

## News release



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### **Bruin totem has risen!**

***Totem poles representing academics, athletics and activities are at school entrance***

A tribute to the school's Bruin Pride, the new "Bruin Totem" ceramic sculptures now stand proudly next to Cascade High School's main front entrance. (On Jan. 4, the [Snohomish Tribune](#) carried an article about the poles while they were under construction.)

Sculpted of stacked ceramic pieces towering up to 15 feet high, the poles were created, decorated and engineered by more than 120 Cascade students to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. The three pieces represent the three aspects of the Cascade experience – academics, athletics, and activities.

Each of the student-designed ceramic poles represents a particular subject, club, activity or sport sponsored at CHS, and each totem is topped with the schools classic *Bruin Bear* logo, customized to represent the subject of the totem, and sculpted in clay.

The totem project was inspired by the work of local sculptor Maria Root, the creator of "Garden Totems" ([www.primitivapottery.com](http://www.primitivapottery.com)). Support for the project was provided by parent volunteer Reid Zaugg, Cascade Staff, ASB, Cascade's National Art Honor Society Chapter, and the Everett Public Schools maintenance department, which managed installing the totems.

Cascade High School art teacher Ann Morgan notes, "This effort – primarily created by our students – represents a lasting artistic legacy that commemorates the accomplishments of Cascade students and staff since 1963. We look forward to it gracing our entrance for the next 50 years!"

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