

**SCIENTIST, SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR WITH AUTISM  
TEMPLE GRANDIN SPEAKS ABOUT “THINKING IN PICTURES”  
AT EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Scientist, scholar and author Temple Grandin, talks about her experiences with autism, a neurologically-based developmental disability, and her insight into how animals perceive the world in a lecture, “Thinking in Pictures,” 7:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, Triton Union Building 202, Edmonds Community College, 20000 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood. Free. Part of the college’s public lecture series, Grandin’s talk is presented in partnership with the University of Washington’s Autism Center.

Grandin is a professor with autism who, while struggling to decipher the common social interactions of humans, has built a career out of her intuitive understanding of animal behavior. She teaches animal science at Colorado State University and designs livestock handling facilities for firms including Burger King and McDonalds. She is known for giving voice to the autistic experience in her 1986 memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, at a time when medical science dismissed autistics’ ability to communicate and lead professional lives, and was featured as one of several people unusually adapting to neurological disorders in Oliver Sacks’ book *Anthropologist on Mars*.

At Edmonds Community College, Grandin will talk about the isolation of growing up with autism and how she adapted using visual symbols and coping strategies, such as a calming device she created modeled after the squeeze chutes used on cattle. Grandin will also discuss the latest discoveries in terms of treatment, medication and diagnosis of autism as well as her insights into the extrasensory abilities of autistic savants. Following her talk, she will sign her books *Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior* and *Thinking in Pictures: and Other Reports from My Life with Autism*.

For more information, call 425-640-1313. For directions: <http://campus.edcc.edu>. Learn more about the speaker at [www.templegrandin.com](http://www.templegrandin.com) <http://www.templegrandin.com> .

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The UW Autism Center provides diagnostic evaluations and intervention services for children with autism from infancy through adolescence, and a wide range of professional training opportunities. Its mission is to provide state-of-the-art clinical services, increase capacity for services through training, and increase knowledge and awareness about autism in the professional community and general public. The Autism Center is part of the Center on Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington and involves faculty and staff from the UW School of Medicine, Colleges of Arts and Sciences, and Education. More at: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwautism/>

Some facts about autism:

- Autism affects 1 per 167 people and is more common than Down syndrome or childhood cancer.
- Autism is a neurologically based developmental disability, not an emotional disorder.
- With the proper knowledge, autism can be detected as early as 18 months of age. Early intervention can result in a significant increase in IQ and language ability and a decrease in support services needed later in childhood.