

National Award Winners Again!!

The Green River Community College (GRCC) Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) placed second in national competition for Student Chapter of the Year. The nomination was written by SAF student member Tess Pinkney and detailed the year of GRCC meetings, attending educational opportunities, and providing a voice and image at the local, state, and national levels. The Student Chapter assisted the SAF South Puget Chapter, the SW Washington Chapter, and the Washington State Society with several meetings and presentations.

The highlight for the GRCC Student Chapter this year was the design, implementation, and presentation of a new “Biomass in Washington” display which promotes wood as an alternative energy source. You may have seen this display at the Puyallup Fair in the NW Outdoors Building. It has been presented for Washington elected officials, educators, foresters, high school students, and specific targeted public audiences. It is sometimes used as a static display, but more often with student members in attendance answering questions and engaging the public.

The Chapter was able to pay for trips and conference registrations because its members volunteer their time to cut, split, and sell firewood to earn revenue. The Student Chapter assists at the college and in the community, and has been recognized for its contributions.

The GRCC SAF Student Chapter also placed second in national competition for its new website, www.grccstudentsaf.com, which was designed by student member Paula Kaiser.

GRCC SAF Student Chapter officers are Chair Lacey O’Grady, Chair-Elect Phil Hansen, Recording Secretary Betty Burton, and Treasurer Mike Farnum.

A delegation from the GRCC Student Chapter will attend the SAF national convention in Orlando in September to receive the award.

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