

TRIBAL TIMES

Let's Go Back to Fall 2003 ... The year the Touchet Educational Foundation was organized. This year's seniors were just beginning their education at Touchet Schools. Do you recognize any of these cute faces?

THS Class of 2016 from Kindergarten to Senior Year Taylor, Andrew, Mia, Jackson, Sarai, Osiris, Jared, Autumn, Carlos, Luis, Sam & Cierra Jo



Front Row: Mrs. Huesby, Taylor Garbe, Andrew Flagstead, Jacob LaRoque, Mia Garcia, Jackson Elsasser, Sarai Berumen, Osiris Mendoza, Miss Davis

Row 2: Courtney Creek, Mikael Butler, Paytyn Richartz, Jared Ortiz, Jesse Barnett, Mark Lesmeister Row 3: Autumn Rea, Carlos Rincon, Luis Preciado, Kurt Blackman, Tristan Newman, Sam Ogden, Cierra Jo McKeown

** See page 3 for Senior Class Picture **



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Thank you!

Mission Statement

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

Thank you to Doug Loney for your many years of service to the Touchet Educational Foundation!



Doug joined the TEF Board of Directors during our second year, in 2004. He served as Vice President, later President, and coordinated the recruitment of our TEF Representatives from the Senior Class. He and his wife, Roberta, were key leaders in the set-up for our Dinner & Auction Fundraiser every fall.

As with all TEF Board members, Doug volunteered countless hours over the years and was involved in all aspects of the Foundation, helping to raise money for scholarships for our Touchet graduates. Thanks again for all your contributions to the Touchet Educational Foundation and all you do for our community!

> Touchet High School GRADUATION SATURDAY JUNE 11TH, 2016 1:00 PM

UPDATED TEF WEBSITE

Visit our updated TEF website: toucheteducationalfoundation.com

Previous TEF newsletters are now online! Take a stroll down memory lane, back to our first newsletter in 2004.

Visit the website to learn about scholarship opportunities, our Dinner & Auction Fundraiser, and how you can get involved to support TEF scholarships.

97th MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, May 6, 2016

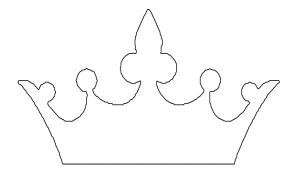
Queen Jennifer Aceves King Carlos Rincon

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> Junior Princesses Paytyn Richartz, Alize Tellez

Sophomore Princesses Darianna Aceves, Caitlin McGreevy

Freshman Princesses Ziona Combs, Madisyn Gallaher



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

CLASS OF 2015

The Touchet Educational Foundation is offering an opportunity for THS class of 2015 graduates to apply for scholarship assistance for their second year of college. The scholarship will be a maximum amount of \$500 for each applicant.

To qualify, the student must plan to enroll in their second year of college, have earned a minimum 36 college level credits (quarter system) or 24 college level credits (semester system) during their first year of college, and achieved a minimum 2.75 college GPA. Visit the TEF website toucheteducationalfoundation.com to download an application.

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR 2nd YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS IS JULY 15, 2016

PAST GRADUATES – JUNIOR STANDING AND ABOVE

The Touchet Educational Foundation is offering two (2) continuing education scholarships to past Touchet graduates that meet the following requirements for the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year: junior standing or above, enrolled at an accredited four year college/university to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree, minimum 2.75 college GPA.

Visit the TEF website toucheteducationalfoundation.com to download an application.

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR PAST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IS MAY 16, 2016.

EILEEN COLLIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1000 A general continuing education scholarship available to students majoring in any program of study.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF KATIE NOLAN \$500 A scholarship established by her family in 2010 to encourage others to follow Katie's example of service to others, offering hope and inspiration. This continuing education scholarship will award a minimum of \$500 to the successful applicant. In addition to the general application requirements, applicants must also submit an essay of 300 to 500 words describing in detail their philosophy regarding service to others, activities and/ or projects participated in that reflect their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others, as well as plans made for service after college graduation.



Behind us lies the path of learning ... Ahead, the road to success.

Class Motto

Front: Taylor Garbe 2nd Row: Jennifer Aceves, Anjel Pedroza, Sarai Berumen, Rachel Miller, Autumn Rea 3rd Row: Cassie Warren, Leo Garcia, Crystal Hernandez 4th Row: Osiris Mendoza, Diana Melendez, Cierra Jo McKeown, Jared Ortiz, Tanner Leduc Olson, Carlos Rincon, Luis Preciado Back Row: Mikael Butler, Joe Short, Jackson Elsasser, JW Sharp, Andrew Flagstead, Favian Velasco Not pictured: Rachel Carson, Mia Garcia, Marissa Elsinghorst, Sam Ogden

2015 Scholarship Dinner & Auction

Another successful and fun fundraising event for the Touchet Educational Foundation in 2015. The senior class pre-sold another record-breaking 378 tickets! Nearly 390 people (another record by far!) enjoyed a delicious BBQ Ribs & Chicken dinner, a terrific variety of raffle and auction items and good company. The senior class "Rent a Team of Teens" auction, along with raffles and other live and silent auction items, helped to raise more than \$17,000. It was a great end to Homecoming Week!







Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated items, the alumni and community members who make this annual event a success.

Auctioneer Doug Swenson for offering his enthusiasm and generous support!

Lions Club for their help with the BBQ and use of the Hall!

