



# Connections

October 29, 2020

## Weekly Highlights

On Monday, students began making appointments for mask-to-mask tutoring sessions in the TLC, and to use the computer labs on the Walla Walla campus. Students use [Bookings](#) to schedule one hour appointments. All participants will be required to take the Canvas Covid-19 training, wear masks, and physical distancing will be enforced. Similar arrangements are being planned for the Clarkston campus as early as next week.

Printing kiosks are also available for students in both Walla Walla and Clarkston—in Walla Walla, kiosks are available in the Nursing building and in the Welcome Center in Building D. In Clarkston, kiosks are available in the Nursing building, and in the foyer of the main building.

## Thank you from the Board of Trustees

On Wednesday, October 28th, the monthly meeting of the WWCC Board of Trustees was held via Zoom.

In his first meeting as Board Chair, since being elected to that role in September, Sergio Hernandez, speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees made the following statement to the College:

***“I would like to take a minute to recognize the cooperation and hard work put in by the WWCC faculty, staff, administrators, union leadership, and the various committees that have been meeting for untold hours these past few months.***

***The board truly appreciates the extra effort you are making to meet the needs of our students during these very difficult times.***

***What you accomplish each day—individually and collectively—makes a lasting difference in the lives of our students. A sincere thank you to all from the five of***

***us. Thank you!!!”***

The Board received and discussed a number of reports concerning WWCC employment demographics, finances, enrollment and planning. [WWCC Board of Trustees 10.28.2020 Meeting Packet](#) The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20th at 9:30 a.m.

## **Athletics**

We are actively monitoring guidance that is expected from the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) regarding the status of athletics for winter quarter and beyond. A meeting of the NWAC Board is scheduled in early November, so there may be more guidance afterwards. There is no definite date for a decision, but we all understand the urgency of reaching a decision.

## **Financial assistance for our students**

Along with key personnel from the WWCC Foundation, I have been holding meetings with donors and key partners in the community. The support that the College continues to receive from our communities is heartwarming and gratifying. The challenges facing many of our students are very clear to many, particularly at this time. We are grateful for the continued support of our donors for our students and for the College's mission.

## **State of the College**

The State of the College address is scheduled for today, Thursday, October 29, at 3:30 p.m. It will be presented via Zoom and will include more detailed information about enrollment, finances, Covid-19, etc. It will be recorded, but there will be a time for questions so I hope that you are able to attend in real-time. To connect to the State of the College Address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87203362135>

Meeting ID: 872 0336 2135

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## **WWCC Comings-and-Goings since July 1**

Welcome to our new employees:

- Debbie Schoonover, Program Coordinator, Clarkston Nursing
- Caitlyn Conrad, Custodian 2
- Stephen Lessard, Custodian 2

Best wishes to our departing colleagues:

- Kimberly Pottberg, Clarkston Nursing instructor
- Jordan Hacker, Head Women's Soccer Coach/Completion Coach
- Andrew Wade, Program Coordinator, Clarkston Nursing
- Shelly Bush, Program Specialist, Clarkston
- David Owens, Instruction & Classroom Support Technician 2

Taking on new titles/roles:

- Gretchen Heytvelt, Clarkston Nursing instructor\
- Melissa Queen, eLearning Coordinator
- Rachael Fredrickson, Customer Service Specialist 1
- Rachel Lawry, Student Services and Academic Coordinator, WSP
- Nicholas Brittain, Door Monitor, Walla Walla Nursing
- Trista Flores, Customer Relationship Management Specialist
- Erienne Matthewson, Veterans Coordinator

## Other quick takes

**Vice President of Instruction:** The VPI search is underway, led by Sherry Hartford and including a 16-person committee, composed largely of faculty and academic administrators. The position is expected to be posted in the next few days.

**Covid-19:** We are continuing to monitor the spread of the virus, and have noted that in both Walla Walla and Asotin counties the trends are not favorable. Because we have such well-defined plans for operating under pandemic conditions, these developments are not driving any changes to our operations at the present time. We urge everyone to remember that masking and distancing are required, for the health and safety of everyone, as well as the continued operation of the College.

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