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## Top Whatcom Community College Students Named to the 2013 All-Washington Academic Team

**Bellingham, WA, March 13, 2013** –Whatcom Community College is proud to announce that students **Faline Jett** and **Troi (Kashia) Gale** have been named to the 2013 All-Washington Academic Team. They will be recognized for their academic achievement and community involvement at a ceremony on March 21 in Olympia at South Puget Sound Community College. Governor Jay Inslee will be presenting the keynote address. Each student will receive a medallion in recognition of this honor, \$500 awarded by the Key Bank, and eligibility for additional scholarship opportunities from various four-year institutions.

**The All-Washington Academic Team program recognizes and honors our state's finest higher education students.** The students who make up the All-Washington Team reflect the diversity of the state, maintain high standards of excellence, and contribute positively to the community. Their stories are often inspiring, sometimes surprising, and always reflective of the larger story of the state's community and technical college students.



Faline Jett is a strong proponent for social justice with a great love for humanity. Small classes with personalized attention drew her to community college. Additionally, student government responsibilities and training have provided leadership skills that will help her succeed in her chosen field of aiding people in need. Faline currently works with community literacy programs to help adults acquire skills to enrich their lives.

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Troi (Kashia) Gale initially selected community college for affordability. As Troi progressed, she experienced a strong sense of community here. The inspiration and support from her professors and fellow students have given her the skills and confidence to go further in her goals and education. Troi volunteers as an advocate for domestic violence and assault survivors, works at the local public library, and assists her disabled mother. Her ultimate goal is to open a resource/advocate center for low income families.

The program has become the showcase for Washington's community and technical [colleges](#) because it honors the academic high achievers, the men and women who have demonstrated a commitment to success in the classroom and in the communities in which they live. This recognition demonstrates the state's commitment to [scholarship](#) and community service on the part of those attending the state's public community and [technical colleges](#).

Whatcom Community College is an accredited, comprehensive two-year college serving more than 11,000 students annually. On its 71-acre campus in Bellingham, WA, and through on-line courses, Whatcom offers transfer degrees, professional and technical training programs, as well as basic education, job skills, and Continuing and Community Education classes. For more information about WCC, visit [www.whatcom.ctc.edu](http://www.whatcom.ctc.edu).

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