

SKILLS CENTER

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Skills Center Pair Nab WAVE Scholarships

Two students from the Clark County Skills Center have received statewide Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) scholarships to be applied toward post-high school education in Washington state. Jessica Tanner, a student in the Skills Center Restaurant Management/Culinary Arts program, is a senior at Heritage High School. Ethan Boyles, a senior at Ridgefield High School, is enrolled in the Skills Center Criminal Justice program. Tanner represents the 17th Legislative District and Boyles represents the 18th Legislative District.

Each student receives six quarters or four semesters of free tuition and services to any community/technical college, regional/research university, accredited independent college or licensed private vocational school based in Washington state. The grant is for undergraduate study only and students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to continue to receive the award.

Three WAVE recipients are chosen from each legislative district by a selection committee comprised of representatives from business, labor, education, the Legislature and interested citizens. Selection criteria include occupational proficiency, leadership, community activities, work experience, character, attitude, attendance and other qualities.

The WAVE was established by the Washington State Legislature to honor students for outstanding achievement in vocational-technical education. For more information, contact the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board at (360) 753-0892 or Skills Center Director Dennis Kampe at (360) 604-1050.

Opened in 1983, the Clark County Skills Center is located at 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver. It is owned and operated by nine southwest Washington school districts providing technical and professional training programs to prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

