

Two students nominated for USA Today award

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Gov. John Kitzhaber met with two Clackamas students April 12 at a reception held to honor their academic achievements. Karissa Hazen and Cynthia Hepting, who were the college's nominees for the National Academic Team, had a luncheon with other Oregon nominees and received plaques from Kitzhaber.

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Karissa Hazen
Clackamas
Academic Team
nominee

At the luncheon, college presidents introduced their students, and a few students gave speeches.

"It was great to hear about other students and their accomplishments," said Hepting. "I wish we could have heard from everyone, but time wouldn't allow for that."

While the students waited at the Capitol for Kitzhaber to

fly in from another ceremony in Eastern Oregon, Senator Vern Duncan showed the entourage from CCC around the senate floor. Duncan is an acquaintance of the President "Joe" Johnson.

"That was an extra treat," said Hepting. "We were in an area that was all roped off. None of the other students got to go there."

Besides making the extra tour possible, the Clackamas administration did a great job, said Hepting. "They took the time to make it an extra-special day," she said. "They represented Clackamas very well."

Hazen was impressed by Kitzhaber's laid-back attitude.

"The people who introduced him to us were really formal," Hazen said. "But he walked in smiling, cracked a few jokes, and he made everyone feel at home."

"I was a little intimidated by the whole prospect (of meeting the governor) at first," she added. "But it felt really good to be honored like that."

The women, who will both graduate this spring, were nominated to represent Clackamas by their academic advisors. Besides having high GPAs, each student is involved with activities outside



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Gov. Kitzhaber presents Cynthia Hepting with her Outstanding Student Scholar Award as a nominee for the All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges competition, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges and USA Today.

of school. Hazen is a 4-H leader, and Hepting works full time.

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11:00-11:45

Internet Scavenger Hunt—Come and play on the computers and learn something new
Streeter Computer Lab

12:00-1:00

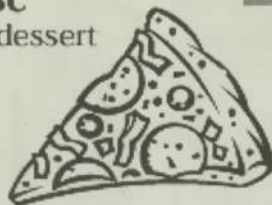
Lunch in the Gregory Forum, 108C
Featuring: Pizza, salad, drinks and dessert
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