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### NEWS RELEASE

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## **Renton eighth-grader Samuel Shank named one of state's brightest scholars**

### ***McKnight Middle School student scores higher on SAT than 65% of state's seniors***

June 10, 2008—McKnight Middle School eighth-grader Samuel Shank has been named one of Washington state's brightest scholars by the Washington Search for Young Scholars (WSYS) program, sponsored by the University of Washington.

Sam took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)—a college entrance exam—and scored equal or greater than 65 percent of college-bound high school seniors also taking the test.

Sam said he needed the SAT as a requirement to enroll in a summer college-level math course he was interested in.

Sam will attend a formal recognition ceremony at UW to be awarded a certificate for his accomplishment and is eligible to participate in summer programs at the UW's Robinson Center, and to enroll in special distance learning courses through Northwestern and Duke Universities.



WSYS is a regional talent search to identify Washington's most academically advanced students in grades 5-8. The Halbert and Nancy Robinson Center for Young Scholars at the University of Washington is a pioneer and an international leader in recognizing and serving the needs of gifted young pre-college and college students.

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