



TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRIBAL TIMES

Spring 2021

Touchet Alumni Spotlight: **Elias Martinez**

Elias was a member of the Touchet Class of 2014. He went on to the University of Washington, where he graduated in 2018 with his degree in Spanish, with a number of pre-med credits to his name. After shadowing healthcare professionals, he is now pursuing a career as a Physician's Assistant.



Elias currently lives in Chicago, working as an ophthalmic (treatment of the eyes) technician. He has been accepted to the Physician's Assistant program at George Washington University in Washington D.C. this summer, working towards his Master's Degree. GWU is one of the top research universities in the country.

Good Luck, Elias!!



MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, May 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Queen LeAnn Kincaid

King Omar Martinez

Maid of Honor Aylene Lopez

Herald Kaedyn Gallaher

Junior Princesses

Emma Borgens & Noemi Hernandez

Sophomore Princesses

Mackenzie Forbes & Tanya Luna

Freshman Princesses

Vanessa Angeles & Jacee Tobin

****** May Day and Virtual Spring Concert ******
will be live-streamed

Limited in person attendance, by ticket only

***** See school website for details *****

TEF WEBSITE UPDATES

www.toucheteducationalfoundation.com

We have had some help from Nick Hopkins, Class of 2017, to update our website this spring. Some things to check out:

- All past newsletters (back to 2004) are available to view
- Print a brick order form
- Print a donation form
- Read about all of our scholarships and endowment funds
- Another feature we plan to add this summer is an online donation option

Donations are gratefully accepted for any of our scholarships. Your gift will be directed to the appropriate endowment fund or scholarship, as indicated on the donation form on the back page. Please see the Touchet Educational Foundation website for a list of all scholarships.

TOUCHET ALL SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND 2022

The reunion committee has announced that they plan to hold the reunion

(originally scheduled for May 2020)

on May Day Weekend 2022

Follow the "Touchet All-School Reunion" Facebook page for details as they become available.



Touchet Educational Foundation

Dedicated to serving the graduates of our community through college scholarships
Class of 2021, 16 students eligible for 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)
 Sandy Reppe, Jessica Pedroza
 Ron Dunning (Class of '65)

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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.

Inland Cellular “We Give a Care Project”

Inland Cellular announced a \$15,000 grant program to recognize businesses and non-profits in their service area last fall. “Giving back to our communities is the heart of Living Inland. That’s why we started the We Give a Care project.” Almost \$12,000 of the grant monies were awarded to small businesses and non-profits in the Walla Walla Valley.

The Touchet Educational Foundation was awarded a \$2,500 grant to assist with our scholarship programs.

Thank you to Inland Cellular for supporting Touchet graduates!

This is a big help toward the basic \$1000 scholarship that is awarded to every senior that applies.

Class of 2021 Campaign

Many generous donations have been received since our fall newsletter, which helped us fill the gap of our canceled fall fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

Business & Organization donations from:

Clara & Art Bald Trust
 Atkinson Construction
 Nelson Irrigation
 Sullivan Farms
 United Seed Services

Community donations from:

Doug & Kristi Gay
 Cathy Haight
 Mertis Harmon
 Melvin & Margene Mangum
 Dan & Sarah McClure
 Jim & Valerie Neuschwander
 David & Sandy Odeen
 Duane & Diana Petrie
 Brad & Lisa Richards
 Tom Watson

Fall 2020 Scholarship Dinner & Auction

The annual fall fundraiser had to be canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. We were very fortunate to receive some special donations from alternative sources to support the Class of 2021 scholarships!

A special thank you to everyone who has supported TEF and to everyone that donated through all these different options.



TEF directors, Sandra & Marilyn, accepting \$2,500 donation from Inland Cellular - October 1, 2020

“ALL IN WA”

Blue Mountain Community Foundation 2020 Year-End Matching Grant

In December, we learned of an exciting TEF donation opportunity through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation. Washington-based nonprofits were eligible to receive matching funds up to 100% through the “ALL IN WA” Initiative. We did our best to spread the news about this donation opportunity during the month of December. Contributions for TEF were \$1645 and we found out in January that it was a 100% match!

The total amount raised through the ALL IN WA Initiative was \$3,290!

Thank you to the following donors, who saw their donations doubled: Genie Crowe, Melissa Cummins, Chris & Carol Hopkins, Nickolas Hopkins, Jorge & Debbie Ortiz, Brad & Lisa Richards, Cathy Schaeffer, Terry & Shirley Schaeffer, Touchet Educational Support Professionals, Alaine Turner

Memorial Contributions

Many memorial donations were received, especially last spring and summer, to honor community members and loved ones. These contributions are an important support for the basic \$1000 scholarships that every applicant receives. Donors and those remembered are included on page 3. Thank you to all who chose to support our graduates by making memorial contributions.

Please see page 3 for a list of all donors. Thank you everyone!!!

Thank You 2020 Donors

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Donations are supporting graduating seniors and past graduates.

