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# HONORS RECEPTION

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### Mount Vernon

Skagit Valley College Mount Vernon Campus awarded some \$350,000 in scholarships to outstanding students in academic and professional/technical programs during the May 16 Honors Reception in McIntyre Hall.

Two Charles H. Lewis Memorial Awards, along with department and activity awards, were also presented.

Two SVC sophomores, Faride Cuevas of Bow and Brittany Wilson of Snohomish, received the Charles H. Lewis Memorial Award, a tribute to the college's first dean and 28-year faculty member.

The award, established in 1956, is given to a graduating sophomore who has attended SVC for at least one full school year and exemplifies the qualities of Lewis — high ethical and moral standards, good citizenship, intellectual curiosity and a subtle sense of humor, among other qualities.

Cuevas is involved with the Calling All Colors Club and Champions of Diversity and was instrumental in developing Adelante!, a program to improve academic achievement for undocumented students at Mount Vernon High School. Cuevas will be the first from her family to graduate from high school and college.

After graduating from SVC, she plans to study business administration at the University of Washington Bothell.

Wilson is a two-year member of the Associated Students of SVC, including serving as the 2012-13 Mount Vernon Campus president.

She has played for the Cardinal women's basketball team, works in the Student Life office and has served on the college's maintenance department summer crew. She has also volunteered at Edison Elementary School and Mount Vernon High School. Wilson plans to earn a teaching degree from Central Washington University.

Other Lewis Award nominees were Ashton Atkinson and Genevieve Korvin, both of Bow; Matt Stixrud of Concrete; Joshua Baker-Evans, Zachary Doobovsky and Stanley Janicki, all of Mount Vernon; and Pul Ki (Queenie) Lam and Ka Ka (Scarlett) Leung, both of Hong Kong.

SVC President Tom Keegan awarded 11 students with the President's Medal for outstanding academic achievement. The honor is reserved for graduating sophomores who have maintained an A or A-minus average and have attended the college for at least three quarters.

The President's Medal was awarded to Jill Liddle of Anacortes; Sharon Cody and Susan Cottrell of Bellingham; Bree Butner and Clarisa Shook of Camano Island; Jennifer Butler, Jennifer Dolph and Edith Tate, all of Mount Vernon; Alyssa Hower of Oak Harbor; Alexandra Holland of Stanwood and Kellie Sanchez of Sedro-Woolley.

### SVC Whidbey Island Campus

Skagit Valley College's Whidbey Island Campus and South Whidbey Center held a joint Honors Reception Friday, May 17, at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge.

The college and the SVC Foundation awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to area students.

Thomas Lile of Greenbank was presented the Yates Award, the highest award bestowed at the Whidbey Island Campus.

The Yates Award, named after a former admiral and commanding officer of the NAS Whidbey who was instrumental in helping to secure property for the Whidbey Island Campus, honors a student who has demonstrated "outstanding leadership, community service and academic achievement," according to a college news release.

Lile is enrolled in classes at both the Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses.

He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and maintains a 4.0 GPA. He plans to graduate with two degrees in science. Other Yates Award nominees include Oak Harbor residents Norma Domingo, Joshua Oppor and Lynnette Parks.

The South Whidbey Center Carol Huber Award was presented to Crystal Coglas of Langley.

The Carol Huber Award is reserved for a graduating student who best exemplifies the traits of academic achievement, community involvement and respect from peers, faculty and staff.

SVC President Tom Keegan awarded President's Medals to five Whidbey students for outstanding academic achievement: Christine Chittim of Clinton, Thomas Lile of Greenbank and Jackson Knoll, Henry Mioduski III and Taylor Nienhuis, all of Oak Harbor.

Qualifying students must be graduating sophomores, maintain an A or A-minus average and have attended the college for at least three quarters.



Lile



Wilson



Coglas



Cuevas