

## News release



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## Indira Rayala earns bronze medal in international competition

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Earlier this month Indira Rayala of Henry M. Jackson High School was invited as the Washington state representative to the International Sustainable World Engineering, Environment and Energy Competition ([I-SWEEP](#)) in Houston, Texas.

She competed in the environment category with a project that aimed to develop a natural bactericide for crop plants. This research will help prevent toxins from contaminating ground water and the local environment. Judges were impressed with her presentation and depth of knowledge.

Over 500 students from 66 countries and 46 US states were represented at the ISWEEP competition. Indira won a bronze medal and a scholarship.

Next year she plans to continue in the Jackson High School Research Class and further her project with a hope of returning to Houston in 2015.

“It was amazing and I was extremely proud to see our student representing the state of Washington and carrying the American flag at the opening ceremony,” said Indira’s mentor and AP Biology teacher [Carole Tanner](#).

“Seeing students from all over our world solving local problems is inspiring and gives me a hope for our future.”