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Western Washington University 2013-14 *Outstanding Graduates* include two Everett alumni

An alum of Everett High and another of Henry M. Jackson High were named Western Washington University *Outstanding Graduates* on June 14.

Ben Dale, an Everett High School alum, is Western Washington University's *Outstanding Graduate* for the university's Accounting Department.

He graduated *Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double-major in Accounting and Spanish and a minor in Business Administration.

At Western, Dale was president of Beta Alpha Psi honor society and the Accounting Society. He also volunteered weekly at the accounting tutoring center.

He led a group to first place at Beta Alpha Psi's Northwest Regional Best Practice Competition in the leadership category, and was one of 10 groups nationally to be awarded a grant for a student leadership development program at Western. After hosting two student workshops on campus, the group will travel to Atlanta in August for the national competition – and the chance to receive more funding to expand the program. Dale was also one of 72 students selected nationwide to participate in Beta Alpha Psi's *Project Run With It*, a case competition in Los Angeles.

Dale plans to obtain his CPA license and work for Moss Adams LLP in Everett.

Thomas Hall Jr., a Henry M. Jackson alum, is Western's *Outstanding Graduate* from the Philosophy Department. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. He graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a 4.0 GPA in his major while serving actively within the department.

While at Western, he served as a teaching assistant, editorial assistant, study group leader, Philosophy Club president, assistant organizer of the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference and an assistant for the Bellingham Lectures in Philosophy and Religion.

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He also presented papers at the Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, the Pacific University Northwest Professional Philosophy Conference and the Northwest Student Philosophy Conference. His paper, "In Defense of the Compossibility of Presentism and Time Travel," was published in the professional journal *Logos and Episteme* and in *Logos: the Cornell University Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy*.

He received the President's Scholarship, the Downing-Montague Scholarship for Philosophy, Healthcare and Technology, the Paul J. and Rebecca Ann Olscamp Philosophy Scholarship and the Departmental Tuition Waiver Scholarship.

Hall is headed to a doctoral program the University of Southern California, where he plans to study issues in fundamental metaphysics and meta-ethics.

WWU faculty members from dozens of academic departments and programs select one graduate to honor as the department's *Outstanding Graduate* of the year. Selection is a high honor based on grades, research and writing, service to the campus and community, and promise for the future.

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