

## News release



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**250 Cascade and H.M. Jackson  
students at mini *International  
Economic Summit*  
*World trade simulation teaches  
fundamental economic concepts***

Last Friday, 250 students from Cascade and H.M. Jackson high schools in Everett gathered at the ITT Technical College Everett Campus to demonstrate what they learned in the previous 10 weeks of researching and learning about social, political and economic conditions in the world and exploring the multifaceted process of globalization. "Students have learned to think critically and deeply about the benefits and costs of trade in a world often described as flattening," said Cascade High School DECA instructor Jodi Galli. "These students will be living in a global society, and today they are learning and demonstrating the skills of success for the future."

The intensity of the 10-week program peaks each year with a mini International Economic Summit (IES) where students demonstrate their business plans in a series of competitions such as alliance negotiations, trade issue debates, flag and concept quizzes and an always-energetic trade session. "Students earn points for presenting solid ideas and for the level of creativity and innovation they use in presenting those ideas through table displays, costumes, trade strategies and issue debates," explained Galli.

A goal of the International Economic Summit program, which is available for high school and college students, is to train the next generation of global leaders. It is a program with a 15-year history in the United States and elsewhere and involves 750,000 U.S. high school students each year.

More information, history and a video about the IES program is available on the [International Economic Summit Institute at Boise State University website](#). Details about sponsoring or entering a mini Summit such as happened in Everett on Dec. 10 is available [also on the Web](#).

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*H.M. Jackson High students Alexandra Woolley and Brianne Laird huddle with other students during an intense part of the International Economic Summit.*