

Brush Prairie students named to state academic team

Sarah Craciun, 18, and Mariah Acton, 18, will be recognized for academic achievement and community involvement in a March 2 ceremony in Olympia.

The two young women will receive medallions and \$750 each in scholarships sponsored by Key Bank of Washington and the Northwest Education Loan Association. They will also each receive a \$500 scholarship from the Clark College Foundation.

Craciun and Acton were also named to the All-Washington Academic Team made up of 68 students representing 34 technical and community colleges in the state.

A Running Start student, Craciun is in her second year at Clark College and is a homeschooled senior.

Craciun has been successful in math and science. She received an American Association of University Women award for achievement in math, and works as a college-level chemistry tutor.

Craciun volunteers for veterans and senior citizens in Vancouver. She spends Friday afternoons at the VA Medical Center's In-State Pharmacy, where she packages medications for use by veterans.

Craciun's goal is to become a pharmacist.

Acton is a senior at Prairie High School and also a Running Start student in her second year at Clark College.

Acton was appointed to the Clark County Youth Commission in May 2005. She helped make recommendations to County commissioners, Vancouver city council, and other community organizations.

Acton plans to be an attorney and was a delegate to the 2005 University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations conference.



MARIAH ACTON



SARAH CRACIUN