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Everett Public Schools Foundation awards annual scholarship, and superintendent chooses art for permanent district display

Cascade High School junior Kyle Schuman's piece entitled *Bunk Bed Fort*, caught Superintendent Gary Cohn's eye when it was first displayed at the Educational Service Center. "My father had a great appreciation for art," Cohn said. "He helped me come to appreciate the contributions of great art masters. Kyle's piece, so completely different from any others in our permanent district display, is immediately reminiscent of Picasso."

The praise and the comparison made Schuman smile and give a "thumbs up" when learning that *Bunk Bed Fort* will become an addition to the growing collection of student art on display at the district service center. Each year, the high school art show showcases the best samples of student work from each of the district's four high schools. Each year, the superintendent browses the display to determine a choice to buy and to keep in the gallery.

Purchasing the art is made possible by the Everett Public Schools Foundation, which also sponsors the art show and family reception and awards a scholarship to a graduating senior with aspirations and intention of continuing education after high school in some field of art.



Kyle Schuman and Superintendent Gary Cohn

This year's Foundation Visual Arts Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Aly Weir of Cascade High School. She plans to attend the University of Washington to continue her art studies with an interest in pursuing graphic arts.

The full-to-capacity room of family members and students heard a strong, supportive message from Cohn and school board members Kristie Dutton and Jeff Russell. "Fine arts and performing arts are examples of the value this community places on the 'entire student,'" said Russell. "It is an honor to be here to acknowledge the talents you have and the ways artists and performers add to our world and cultures."

The High School Art Show will be replaced by an Elementary Art Show on display beginning May 5 and ending May 31 at the Educational Service Center and can be viewed during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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