



# OPINION

## Squalicum student's project boggles mind

We are a bit awed by the work of Squalicum High School senior Karl Plank.

Plank is one of 40 finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search, the most prestigious national high school science competition, which offers a top prize of a \$100,000 scholarship.

As a finalist, the first from our state since 2000, Plank has already earned at least \$6,000.

But it's not the money that has us so in awe.

It's the research that 17-year-old Plank is working on: research into the "self-assembly of particles."

Plank described it in simple terms to his fellow students last month when he said that research into self-assembly of particles could one day lead to self-assembly of objects, so a spoon could be changed into a fork by pushing a button.

Wow. This from a 17 year old? We wish Plank well in the competition, and in whatever life he goes on to after high school. Whether he wins or not, he has clearly already assembled himself into something rather spectacular.