Rent A Team Of Teens Auction Supporters raised \$1,300

Kevin & Susan Brown, Vernon & Sharon Elsasser, Otis & Kim Garbe, Bob & Jan Willoughby

Raffle & Auction Donors

4G Custom (Otis & Kim Garbe), Abrielle's (Nancy Grudzinski), Andy's Market, Banner Bank, Big Cheese Pizza, Bordertown Feed, Bright's Candies, Burger Hut, Cameo Heights Mansion, Clarette's, Commercial Tire, Dairy Queen M-F, Falkenberg Jewelers, Fast Eddy's, Frosted Cupcake Shop, Gary's Paint & Decorating, Graphic Apparel, Hot Mama's, Humbert Asphalt, Kilmer's, Lefore's Spa, Les Schwab College Place, Les Schwab Walla Walla, Milton City Pizza Co., Northwest Tang Soo Do Karate, Pape Machinery, Pendleton Roundup, Ranch & Home, Seedhouse Saloon, Sub Shop #38, Tates Umapine Mercantile, The Personal Touch (Jorge Martinez), The Western Store, Walla Walla Country Club, Walla Walla Farmer's Co-op, Walla Walla Vintners, Waterbrook Winery, Wayside, Widner NAPA, Wilbur-Ellis, Wingman Birdz & Brewz, WWCC ASB

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TOUCHET HOMECOMING 2015





GO INDIANS!!







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 four year colleges and universities, community colleges and trade schools. TEF provides a way for Touchet alumni, businesses and community members to help in that support.

Opportunities for giving:

- A cash contribution
- A gift in honor or memory of a special friend or loved one
- A named scholarship—minimum of \$500 contribution

• Endowment - An endowment is a permanent fund set up to provide yearly scholarship distributions. The minimum contribution to establish an endowed scholarship is \$10,000.

A lasting legacy of the gift of education - planned gifts help insure that the mission of the Touchet Educational Foundation continues for many years to come. Perhaps you would like to make a gift through your will or through an estate plan. Your donation will help Touchet graduates further their education.

Name:	Phone:	Phone:				
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:			

Email Address:

Make checks payable to the Touchet Educational Foundation and mail this form to:

Touchet Educational Foundation PO Box 272 Touchet, WA 99360

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It is simple and it is free!!

Electronic Scrip Inc. "*eScrip*" is a fundraising program that allows you to earn money for TEF every time you shop online through the eScrip website. eScrip works with participating merchants to contribute a percentage of your purchases to your selected non-profit organization. Hundreds of online merchants are part of the eScrip program ... Amazon, Macy's, Dell Computers, Expedia, Apple Store, iTunes, Barnes & Noble, major hotel chains, even eBay, just to name a few.

How it works:

Visit the escrip.com website.

Sign up and select Touchet Educational Foundation as your non-profit. Use the escrip.com website to visit your favorite online merchants. Shop with money saving offers from retailers that give back.

You'll earn automatically for TEF! It's totally free and simple to use. The difference: You shop and save, eScrip merchants give!

From the eScrip website: Can I trust eScrip?

We're asking for personal info, so you kind of want to trust us, right? We've been in business since 1999 and raised millions of dollars for nonprofits nationwide. We say you can trust us, but check out what the Better Business Bureau has to say. With eScrip, you're part of something big. Together we've raised over \$420 million for schools and nonprofits.

****Safeway is no longer a merchant in the eScrip program.** ** We would like to thank all the TEF Supporters that used their Safeway Club Card in the past to benefit our scholarship programs.



Reserve your place in history by purchasing a personalized brick with your name or the name of your business. The TEF bricks are located near the main entrance to the high school.

Give a brick in honor of graduation, birth of a child, anniversary or birthday.



4" X 8" Engraved Paver with a bronze plaque

Cost—\$35

High quality, uniquely designed concrete bricks which hold a commemorative bronze plaque.

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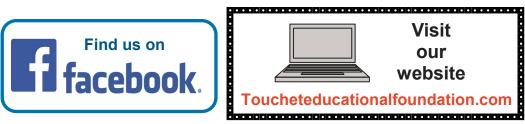
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4" X 8" Bronze Plaque Inscription

You may use one, two or three lines for your message. Please print clearly one letter per square. Allow one square for a space between words or for punctuation marks. Each line will be centered on the plaque.



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Your generosity is appreciated and the donations that are received are supporting graduating seniors and past graduates.

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TRACKING THE INDIANS

We love to share news and updates about our Touchet Alumni in our "Tracking the Indians" section. Please send us a message through our facebook page or email at touchetedfund@yahoo.com to be included in a future issue!

Brian Pisca ('08) attended Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, where he played baseball and earned an Associate of Science transfer degree. He moved on to Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR, where he continued to play baseball for the Wolves and studied Criminal Justice. He graduated in 2013, with a degree in Criminal Justice, and a minor in Business. On March 3, 2016 he was sworn in and his badge pinned on by his sister, **Jessica Pisca ('02)**, as a Benton County Deputy Sheriff. He will be attending their academy and will be covering all of Benton County, as a Patrol Deputy. Brian is the son of **Christy Adams ('81)** and **Rocky Pisca ('79**).



In Remembrance—Class of '55 Janice (Simmons) Smith, **'59** Oran Loney, **'64** Richard Berg, **'69** Evelyn (McCubbins) Patterson, **'07** Jamie Riggs, **Past Superintendents** Terry Carlson (80's) & John Thrasher (50's)

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