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*Greetings from the Governor*  
*June 21, 2007*

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending today's reception in honor of Lee Hood and Valerie Logan. I am delighted to join with you in congratulating them on being named recipients of the 2006/2007 Washington State Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform (LASER) Science Education Advocate Awards.

I commend Lee and Valerie for their exceptional efforts to promote the importance of science education and establish the infrastructure needed for science literacy. As you well know, students today face an entirely different world than their parents did at their age. Our increasingly global economy demands strong science and math skills, and we must equip our kids with the tools needed for success.

Innovative public-private partnerships like LASER are shining examples of how we can work together to improve educational opportunities for our young people. Lee and Valerie obviously embody the energy, creativity, and commitment needed for educational reform and are well worthy of this award. Their impact will be felt for generations to come.

Congratulations again, Lee and Valerie, and please accept my best wishes for a memorable time of celebration and fellowship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

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