



# TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## TRIBAL TIMES

Fall 2020

### 18th Annual TEF Scholarship Dinner & Auction POSTPONED

#### SPECIAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Dear Supporters,

It is probably not a surprise that this is proving to be an especially challenging year for the Touchet Educational Foundation. Normally, we have our annual fundraising event around Homecoming—late September or early October that nets between \$10,000-\$12,000. The Board voted to postpone our annual event until early March. It is unclear as to whether community events will be able to resume at that time.

We will still try to have some type of fundraising activity, however the scale and how this will be held has not been determined. We have 16 seniors in the class of 2021. We hope to be able to support this class at the same level as we have past classes, with the basic \$1000 scholarship.

Please consider an extra gift to help us fill the expected gap from our inability to have our usual indoor dinner and auction event.

Thank you from TEF Board of Directors and Class of 2021



#### THS Class of 2021 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Elijah Buchanan, Karina Contreras, Kaedyn Gallaher, Autumn Hicks, Gage Hilbert, Robert Katsel, LeAnn Kincaid, Ayline Lopez, Ashley Luna, Omar Martinez, Justin McColley, Thanya Mendoza, Slater Olson, Areli Orozco, Charlotte Vickroy, Makenzie Zessin

**DO YOU HAVE TECHNICAL SKILLS TO HELP ORGANIZE AN ONLINE AUCTION OR HAVE OTHER IDEAS?**

**Would you donate an item for our fundraiser?  
Please contact Sandra Bradley 509-394-0142.**

#### THS Class of 2021—Kindergarten to Senior Year

10 of 16 seniors began together with Miss Gaffrey

Front Row: Areli Orozco, Karina Contreras, Justin McColley  
Middle: Ashley Luna, Omar Martinez, Ayline Lopez, Thanya Mendoza  
Back Row: Slater Olson, Autumn Hicks, LeAnn Kindaid



Calling all Indians

**Touchet  
ALL SCHOOL  
Reunion 2021  
May Day Weekend**

Rescheduled from 2020



The Class of 2021 enjoys the Homecoming Parade. Areli, Thanya, Ashley, and Justin enjoy Music class. The kindergarten poses with Mr. Sonny in music. The class gives us a smile.

#### NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED !!

Do you want to see this important scholarship program continue for many years to come? Do you have children that have or will benefit from TEF Scholarships?

We need new board members to step up and take a turn to volunteer. Please consider serving as a member of our board.

Touchet Educational Foundation  
Dedicated to serving the graduates of our community through college scholarships  
**18 graduating classes 374 students \$518,180 awarded in scholarships**

**TEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

*President* - Sandra Bradley  
*Vice Pres* - Marilyn Schaecher (Class of '72)  
*Secretary* - Carol Hopkins (Class of '87)  
*Treasurer* - Melissa Cummins (Class of '73)  
 Ron Dunning (Class of '65)  
 Sandy Reppe, Jessica Pedroza

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Mission Statement

To provide financial support for Touchet students in pursuit of educational opportunities,  
 and to encourage community support for higher education.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Tracking the Indians—Alumni Updates**

Class of 2012 **Eric Adams**, Law Enforcement Academy 2020, commissioned officer College Place Police Dept  
 Class of 2014 **Jolise Elsinghorst**, Whitworth University 2017  
     **Elias Martinez**, University of Washington 2018  
     **Edgar Rincon**, Washington State University 2019  
     **Shelby Gould**, Eastern Washington University 2019, Health & Physical Education  
     **Morgan Cardwell**, Eastern Washington University 2019, Elementary Education  
     **Mckenzie Loney**, Eastern Washington University 2019  
     **Megan Kromm**, WWCC 2019, Registered Nurse  
 Class of 2015 **Ben DeRuwe**, University of Idaho 2019, Engineering  
 Class of 2016 **Marissa Elsinghorst**, Eastern Washington University 2019  
     **Jackson Elsasser**, Gonzaga University 2020, Mechanical Engineering  
     **James (JW) Sharp**, Gonzaga University 2020, Business Administration  
     **Andrew Flagstead**, Gonzaga University 2020, Computer Science  
     **Carlos Rincon**, Washington State University 2020  
 Class of 2017 **Faith Dowsett**, University of Washington 2020, Business Admin/Entrepreneurship

**THANK YOU NOTES** ~ a sampling of just a few of the many notes we received

**Kristen (Warner) Fuglie (Class of 2013)** Thank you for selecting me for these generous awards. I am committed to my education and to the healthcare field, one step closer to becoming a Registered Nurse. I will be starting a job as an in-home caregiver while attending school full-time. I thank you for your continued generosity and support by awarding me two continuing education scholarships!

**Nickolas Hopkins (Class of 2017)** This was the last time that I will apply for a TEF scholarship as I head into my senior year at UW. I would like to thank all of you for the various scholarships TEF has given me, including the CE in memory of Ron Dunning, Jr. and also the help to all the Touchet students over the years.

**Emmaleigh Olson (Class of 2020)** I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Touchet students. I'm grateful for the scholarships I received as they will help with financing my education.

**Thayne Krumbah (Class of 2020)** Thank you for all of your work and dedication to Touchet graduates. It is amazing what a few volunteers and a small community can achieve. I'm thankful to have attended Touchet my last two years and look forward to giving back to the community when I return from school in Wyoming.

**Cloey Frazier (Class of 2020)** Thank you for all your hard work and support for all Touchet seniors. I appreciate it so much, it means a lot to not only me, but everyone you support.

