Community college students to be honored in Salem

Clackamas Community College students Pamela Kedev and Jeffrey Kesterson will be honored April 17 at the 2013 All Oregon Academic Team event in Salem with Gov. John Kitzhaber.

The two CCC students are among 39 outstanding scholars from Oregon community colleges honored for both academic and personal achievements. These students were selected from the 380,000 students attending the state’s 17 community colleges.

For the past 21 years, two students from each of the state's community colleges have been honored as Outstanding Community College Scholars in an event sponsored by the Oregon Community College Association. The student scholars will receive a scholarship valued at $1,000 or more from one of 19 colleges and universities in Oregon.

Kedev, 19, of Clackamas is involved in student government at CCC. Her affiliation with the college started while she was in high school at Clackamas Middle College and began taking college courses at CCC. She earned her associate’s degree while finishing high school. She maintains a 3.4 grade point average and will transfer to Portland State University in the fall to study supply and logistics management.

Kesterson, 44, of Happy Valley, is a veteran who started at Clackamas after losing his job in the down economy. He maintains a 4.0 GPA while studying manufacturing. He is working on a dual degree in CAD/CAM and manufacturing technology. Kesterson plans to transfer to Oregon Tech in the fall to pursue a bachelor’s of applied science. He will be the first person in his family to graduate from college.