UW CSE News

**CSE’s Melissa Winstanley wins 2012 University of Washington President’s Medal**

The University of Washington President’s Medal is awarded annually to the most accomplished student in UW’s 7600-member senior class.

**Congratulations to CSE’s Melissa Winstanley, the 2012 University of Washington President’s Medalist!**

Melissa — a graduate of Bellevue High School — is a dual major in Computer Science and Music. She began her CSE career as the top student (out of 475) in CSE 142 and the top student (out of 297) in CSE 143. She has managed to continue this extraordinary academic trajectory while serving as head Teaching Assistant for CSE 143 for the entire 2011-12 academic year, serving as chair of UW’s ACM-W chapter, performing as saxophone principal in the University of Washington Wind Ensemble, serving as an Honors Peer Mentor, and carrying out a year-long honors research project on mobile tools for public health. Her summers have included two internships with Google, a research internship with UW’s Community Ecology Lab, and a UW Honors Program summer in Rome.

UW CSE is blessed with many extraordinary students, and we’re proud of all of them. UW awards 4 high scholarship medals each year — to the University’s top freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior. **Since 2000, seventeen CSE students have won these medals.** In other words, one third of the UW scholarship medal recipients in that period have been CSE students! See previous UW CSE winners of UW’s Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and President’s Medals [here](#).

**University of Washington Medals**

**Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and President’s Medalists** Each year, the University of Washington awards three “high scholarship” medals to the highest-performing freshman, sophomore, and junior at the UW. The President’s Medal is awarded annually to the top student in UW’s 7600+ graduating class.

- **Melissa Winstanley**, 2012 President’s Medalist
- **Eric Lei**, 2012 Freshman Medalist
- **Gracie Ingermannson**, 2010 Sophomore Medalist
- **Jennifer Kang**, 2010 Freshman Medalist
- **Krista Youssefian**, 2010 Junior Medalist
- **William Johnson**, 2009 Junior Medalist
- **Mark Bun**, 2009 Sophomore Medalist
- **Pavan Vaswani**, 2008 President’s Medalist
- **Pavan Vaswani**, 2008 Junior Medalist
- **Ting-You Wang**, 2007 Junior Medalist
- **Pavan Vaswani**, 2007 Sophomore Medalist
- **Kobi Reiter**, 2005 Sophomore Medalist
- **Julia Schwarz**, 2005 Freshman Medalist
- **Michelle Goodstein**, 2002 Sophomore Medalist
- **Dan Bjorkgren**, 2002 Freshman Medalist
- **Chris Twigg**, 2000 Sophomore Medalist
- **Thomas Carlson**, 2000 Junior Medalist
- **Zhenya Sigal**, 1998 Freshman Medalist
- **Samson Chung**, 1999 Sophomore Medalist
- **Bruce Forstall**, 1988 Junior Medalist