

Centralia College Names Two to All-Washington Academic Team

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Two Centralia College students were honored on March 24 as members of the 2016 All-Washington Academic Team.

Emily Allen and Lee Taylor were selected based on their academic achievement, community involvement and service to the college, according to a press release. Both students have a 4.0 grade point average.

Jim Walton, interim president for Centralia College, said they are exceptional students.

"Though they are both very different people, they are united by their love of math, science and engineering, and their commitment to lifelong learning and the mission of Centralia College," he said in the release. "I'm honored to recognize them as members of the All-Washington Academic Team."

Allen, 18, of Centralia, is working toward a degree in mechanical engineering. She serves as a peer tutor for a number of math and science classes. She is also an active member of the Applied Physics and Engineering Club. She was named a 2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar and will be recognized at an annual convention in April in National Harbor, Maryland.

Taylor, 36, of Chehalis, dropped out of high school to work in the retail sector. Over 14 years he worked his way into management. In 2012, he earned his GED from Centralia College and later decided he wanted to get a college degree. He is currently working toward a degree in mechanical engineering.

Sixty-five members of this year's All-Washington Academic Team represent the 34 community and technical colleges in the state. Each student receives a \$250 scholarship from KeyBank. The formal ceremony was held at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia. Gov. Jay Inslee was the featured speaker.

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