Grays Harbor College World Class Scholar Program celebrates 20 years

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Grays Harbor College’s unique program, World Class Scholars marks its 20th year with a reunion gathering this Thursday (9/12) on the GHC campus. The social event begins at 7 p.m. at the HUB with entertainment, prizes and ice cream sundaes planned. All students who qualified as World Class Scholars when they graduated from high school are welcome to attend

The incentive program, launched in the early 1990s, continues as a way to encourage junior high and high school students in the College’s two-county service district to stay in school and think about their future after graduation. Young students promise to graduate with a 3.0 grade-point average or better, compile a portfolio of school achievements and activities, and log community service hours while in high school. Upon high school graduation, those qualifying as World Class Scholars and enrolling at GHC will receive a partial tuition scholarship for their first year at the College from the Grays Harbor College Foundation.

To date, more than 1,350 students have qualified in the program and more than 685 have come to the College and used their World Class Scholars scholarships, which now total $850,000. The GHC Foundation is hoping to create a World Class Scholars endowment so the scholarships can continue for decades. For more information about the Thursday event and to contribute to the World Class Scholars program, contact Jan Jorgenson at the GHC Foundation, jan.jorgenson@ghc.edu, 360.538.4243.