ✎ **Greg Finley** making new e-connection. ✎ **Sue Vanlaanen** getting the picture. ✎ **Shareefah Abdullah** says, “Don’t sweat the small stuff.” ✎ **Kelly Puntaney** blazing new trails. ✎ **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 65. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 64. **Friday**, cloudy with possible showers, 61.