



## 2011 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

### TEAM AWARD #1

For contributing to a significant and positive impact on student learning

### **College in the High School Program**

Tamra L. Jackson, Jeff Jackson, Eric Schmidt, Bridgeport High School, Bridgeport School District; and Ann Brown, Wenatchee Valley College

Bridgeport High School and Wenatchee Valley College have worked together to create an extremely successful College-in-the-High-School program. Because the closest campus is 50 miles away, Bridgeport High School students find it very difficult to participate in the Running Start program. The students in Bridgeport High School are geographically isolated and, often, socioeconomically isolated from any college campus. To address this issue, Bridgeport and Wenatchee Valley College came together to bring college to the students. Through cooperation, qualified teachers on the Bridgeport campus are able to teach courses for Wenatchee Valley College at the high school. High school students are earning academic and CTE college credit prior to graduation and some are earning as many as 60 credits. Students earn credits in Social Sciences, Science, Career and Technical classes, English and Biology.

This partnership began in 2003 and has grown into a first-class program. The instructional staff and administration of both institutions have worked diligently to make this program happen, and because of its success, other schools are using the Bridgeport College-in-the-High-School as a model. Bridgeport prides itself in providing a rigorous curriculum to prepare students for college, and Wenatchee Valley College has played an integral role in enhancing this curriculum. It is because of the success of this program that Bridgeport High School was chosen one of six finalists for President Obama to give the commencement speech this past June.

According to Ann Brown, WVC Running Start and College in the High School coordinator, since 2007, more than 260 Bridgeport High School students have qualified and been enrolled in WVC College in the High School courses. Her work with Bridgeport High School principal and teacher, Tamra Jackson, and teachers, Jeff Jackson and Eric Schmidt is certainly making a significant and positive impact on student learning and preparing their students for college and their careers.