

CCC automotive programs to expand

Clackamas Community College's automotive department will soon be expanding. Design is in progress for the renovation of Barlow Hall, home of the college's auto body and collision programs.

Barlow Hall was built in 1969 on the Oregon City campus. Currently, the automotive spaces are crowded, inefficient and outdated. However, that will soon change.

When the new Industrial Technical Center is completed this summer,

manufacturing programs will move from Barlow to the new building, creating space for automotive to expand.

During the pre-design phase, AXIS Design Group investigated existing conditions in Barlow Hall and met with stakeholders and consultants to gather information about needs, goals, constraints, programs and priorities. Through a collaborative effort, general areas were identified for Automotive Services Technology and Collision Repair, along with the high

school automotive program. Space for staff and faculty, tools and parts will increase 50-100 percent.

Now in the schematic design phase, automotive staff and faculty have met with the architects to refine their spaces. Thanks to their valuable input, the spaces are being designed to provide efficient and relevant educational opportunities for now and into the future.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin fall 2018.

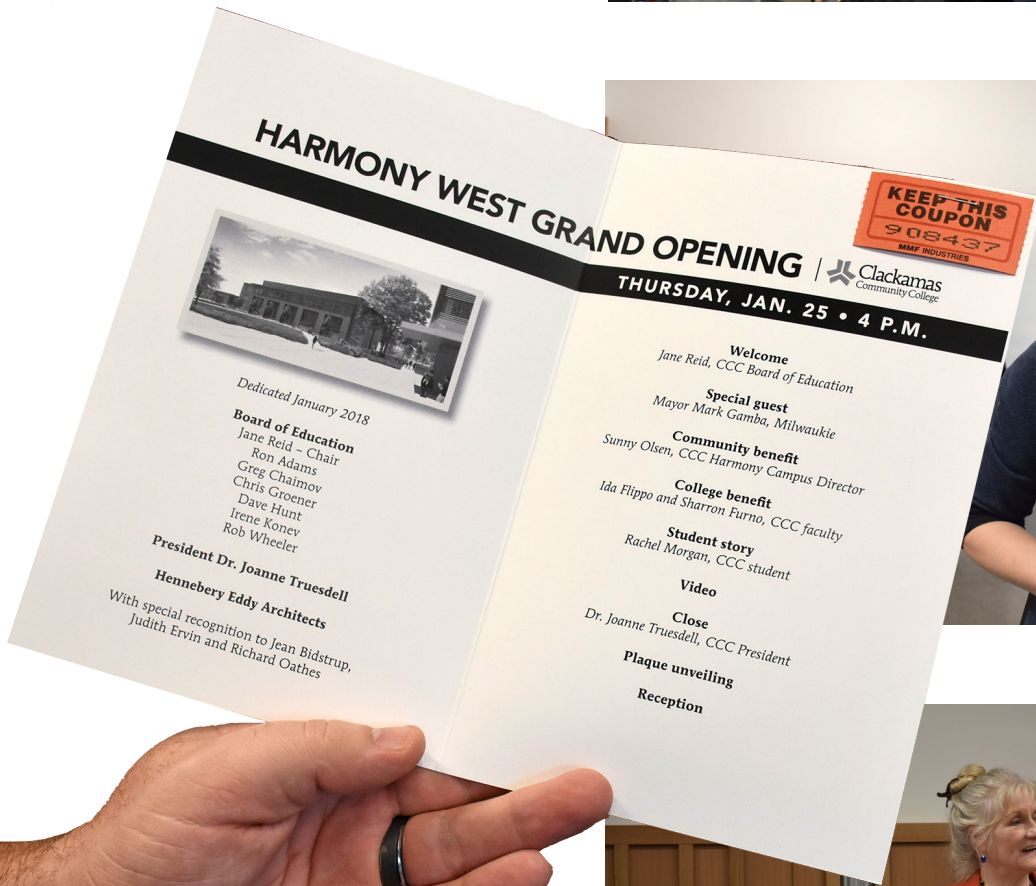


CCC opens Harmony West!

On Jan. 8, Clackamas Community College opened the doors of its new Harmony West building to students for the first day of winter term. A community celebration was held Jan. 25.

Harmony West replaces the 61-year-old former OIT/Dale Ickes Junior High building with an updated workforce development and training facility, which will allow CCC to grow its Health Science, workforce development and general education offerings on the Harmony Community Campus. Students can now start and complete a number of academic career pathways on the Harmony campus.

This project is the first of four major projects funded through a voter-approved, \$90-million bond.





CCC puts education to work

After staying home with her children for a few years, Natasha Coates-Englund realized she needed to update her skills before getting back into the workforce. She enrolled at CCC and focused on project management because the certificate offers a versatile skillset that can be used in many industries.

Thanks to the encouragement of her project management instructor Frank Corona, Natasha applied for an internship with Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company, the general contractor for the college's Harmony West project. She is the first intern to be hired under the Student Applied and Integrated Learning (SAIL) program, which encourages student involvement with the bond projects.

"I did not think I would get the internship, as I have never worked construction before," she said. "But I am glad I tried, and it has been a great learning experience."

During her internship, Natasha expected to learn different aspects

of construction and project management, but what she really learned was a wealth of real-world knowledge and job experience. She was exposed to the importance of developing relationships with sub-contractors and stakeholders by attending meetings, participating in the bid process, interacting with sub-contractors on site, learning firsthand the significance of project team dynamics and the importance of maintaining stakeholder relationships.

She also learned how to read construction drawings, review certified payroll information, the importance of creating well-defined proposals, as well as learning necessary software to organize and run a project. She even got to run the on-site safety meetings.

"My favorite part of the internship was learning new things and becoming competent in a whole, new field that I had never thought was an option for me. I loved when they gave me a new task to tackle and I learned it and accomplished it," she said.



Kirby Nagelhout has offered Natasha a permanent part-time position as a project assistant, with the option of a full-time position after she completes her certificate. She is preparing to graduate from CCC in June with a certificate in Project Management Tools and Techniques.



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