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How does smoking at Clatsop Community College impact you?

Walking through smoke or being near it caused my asthma to flare. But the thing is, my asthma flares most when I'm around cigarette smoke.

With all the known health hazards, why do you think CCC still allows tobacco use on campus?

I believe it's because CCC doesn't want to infringe on anybody's right to smoke.

What would it take to get the policy changed? Do you expect to see a tobacco-free CCC in the near future?

I think it would take the student body to step up to the plate and make the first move. CCC is where the students are coming to learn and develop their skills--not medical problems.

I definitely expect to see a tobacco-free CCC in the future. And in my opinion, the sooner the better!

How would you respond to the concern that students who use tobacco would choose to no longer attend CCC if they couldn't smoke on campus?

As far as I know, there aren't any benefits to smoking. Having a tobacco-free campus would not only clean up the air but for the other students, it would mean they wouldn't be exposed to second hand smoke.

Additional comments?

My younger sister will be attending CCC. With smoke free air, I know she'll be able to concentrate better on her studies--thus giving her the chance to study to the best of her abilities.