

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Developing an informed citizenry and fostering engagement, Ardith DeRaad receives Women of the Year Award



Every year, the Seattle University's School of Law Washington Women's Law

Caucus presents the Women of the Year award to honor outstanding women in the state who exemplify a commitment to community and service. Last year, Governor Christine Gregoire stood on the podium to receive this award. This year, three Washington women, including Ardith DeRaad, Principal Assistant to the Director, NW District Extension at WSU Puyallup will be honored. Gloria Steinem will be the keynote speaker.

DeRaad, who was previously honored as Pierce County's Volunteer of the Year, has been a volunteer for 40 years. She has worked throughout the community to help students transition into the workforce as a member of the Puyallup School District Business Advisory Council. She has founded organizations to promote women in government by creating Pierce County Women in Government, and to

increase women's business networking by helping to create the Puyallup Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. At WSU, she is a member of the WSU Administrative Professionals Advisory Committee (APAC) and has served on the All Extension Conference Committee for the past four years. DeRaad lives the WSU vision as she works in her community to help others learn while she fosters engagement. She feels her most important achievement was founding and heading the Alliance Against Domestic Violence for a decade.

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