

First-ever Jeremy Bates 'straight-A' award goes to Skagit Valley College student

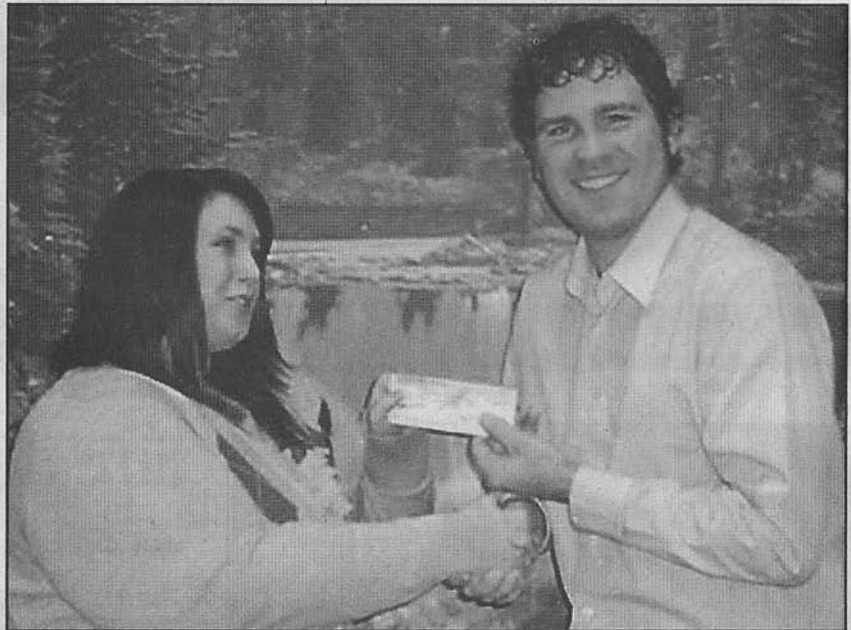
Jacie Rickman, a 2010 B-EHS graduate and current Skagit Valley College student, was awarded the first Jeremy Bates Achievement Award from the Burlington-Edison Education & Alumni Foundation.

The \$1,000 award, established by former B-E North student Jeremy Bates, recognizes Burlington-Edison alternative high school students who earn 4.0 GPAs for two consecutive semesters.

Rickman, the daughter of David and Alice Miller of Sedro-Woolley, enrolled in B-E North after transferring in 2007 from Clear Lake High School in Lakeport, Calif. She was active in school and community service projects, and mentored other B-E students, all while attending Skagit Valley College as part of the Running Start program.

Bates started the scholarship to encourage B-E North students to push themselves to academic excellence. Apparently his aim has been met.

"I've worked hard this year and even if I (didn't) get this award I would truly like to thank Jeremy Bates for giving me the motivation to push myself," Rickman said. "If it wasn't for



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Skagit Valley College student Jaci Rickman (left) receives the Jeremy Bates Award from Burlington-Edison Education and Alumni Foundation Treasurer Matt Lehman.

the thought of that 'straight-A' award doubt I would have succeeded as well as I did." always lingering in my mind, I highly