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Green vehicles mean better parking at Skagit Valley College

M O U N T V E R N O N — Skagit Valley College is rewarding students, faculty and members of the community for driving fuel-efficient vehicles by reserving parking spaces for them.

Three spaces on the west side of Laura Angst Hall are marked for cars that meet specific emission and fuelefficiency requirements. The spaces offer easier access to the central part of the Mount Vernon campus.

Students, staff and community members can use the new spaces at no additional cost with a parking permit obtained from the security office in Roberts Hall.

All students still pay an annual \$25 fee for daytime parking.

The cars need not be electric or hybrid vehicles. The spaces are reserved for any vehicle that receives a score of 40 or above from www.greenercars.org.

The ranking, established by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, is based on fuel economy and emissions. Cars can receive a score on a 100-point scale. The highest-rated vehicle in 2011 received a 54.

About 600 vehicles meet the 40-point minimum. The complete list can be found at <http://greenercars.org/LEED2011.xls>.

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