



Andrew Reynolds (second from right) with family Matthew, Vicki, Peter and Timothy.



Hayley Anderson (centre) with family members Jennifer, Sarah, David and Jake.

Minister announces Beazley Medal winners for 2009

Western Australia's newest Beazley Medallists – Hayley Anderson (TEE) and Andrew Reynolds (VET) – have been congratulated by Minister for Education Dr Elizabeth Constable.

Dr Constable met the winners and their families at the Herdsman Wildlife Centre in Wembley before introducing them to members of the Western Australian media.

Hayley attended Churchlands Senior High School and Andrew the WA College of Agriculture in Cunderdin.

Hayley, the first female Beazley Medal: TEE winner since 2004 and the first Government school winner since 1993, is also the first member of her family to sit the Year 12 examinations and will be the first one to go to university.

She achieved scaled scores of 100 in Applicable Mathematics, 99.97 in Chemistry, 92.95 in Economics, 99.46 in Physics and 94.77 in English.

Amazingly, Hayley can thank a spot of "acting" in Year 10 for her success. In volunteering to be an examination 'patient' for fourth-year medical students at the University of WA, she changed her career focus and study attitude.

While acting the part, Hayley caught the medical bug from the students and from that point decided medicine was the career for her.

"I gave up a lot of things and just concentrated on my studies," she says. "It got me a lot of teasing from my friends, but it was worth it."

However, while she is the top student, Hayley still has to wait

on the outcome of an interview to learn if she has been accepted into medicine at UWA.

Andrew, meanwhile, started work straight from school and was operating a harvester when first informed of his Beazley Medal success. In February, Andrew takes on a full-time position as a spray contractor and hopes one day to have his own business offering agricultural services.

In Year 12, he studied English Management and Marketing, Animal Production and Marketing and Plant Production and Marketing and completed Certificate II qualifications in Automotive-Mechanical, Engineering, Agriculture, Wool Handling and Crutching.

Andrew's former principal Bernard Beatty described the Beazley Medallist as a role



Minister for Education Dr Elizabeth Constable introduces Beazley Medallists Andrew Reynolds and Hayley Anderson.

model and inspiration to other students of the college.

He said he was also a big reason the college won the Australian VET in Schools Excellence Award last year.

Bernard explained Andrew delivered most of their presentation to the judges who were clearly impressed by his knowledge, maturity and passion.