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**Kari Page named Distinguished Alumni of the Year**

The Wenatchee Valley College Alumni Association is proud to announce that the 2017 WVC Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Kari Page, a 1991 graduate. Page will be recognized at the June 11 Apple Sox baseball game, where she will throw the opening pitch that evening.

Page is being honored for her exemplary community service, outstanding career achievements and dedicated involvement with the WVC Alumni Association.

Page was born and raised in Wenatchee by parents well known and respected in the community – Kerry and Linda Page, owners/operators of Kerry’s Body Shop on Wenatchee Ave. Kari is the youngest and only girl of five children, all of whom still live in the Wenatchee area.

While a student at WVC, Page made the Dean’s list, was a member of the WVC choir, as well as an active participant in athletics. She served on the Knights Football Sports Medicine Team and enjoyed supporting her many friends who were football players and cheerleaders.

Page’s achievements and interests range from being an accomplished musician (violinist, vocalist and pianist) to a champion competitive swimmer of 30 years including a 4-year winning streak as a triathlete. She has served on numerous volunteer boards, including 10-years as chartering president of Zonta International Club of Bellingham, WA as well as Executive Advisory of RSSI, Mt. Baker Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) and currently as President of the Apple Valley Human Resources Association, an affiliate of SHRM.

Kari’s career spans 26 years. She landed an operations management role overseeing 60 employees while attending Western Washington University full-time. In 1994, the Monday after graduation from WWU, she hit the ground running as the Human Resources Generalist of CH2M Hill. She then switched to the government side as an HR Generalist for Whatcom County. Page has worked diligently to build her career path with zeal, dedication and intentionality. She successfully transitioned into a senior management capacity as Healthy Pet’s HR Director at the age of 32. Her accomplishments earned her the pleasure of returning to the valley at the end of 2015 to begin her new role as the Director of Human Resources for the City of Wenatchee. Her proven leadership in organizational development, combined with her track record of maintaining positive employee morale and her big hearted approach to management, coaching and conflict resolution skills will result in nothing but positive outcomes for those who are fortunate to know, and work with, Kari Page.