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Everett High Arts Educator named Mayor's Arts Award recipient



[Everett, WA] — Sara Coiley, the theatre teacher at Everett High School, has been chosen as a recipient of the 2023 Arts Awards by both the mayor and the cultural arts commission.

The Mayor's Arts Awards recognize the many ways a vibrant arts community is created and sustained. Each year, the Cultural Arts Commission gives out several Mayor's Arts Awards to people or organizations that have made Everett a better place through their creative efforts, vision, or patronage.

Parents of a Thespian Society member submitted the nomination, stating, "With a mighty team of parents, volunteers, and Drama Boosters in tow, Sara has been able to build the Everett High School Drama program and send it to new heights with each passing school year, from providing opportunities for students to direct and produce their plays through Dramafest, offering different forms of educational opportunities like improvisation, technical theatre, and beginning/advanced acting techniques, and exploring various forms of genres of theatre, from non-musical plays, musicals, and more as well as producing theatre in different spaces, such as the more-intimate thrust-style Little Theatre to the much larger proscenium-style Everett Civic Auditorium."

Everett High School Principal, Kelly Shepherd said, "Sara Coiley has built an exemplary drama program where she has created spaces for all students to belong. Her shows, such as the most recent Addams Family, are known throughout the community for their high quality and outstanding performances. The most recent show sold out seven shows before opening night. She is masterful in helping each student grow in their acting and technical skills. She goes above and beyond to meet the needs of students. There is not a more dedicated educator!"

The Everett Cultural Arts Commission is composed of volunteer commissioners who are appointed by the mayor. The mission of the commission is to initiate, sponsor, organize, and promote cultural and artistic programs and services for the enrichment and enjoyment of the Everett community.

Coiley will be presented with her award on April 11, 2024, at the Everett Performing Arts Center to celebrate Everett's arts scene.



Coiley shared, "Thank you so much to the Everett Cultural Arts Commission for recognizing my contribution to a thriving Everett Arts community. It is truly an honor to be acknowledged alongside such talented individuals."

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