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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER NAMED Local Youth Honored

Ellensburg, WA (June 19, 2008) – FairPoint Communications, Ellensburg, Washington, has announced the winners of its 2008 scholarships. Local student Jeremy Rossow of Ellensburg High School was awarded \$1,000, to be paid directly to Washington State University where Jeremy plans to major in engineering or computer science.

Jeremy, the son of Dan Rossow and Jodi Huschka, maintained a 3.975 GPA while still finding time for varsity basketball and baseball, chemistry club, community involvement through church activities, youth sports camps and coaching. The recipient of academic and athletic honors, Jeremy has also worked throughout high school.

FairPoint Communications is proud to recognize exemplary students in its service area. Feeling a strong bond with the communities it serves, FairPoint has consistently demonstrated its commitment by supporting local activities and local youth.

The FairPoint Communications scholarships are awarded to high school seniors on the basis of grade point average, school and work activities, citizenship and need.

About FairPoint

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