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# SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

## Compiled from staff reports

### *Head Start centers to receive grants*

Skagit Valley College's Skagit/Islands Head Start program will receive three \$5,000 grants this year from the Head Start Body Start National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play of Reston, VA.

The grants were awarded to Pacific Place Head Start in Mount Vernon, Susan M. Edwards-Wilbur Early Education Center in La Conner and Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center in Oak Harbor. The funds will be used to improve the outdoor play spaces at each center.

A total of 394 grants were awarded nationally.

In a news release, Mary Ellen Lykins, director of Skagit/Islands Head Start, said the grants will enable the centers to enhance and improve outdoor learning environments for children and families, including children from low-income families and children with special needs.

In addition to the playspace improvement, each award-winning Head Start center will have access to online courses, webinars and resource materials.

Skagit/Islands Head Start serves 451 children and families in Skagit, Island and San Juan counties.

### Architecture students awarded scholarships

The Northwest Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has recognized three local students of architecture with scholarships.

Olga Amigud of Anacortes is studying at the University of Washington. Amigud emigrated to the United States in 1990 from the Soviet Union. She graduated in 2009 from Skagit Valley College with a 4.0 GPA and interned at HKP Architects in Mount Vernon during the summer.

Amy Boudinot of Mount Vernon will graduate in December from Washington State University with a Masters of Architecture degree. Boudinot interned at Zervas Group Architects in Bellingham during the summer, and plans to continue working at ZGA after graduation.

Brianroy Thomson of Anacortes (no photo available) is a senior at the University of Washington and will study abroad in Rome. He hopes to work in the field after graduation next spring, then pursue a graduate degree in Europe or Asia.

Neil McCarthy of RMC Architects said the talent represented by this year's scholarship submissions was impressive and looks forward to seeing applications for the 2012 scholarships.

The Northwest Washington AIA Scholarship Fund was started in 2006 with an anonymous donation of \$5,000 and continues to accept donations. Scholarship applications are open to any student from Whatcom, Skagit, Island or San Juan counties entering their junior year or higher at any accredited school of architecture. Call 360-671-9555 for more information.

### Summer graduate

Danielle Allen of Burlington has graduated from Excelsior College in Albany, NY. She earned an Associate in Science in Nursing degree.



Amigud



Boudinot



Submitted photo

Benjamin Elton of Bow and science teacher Donna Cole stand in front of the planting bench Elton made as part of a rain-barrel watering system for Edison Elementary School.