Northshore Fire Department is proud to honor two of its firefighters for 30 years of outstanding service to the Department and community.

Douglas Knight, a graduate of Bothell High School, began his career with the Northshore Fire Department in 1972 as a volunteer and was hired full time in 1981. Knight was promoted to lieutenant in 1984 and has served in various officer ranks until being promoted to battalion chief in 2001. For many years, Knight oversaw the fleet program that included maintaining the emergency apparatus and developing specifications for new equipment purchases.

Tim Wooldridge grew up in Kenmore and graduated from Inglemoor High School. Wooldridge, whose father started his volunteer service with the department in 1958, chose to follow in his footsteps and pursue a career in the fire service. Wooldridge started as a volunteer with the department in 1979, and was hired full time in 1981.

Several local residents made the academic deans' list at APU. These students are honored for a spring semester 2011 academic standing of 3.5 or better grade-point average. A total of 1,575 students received the same honor.

Woodinville: Nicholas J. Kunnanz, accounting; Alicia R. Orrico, applied exercise science

Lake Forest Park: Berit E. Anderson, global studies

Jessica Abigail Balazic, the daughter of Woodinville's Jim and Linda Balazic, graduated this summer from the University of Washington- Bothell with her bachelor's degree in community psychology. She plans on becoming a special education teacher and will start graduate school at UW Seattle this fall for special education in the severe/low-incidence program.

Elizabeth Hiskey of Woodinville has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently. She will be traveling to Belgium, where she will teach English as a Foreign Language

at the University of Ghent. Elizabeth is a 2007 graduate of Redmond High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Washington, where she received two degrees, in English and French, both with honors. Upon her return to the U.S. next summer, she has been accepted to the Teach for America program, in which she will spend two years teaching in a low-income school district while completing her master's degree in teaching.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Dave and Lois Hiskey of Woodinville.

Rielly Milne of Woodinville earned a bronze medal at the 2011 Canadian high school rowing championship regatta held in St. Catharines, Ontario, on June 3-5. Rielly, a coxswain for the Brentwood College School in Mill Bay, British Columbia, Canada, raced in the senior men's 72 kg four+ against 28 other schools that qualified to compete at the regatta.

Omar Rivas, a Woodinville resident competed in the World Championship of Public Speaking. Rivas is an award-winning speaker and presentation coach, with 25 years of executive experience in business development, sales, marketing, management, team building and executive level negotiations.

His diversity in business spans several industries and various positions within the corporate environment. His superior interpersonal skills allow for the understanding and solving of multiple, complex and ambiguous issues within an organization, while managing multiple projects simultaneously.

Recognized for his high personal integrity, collaborative management style, diplomatic communication skills, reliability, and flexibility. Having oned or been partial owner of several successful companies, in a variety of industries over the past 25 years, has given him the ability to speak on a wealth of business topics. He is strategic and analytical in his thinking, innovative and creative in his execution, bi-lingual in his communication, and passionate in his actions.

In 2010, Omar traveled to Palm Desert, Calif., to compete in the World Championship of Public Speaking Semifinals, becoming one of the world's top 27 speakers for Toastmasters International. Omar is once again traveling to Las Vegas in August to compete in his second World Championship of Public Speaking Semifinals (2 years in a row).

The following Northshore students graduated from Seattle Pacific University:

Chloe Emiko Dixon of Woodinville graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in communication.

Robert James Henry of Woodinville graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration, marketing emphasis.

Hannah MS Hsu of Woodinville graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physics.

Haley Grace Libak of Woodinville graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in communication, journalism emphasis.

Nicholas Joseph Maurice of Woodinville graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in physiology and a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry.

Andrew Joseph Ogden of Woodinville graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in communication.

Heather Catherine Olson of Woodinville graduated with a bachelor of arts in communication, journalism emphasis.

Jamie Ashby Perry of Woodinville graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in integrated studies, health and fitness emphasis.

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Katie Lauren Powell of Woodinville graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in theatre.

Aaron Jonathan Raney of Woodinville graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in biology.

Reed Leon Ruch of Woodinville graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting.

Elliott Wyse of Woodinville chose to join 86 other students from around the world to form the ninth freshman class at Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Mass.