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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER NAMED Local Youth Honored

Yelm, WA (June 19, 2008) – FairPoint Communications, Yelm, Washington, has announced the winners of its 2008 scholarships. Local student Britha Cass of Yelm High School was awarded \$1,000 which will be paid directly to Whitman College where Britha plans to major in science.

Britha is the daughter of Timothy and Genevieve Cass. Her qualifications included a 3.937 GPA, active participation in numerous school activities, academic and citizenship honors and service within her community. She has worked as a camp counselor, served as a teen ambassador, been active in her church and participated in an on-call community assistance program. Her strong work ethic is evident in everything she does.

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.

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