



Our vibrant educational system is a key reason to consider Clark County as your home for life.

We value helping each person achieve their unique contribution to our society and economy. Strong educational systems lead to vibrant, healthy communities with caring neighbors and talented workforces.



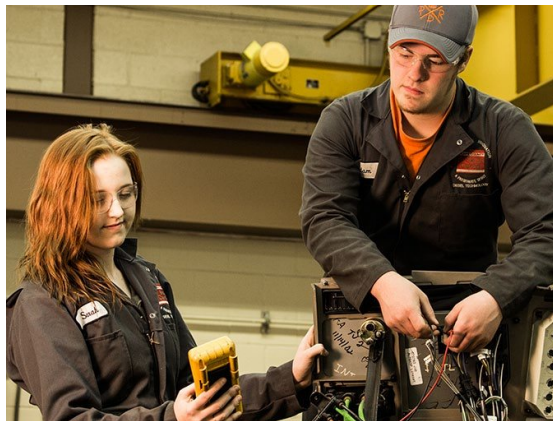
**Our K-12 programs engage 80,000 youth** supported by broad public involvement and modern facilities, with solid test scores and graduation rates through talented educators. **Three-in-four K-12 teachers hold a master's degree.** 33 percent higher than the national average. Meanwhile, students have diverse choices, such as the shared Cascadia Technical

Academy or charter-style schools focused on healthcare and technology.

Local learning continues at Clark College which is preparing 16,000 students from two campuses and a third in planning. Clark County sets the statewide pace with Running Start enrollment, where 2,500 high school juniors and seniors are pursuing an Associate's Degree. It's no surprise why **Clark County has more Associate-degreed citizens age 25-34 than any state in the West.**

Our crown jewel is our fast-growing commuter-style research institution WSU Vancouver, which prepares 3,500 students for careers in technology, education, engineering and healthcare. **In all, 175,000 people are enrolled in college within two hours of Clark County.**

We're preparing a smart and talented workforce for the next generation of regional careers, ranging from technology and healthcare to advance materials and business services.



*The Learn Here Project is supported by these business leaders:*



## A LIVING LEARNING EXAMPLE



Extra credit goes to Al Bauer for helping build our strong educational system. The Navy veteran turned classroom teacher invested 30 years in Olympia securing education funding, the primary function of our state legislature. No wonder Clark College named a building in his honor.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT LEARNING HERE

### K-12 Schools

Battle Ground—[battlegroundps.org](http://battlegroundps.org)  
 Camas—[camas.wednet.edu](http://camas.wednet.edu)  
 Evergreen—[evergreenps.org](http://evergreenps.org)  
 Hockinson—[hocksd.org](http://hocksd.org)  
 La Center—[lacenterschools.org](http://lacenterschools.org)  
 Ridgefield—[ridge.k12.wa.us](http://ridge.k12.wa.us)  
 Vancouver—[vansd.org](http://vansd.org)  
 Washougal—[washougal.k12.wa.us](http://washougal.k12.wa.us)  
 WA State School for the Blind—[wssb.wagov](http://wssb.wagov)  
 WA State School for the Deaf—[wsd.wagov](http://wsd.wagov)

### Postsecondary Schools

Clark College—[clark.edu](http://clark.edu)  
 Int'l Air & Hospitality Academy—[aha.edu](http://aha.edu)  
 WSU Vancouver—[vancouver.wsu.edu](http://vancouver.wsu.edu)

### Educational Service District

ESD 112—[esd112.org](http://esd112.org)

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Each year, business leaders thank exemplary volunteers and staff who make our region's educational system great. With a classic heart of service, none want attention. All deserve it. **WE THANK THEM!**



**SUE CRANKE**  
BATTLE GROUND

Insightful parent leverages banking background to strengthen bonds between schools and community.



**STEPHANIE ETULAIN**  
BATTLE GROUND

Innovative teacher pioneers high school program with focus on academics and social emotional learning.



**MONICA WINKLEY**  
CAMAS

Key founding member of innovative high school works alongside diverse groups of students to achieve positive outcomes.



**BRUCE WHITEFIELD**  
CAMAS

Long-time regional robotics mentor prepares students to excel in premier academic programs.



**AARON GUERRA**  
CLARK COLLEGE

World-class Chef applies expert knowledge preparing next generation of culinary artists.



**PEGGY CARLSON**  
EVERGREEN

Tireless district leader provides safe space, resources, and tools for educational success by focusing on the "whole student."



**LINDA MOREHOUSE**  
EVERGREEN

After 10 years of volunteer service and counting, "Grandma Linda" consistently greets students with a warm smile and listening ear.



**KIM ABEGLLEN**  
HOCKINSON

Forward-thinking science teacher, now instructional coach, plays critical role in building district's future.



**BETSY OLIVERIO**  
HOCKINSON

Active parent volunteer models the way through character-building programs and anti-bullying initiatives.



**JD THOMAS**  
International Air and Hospitality Academy

Dedicated Chef dishes up holistic learning experience through professional community engagement.



**CHRISTOPHER EVANS**  
LA CENTER

Regional project manager spearheads first-of-its-kind climbing tower with input from students and educators.



**BRIAN ZYLSTRA**  
LA CENTER

Insightful teacher coordinates 40-foot climbing tower addition to school challenge course.



**DAWN GASPAR**  
RIDGEFIELD

All-star booster club president four years running reinforces message "it's all about the kids."



**CHRIS POPPERT**  
RIDGEFIELD

Compassionate community member steps up to establish district-wide resource center.



**MICK & MARLEE**  
HAWTHORNE  
VANCOUVER

Dedicated volunteer couple arrives early to walk a mile in kids' shoes.



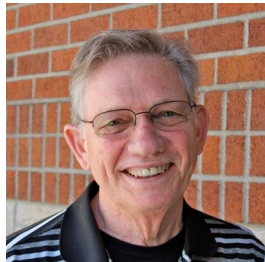
**STEVE VANCE**  
VANCOUVER

Passionate principal leads historic school into future through positivity, work-ethic and high-functioning teams.



**LES BROWN**  
WASHOUGAL

District technology leader enhances classroom learning by supporting teachers with tools and know-how.



**CHUCK CARPENTER**  
WASHOUGAL

Tradition-setting volunteer branches out to coordinate annual Festival of Trees raising money for schools.



**SUE EDWARDS**  
WSU VANCOUVER

Business professional with history of educational advocacy comes full-circle to mentor emerging leaders.



**MELODY RASMOR**  
WSU VANCOUVER

Experienced nurse educator offers community sports physicals to local students in need.