



## News release

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### Everett Public Schools students showcase innovation, earn top honors at state STEM fair



**EVERETT, WA** – Everett Public Schools proudly recognizes outstanding student achievement in STEM education, as several students were recently honored for their exceptional performances at the 68th Washington State Science and Engineering Fair.

The annual fair held this spring in Bremerton welcomed students from across Washington to showcase their scientific research and innovation. Judges evaluated projects based on scientific method, creativity, data analysis, and presentation. This prestigious event promotes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through hands-on, student-led experimentation. Several students from across the district received first-place awards in their grade-

level divisions. Two students from Gateway Middle School were also selected for the prestigious Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge.

The following Everett Public Schools students received awards:

#### **Cedar Wood Elementary**

- Naimisha Udali, grade 1 – 1st place, individual

#### **Forest View Elementary**

- Parth Desai, grade 4 – 1st place, team
- Sihi Hemanth, grade 3 – 1st place, team
- Tanmay Sampige, grade 3 – 1st place, team
- Ivaan Choudhary, grade 4 – 1st place, team

#### **Gateway Middle School**

- Parthavi Upreti, grade 8 – 1st place, individual
- Karthi Gangavarapu, grade 6 – 1st place, team
  - Special award: Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge
- Atharv Gupta, grade 6 – 1st place, team
  - Special award: Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge

#### **Heatherwood Middle School**

- Advay Varshney, grade 8 – 3rd place, individual

#### **Henry M. Jackson High School**

- Umer Khan, grade 9 – 3rd place, individual

#### **Penny Creek Elementary**

- Novika Thatipamula, grade 5 – 1st place, team

#### **Tambark Creek Elementary**

- Dhiya Kumaraguru, grade 5 – 1st place, individual

#### **Woodside Elementary**

- Kashvi Kanchukatla, grade 2 – 1st place, team

Projects were evaluated by STEM professionals based on scientific method, creativity, data analysis and presentation. Students from across Washington in grades 1 through 12 took part in the two-day event.

For a full list of 2025 award recipients, visit [wssef.org/wssef-2025-first-place-awards-grades-1-8](https://wssef.org/wssef-2025-first-place-awards-grades-1-8).

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