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*Renton School District is proud of the accomplishments of our students, staff and families. Here are just a few Good News items highlighting those accomplishments.*

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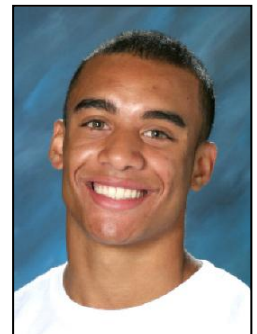
Five Hazen High School seniors and a Lindbergh High School senior have been named Commended Scholars by the College Board. The students received the honor based on their scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Only two-thirds of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the test receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Hazen students (l to r): Monica Razniewski, Colin Jones, Laura Kooiman, Alexander Lohrer and Brian Goddard; (inset) Lindbergh senior Casey Penk.



Nineteen students in Rachel Lake and Michelle Opiniano's seventh-grade science classes at Dimmitt Middle School spent three days sailing the Puget Sound on board the research ship the Carlyn while participating in a science research expedition with Salish Sea Expeditions. The mission gave students a chance to experience real science by researching the effects of light and depth on plankton populations in the Puget Sound. The students slept, cooked, and learned to sail while on the boat. Families, students and school staff tracked the students' adventures online.



Hazen High School senior James Holland is the Seattle Times Athlete of the Week. James carried the football 16 times for 194 yards, with touchdowns of 72 and 42 yards in a 27-20 win over Renton. He also played defense and had 5 ½ tackles and shared a sack. James is also a star in the classroom and is being recruited by Princeton, Columbia and West Point.



Thirty Renton High School students (some pictured right) have enrolled in this year's Future Teachers Academy, which helps high school students pursue careers in education. The students—under the guidance of Renton High teacher Eric Hougan—maintain a rigorous high school course load, while also taking classes in child development, teaching as a career, and classroom management. The students will spend time in elementary schools, tutoring, observing, and gaining knowledge from professional teaching staff. The program is a collaboration between the school district and Central Washington University and is paid for by a Recruiting Washington Teachers grant, a state-funded program, administered by the state's Professional Educator Standards Board, to recruit high school students into the teaching profession.



Twenty-three Renton High School students recently attended the King County Construction Partnership Career Day at Magnuson Park in Seattle. The annual event hosts thousands of students to broaden their knowledge about the diversity of careers in the construction industry including engineering, building, heavy equipment, highway design and more. The event,



coordinated for Renton students by Geoff Newing, Renton High's Manufacturing, Construction, and Computer Aided Design teacher, provided students with a hands-on learning experience and a chance to make decisions about their future.

A group Tiffany Park Elementary School teachers were recently recognized for having the most spirit during a Seattle Mariners baseball game at SafeCo Field. The group showed their spirit with signs reading: "Renton Teachers teach the 4Rs Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, and Rally Fries." The group's prize was seven boxes of "Rally" French fries.