

## News Release

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### Cynthia McIntyre named Everett Public Schools' Teacher of the Year



Everett High School biology teacher Cynthia McIntyre started this school year as [Washington state's Science Teacher of the Year](#). Now she is ending this school year having been named the district's Teacher of the Year.

When speaking to the board about McIntyre's designation as the Teacher of the Year, Superintendent Carol Whitehead said, This award being presented to Cynthia tonight was actually confirmed a week early. During last week's Everett Schools Foundation Superintendent Scholar Awards, two students from Everett High School named Cynthia as the most influential teacher in their years as Everett Public Schools students. While tonight she is being honored by adults, I believe that from all we have learned of Cynthia, her most deeply felt rewards come when her students are excited about learning and when those students excel in high school and beyond.

Cyndy McIntyre is very deserving of this award. She inspires students to reach their greatest potential by challenging and supporting them in their learning. She is a dedicated, enthusiastic professional committed to getting all students excited about science, added Everett High School Principal Catherine Matthews.

District K-12 Science Specialist, Bob Sotak, spoke of McIntyre's influence on students and adults. Her influence extends far beyond the classroom. Not only is she exemplary for the way she ignites science excitement and learning

for students, but because of her teacher leadership. Cynthia is a go to teacher of teachers. Her generosity of spirit and pure dedication to lifelong learning makes her an extraordinary example of the teaching profession.

Ann Stewart, Everett High School's English department co-chair wrote in her letter of nomination, Cynthia goes above and beyond for her students: getting to school by 5:30 a.m. each day to prepare labs, leading yearly research/data-collecting field trips to the jetty, setting up student job-shadowing opportunities, mentoring students, having her students conduct real-life research, spending time before- and after-school and on Saturdays with review-study sessions.

Nancy Flowers, EHS science department co-chair wrote, I first met Cyndy beside a campfire during a North Cascades geology workshop about 12 years ago and immediately began recruiting her for Everett High School. Her passion for science teaching was, and still is, extraordinary.

Everett High senior Philip Bui spoke of McIntyre's impact on him academically, personally, and socially. Prior to junior year, I did not have any major plans on going to college when Ms. McIntyre found I was invited to apply to Stanford summer school, she pushed me to apply. I got in. Despite her ardent efforts to connect me to philanthropic groups to finance a summer down at Stanford, I was not able to go due to lack of funds. Yet in the process, she awakened my passion for biology and made me realize that my lack of confidence was stifling my potential as a student. Once again, through her confidence in me, I found the courage to apply to Stanford for regular admissions. I got accepted. It is hard to imagine that one year ago I barely had any college plans, and now I will be attending Stanford to study biology and economics. Ms. McIntyre gave me back my inquisitiveness, my confidence, but most importantly, my ability to dream for a better future.

As Everett Public Schools' Teacher of the Year, McIntyre will be nominated for this region's Educational Service District (ESD) to consider as its top teacher representative. Nine finalists from the statewide ESD process will be notified in the fall about the steps the state will follow to choose a 2008 Washington State Teacher of the Year (TOY). Those steps include an interview before a state selection committee.

Next spring, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will name the state's TOY and give that teacher a \$6,000 award. The state TOY will be further honored with special training sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic, Inc., a week of NASA-sponsored training at the Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama and three days in Washington,

D.C.

Each year's National Teacher of the Year is selected from state TOY honorees and is honored in ceremonies at the White House in the spring. The nation's TOY receives a one-year sabbatical enabling that teacher to serve as a spokesperson for educators nationwide. The 2007 National Teacher of the Year was Andrea Peterson from Everett's neighboring district, Granite Falls.