**Evan McMakin (Class of 2020)** Thank you for awarding me the Merit and the FFA Scholarship. I will be attending WyTech this fall. I want to become a diesel mechanic and hopefully own my own business one day.

**In Remembrance of Touchet Alumni & Staff**

**Oscar Ferrians**, class of 1946      **Patrick Ingham**, class of 2006      **Rojelio Saldana**, class of 2018  
**Phyllis Ruble Johnson**, teacher 1974-2008      **Martha Lee Garbe Bussell**, class of 1954

## Class of 2020 – TEF Awarded \$21,250 in Scholarships

### *Jessica Smith, Whitman College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Touchet Gun Club Valedictorian Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$1000
FBLA Scholarship in memory of Alvin & Mary'O Adams	\$1000
Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins	\$500

### *Domíníc Solís, Walla Walla Community College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Tri-Community Homemakers Salutatorian Scholarship	\$750
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$1000
Education Scholarship in memory of Helen & Elbert Durfee	\$500
TEF Board of Directors	\$250

### *Colton Cavier, Seattle Pacific University*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$1000

### *Emmaleigh Olson, Washington State University*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Alumni Scholarship sponsored by Oscar Ferrians	\$500
Leadership Scholarship in memory of Paul & Wilbur Garbe, Jr.	\$500
Medical Science Scholarship in memory of Robert McMubbins	\$500

### *Stephanie Garcia, Walla Walla Community College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Callander Family Scholarship	\$500

### *Cloey Frazier, Walla Walla Community College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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### *Domíníc Preciado, Walla Walla Community College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Board of Directors	\$250

### *Thayne Krumbah, Wyoming Tech*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
FFA Scholarship in memory of Richard A. Garbe	\$500

### *Evan McMakin, Wyoming Tech*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
FFA Scholarship in memory of Roy Kregger	\$500

### *Emily Skramstad, Walla Walla Community College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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### *Carolina Saldana, Walla Walla Community College*

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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### Continuing Education Scholarships—\$4,000

#### **Eileen Collier Scholarship—\$1000**

Eileen Cummins Collier graduated from THS in 1919, leaving a contribution to TEF when she passed away at the age of 102. Awarded to **Kristen Warner Fuglie, class of 2013**, attending WSU Tri-Cities, completing a Bachelors in Nursing degree.

#### **Making a Difference Scholarship in memory of Katie Nolan—\$1000**

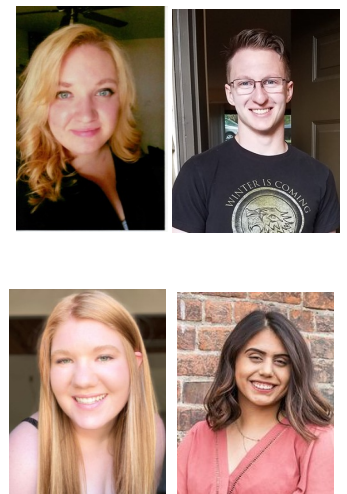
Established by her family in 2010 to encourage others to follow her example of service to others. Awarded to **Kristen Warner Fuglie, class of 2013**, attending Washington State University Tri-Cities, completing a Bachelors in Nursing degree.

#### **Ron Dunning, Jr. Memorial Scholarship —\$1000**

The Dunning family began awarding this continuing education scholarship in 2018. Awarded to **Nickolas Hopkins, class of 2017**, attending University of Washington Bothell, completing a degree in Business & Supply Chain Management.

#### **2nd Year Scholarships—\$500 each**

**Madisyn Gallaher** (WSU-Animal Science/Pre-Vet), **Arlette Zamora** (WWCC)



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**TEF Scholarship Fundraiser postponed until early spring 2021**

### **Oscar Ferrians 1928—2019**

Mr. Ferrians graduated from THS in 1946 and we don't know when last he visited here, but his generosity to his hometown should not be forgotten. When TEF began in 2003, his Alaska address was included in the Alumni Mailing List we inherited from the All-School Reunion Committee. So, he began receiving our newsletters. He made several sizeable contributions and when an additional \$10,000 check arrived in 2014, the board voted to use it to set up an endowment to permanently fund the "Alumni Scholarship" in his name.

We recently learned of his passing in December 2019 at the age of 91 and wanted to share a little of his interesting and accomplished life. Oscar was born in Touchet in 1928 to Oscar Sr. and Mary Lucretia "Tish" Ferrians. He graduated from WSU with a Master's Degree in Geology and started work for the US Geological Survey, Alaska Terrain & Permafrost Section in 1953. A great portion of his work was mapping much of the state of Alaska, including during the planning and construction of the Alaskan Pipeline. He traveled to Russia and China as diplomatic scientific exchanges. He was regarded as one of the foremost experts on permafrost. His career took him to Washington DC for several years. His work at the time was considered classified and top secret. A body of Oscar's work is housed at the University of Alaska. Oscar always felt he was blessed in his life and felt education was important.

Touchet is so fortunate to benefit from his generosity!

### **DONATION FORM**

The Touchet Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit tax exempt organization. Our primary focus is to provide financial assistance to Touchet graduates in pursuit of higher education goals at accredited four year colleges and universities, community colleges and trade schools.

**Please direct my donation to the following area:**

- Greatest Need
- A gift in memory of a special friend or loved one

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- TEF Endowment Fund
- Other Scholarship/Endowment Fund

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