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Washington Student Achievement Council Welcomes New Student Member

Olympia— Providing every student in Washington State with access to a quality education, whether that be in the K-12 system or within higher education. This is the vision of Rai Nauman Mumtaz, the new Governor-appointed student member to the Washington Student Achievement Council. Mumtaz, a graduate student at the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT), looks forward to working with students, faculty, staff, his fellow Council members, and legislators to improve Washington's education system.

Mumtaz is in his final year of a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program and is also entering his second year of medical school at the International University of Health Sciences School of Medicine. He will return to a Master of Public Health Degree program at A.T. Still University School of Health Management in the fall of 2014.

Mumtaz also completed a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at UWT after earning his Associate of Science Degree at Pierce College. He received his high school diploma from Curtis Senior High School in University Place, Washington.

Mumtaz is an active participant in his community at UWT and has a record of high academic achievement. For more information about Mumtaz, visit our [website](#). He will join the Council at their next meeting on August 22, 2013 at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA.

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About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the **Washington Student Achievement Council** provides strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council proposes improvements and innovations needed to adapt the state's educational institutions to evolving needs and advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment for public education in recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits it provides.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens, a current student, and one representative from each of the state's four major educational sectors. More information about the Council can be found on our website: www.wsac.wa.gov.