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Everett High School's, Cynthia McIntyre, named science teacher of the year

"Your colleagues think very highly of you and your contributions to science education in your classroom, your school, your school district and the greater community," read the letter sent to Everett High School science teacher, Cynthia McIntyre from Jane Morton, the awards and recognition chair for the Washington Science Teachers Association (WSTA). McIntyre will be honored as the state's science teacher of the year at the WSTA awards banquet in October.

WSTA honors one teacher each year at elementary, middle and secondary or high school for dedication to advocating and promoting quality advancement of science education. Nominations are made by peers and selected by the awards and recognition committee.

Nominators, Bob Sotak, K-12 Science Curriculum Specialist, and Jack McLeod, 6-12 Science Support Teacher, wrote in their letter of support, "Cindy McIntyre has been a driver and catalyst to create extraordinary experiences for students and to foster excellence in her colleagues. Students describe her as compassionate, challenging, and extremely dedicated."

In addition, Sotak said, "I am always amazed by how much Cindy does for her students beyond the classroom. The extra effort and commitment to make sure they are successful. Not only has Cindy done wonderful things for children in the classroom, but she has been a science leader in the district. She is willing to share with new teachers, and facilitates cross-district biology teacher planning. In this way she also goes out of her way to help others be successful. Working with Cindy is one of the benefits of working in Everett."

McIntyre has been a teacher at Everett High School for 10 years and has worked in education since 1979.

Student Megan Veith wrote in a letter about McIntyre, "Annually, she has sent each of her biology students to Jetty Island to study the interdependence and biodiversity of the plants and animals inhabiting the manmade island. This year 138 students attended, requiring 14 parent chaperones, two waves of buses, and a ferry boat to get there. All of the planning, managing, and organizing was done by Mrs. McIntyre simply to give her students the opportunity to observe nature at work."

At a surprise assembly that honored McIntyre on Monday, September 11, Tanya Huber, a student teacher who worked with her said, "She always sees the highest potential in everybody and sets very high standards for each student. Doing that, she helped me to see and learn things about myself I would never have discovered before, and I accomplished things in her class I never thought I could have."

McIntyre will receive a certificate honoring her achievement and a check for \$500.