

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Puyallup Center Scientists Volunteer to Help Judge at the Puyallup School District Science Fair

WSU Puyallup scientists participated in “Science Exploration 2005” hosted by the Puyallup Spring Fair in April. The science projects displayed in the Fair's Pavilion were the work of 283 aspiring young scientists representing the 20,563-student Puyallup School District. The student scientists had advanced from local science fairs at each school in the district. Their projects were designed to answer a specific question or solve a problem by experimenting, making observations, and recording data. Replication was an essential part of their research. Washington State University Puyallup scientists were on hand Friday night from 6 to 10 pm and again Saturday morning from 8 am to noon to judge project displays and talk with the student scientists about their research.

Those who volunteered to judge from WSU Puyallup were Andy Bary, Rita Hummel, Patrick Moore, Vernene Scheurer, Gwen Stahnke, and Gwen Windom. The judges had the difficult task of choosing one winner at each grade level to receive the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center Award for “Creativity and Excellence”. WSU Puyallup scientists have been invited participants in the Puyallup School District's Science Exploration every year since 2001. This year the WSU Puyallup award consisted of a specially designed certificate suitable for framing and a \$20.00 gift certificate to Borders Books. Over 700 people attended the Awards Ceremony Sunday evening where Andy Bary and Gwen Windom presented the WSU Puyallup awards to eight excited student scientists.



Here one of the student scientists explains his graphs to judges Andy Bary and Patrick Moore.

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