<i>Adams, Jean</i>	<i>Gluck, Gary & Myrna</i>	<i>Reep, James & Renee</i>
<i>Allen, Michael & Amy</i>	<i>Haight, Cathy</i>	<i>Reiber, Kurt & Linda</i>
<i>Amazon Smile</i>	<i>Harmon, Mertis</i>	<i>Reid, Pam & John Thomas</i>
<i>Atkinson Construction</i>	<i>Inland Cellular</i>	<i>Reppe, Sandy</i>
<i>Clara & Art Bald Trust</i>	<i>Hobson, Allen & Marlys</i>	<i>Reser, Yancey & Lavonne</i>
<i>Bald, Kurt & Susan</i>	<i>Hopkins, Chris & Carol</i>	<i>Richards, Brad & Lisa</i>
<i>Barnett, Wayne & Beverly</i>	<i>Hopkins, Nickolas</i>	<i>Robbins, Jessica & family</i>
<i>Bradley, Ross & Sandra</i>	<i>Jerome, Larry & Glenda</i>	<i>Ruble, Shirley</i>
<i>Bredberg, Wayne & Judy</i>	<i>Johnson, Jesse & Phyllis</i>	<i>Sauer, Karen</i>
<i>Buckley, Greg & Cindy</i>	<i>Kearny, Hazel</i>	<i>Schaecher, Mike & Marilyn</i>
<i>Buckley, Mike & Sandy</i>	<i>Kentch, Abby</i>	<i>Schaeffer, Cathy</i>
<i>Bussell, Larry & Martha Lee</i>	<i>Kentch, Robert & Jacky</i>	<i>Schaeffer, Nance</i>
<i>Byerley, Stuart & Sheryl</i>	<i>Kregger, Chris & Lora</i>	<i>Schaeffer, Sally</i>
<i>Carlisle, Dan & Naomi</i>	<i>Lamb, Kathryn</i>	<i>Schaeffer, Sylvia</i>
<i>Christianson, Whitney</i>	<i>Loney, Darrell & Patti</i>	<i>Schaeffer, Terry & Shirley</i>
<i>Cline, Tom</i>	<i>Mangum, Melvin & Margene</i>	<i>See, Dan & Gayle</i>
<i>Crowe, Fred & Genie</i>	<i>Manny, Jeannine</i>	<i>Stokes, Roma</i>
<i>Crowley, Lee & Melinda</i>	<i>Mathiasen, John & Elaine</i>	<i>Streufert, Karen</i>
<i>Cummins, June</i>	<i>McClure, Daniel & Sarah</i>	<i>Sullivan Farms</i>
<i>Cummins, Melissa</i>	<i>McCubbins, Mike & Julie</i>	<i>Touchet Ed. Support Professionals</i>
<i>Dial, Bill & Phyllis</i>	<i>McDonald, Robert & Mary Jo Rice</i>	<i>Touchet FFA Chapter</i>
<i>Dickey, Wayne & Nancy</i>	<i>Merrill, Alma</i>	<i>Touchet-Gardena Lions Club</i>
<i>Dodd, Larry & Lonna Borgens</i>	<i>Meyer, Albert</i>	<i>Tri-Community Homemakers</i>
<i>Dunning, Ron & Dana</i>	<i>Moro, Gerald & Lori</i>	<i>Turner, Elaine</i>
<i>Fowler, Michael & Cheryl</i>	<i>Nelson Irrigation</i>	<i>United Seed Services, Terry</i>
<i>Frank, Kristy</i>	<i>Neuschwander, Jim & Valerie</i>	<i>Perryman</i>
<i>Fulgham, Bob & Naomi</i>	<i>Odeen, David & Sandra</i>	<i>Wagoner, Mark & Sharla</i>
<i>Gay, Doug & Kristi</i>	<i>O'Kelly, Kathy</i>	<i>Watson, Tom</i>
<i>Geidl, John & Mary</i>	<i>Ortiz, Jorge & Debbie</i>	<i>Weber, Leland & Traci</i>
<i>Gerla, Aaron & Aimee</i>	<i>Petrie, Duane & Diana</i>	<i>Wheaton, Janet</i>
<i>Gerla, Andrew & Hannah</i>	<i>Plucker, Nick & Sharron</i>	<i>Ziegman, Bruce & Sherry</i>
<i>Gerla, Sam & Kathy</i>	<i>Rea, Bob & Anna</i>	

Contributions made (March 2020 to March 2021) in memory of:

Shar Archer, Gary Armstrong, Martha Lee Bussell, Merri Bussell, Dana Dilts, Delbert Dodd, Ron Dunning, Jr., Stuart Durfee, Lillian Felenchak, Delores Fisher, Dick Garbe, Patrick Ingham, Wanda Jacobson, Phyllis Johnson, George Kato, Larry Kempf, Vernita Martin, Ron MacDougall, James & Patricia Mason, Glen McCubbins, Robert McCubbins, Sharon Morris, Joye & Beth Nelson, Roy Nishi, Katie Nolan, Don & Evelyn Patterson, Dave Reppe, Rojelio Saldana, Jean Sansom, Robert Schaeffer, William Steffen, Mary Valencsin, Alyssa Wagoner, Josh Zahl

In Remembrance of Touchet Alumni and Staff:

Delbert Dodd, class of 1942

Bill Gosney, class of 1973

Sonia Binder, teacher 1977 - 1998

Pave the Way

Reserve your place in history by purchasing a personalized brick with your name or name of your business. The bricks are located near the main entrance to the high school and form a THS design. Give a brick in honor of graduation, birth of a child, anniversary, birthday or memorial.

4" x 8" Engraved Paver with a bronze plaque \$40

Return the completed order form and check to
TEF – PO Box 272 – Touchet, WA 99360

Brick Order Form on our TEF website. If you have questions, please contact us by email: touchetedfund@yahoo.com

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THS GRADUATION Saturday, June 12th at 1:00 p.m. will be live-streamed
Limited in person attendance, by ticket only—see school website for information

Where do contributions to area of “greatest need” go?

Our policy has been to award a basic TEF Merit Scholarship to every senior that participates in our fundraising and submits a complete application by the deadline. Since 2012, that basic scholarship has been \$1,000 per student. Depending on class size, we have awarded \$11,000—\$26,000 just in basic scholarships. The fundraiser, memorial contributions, and general donations fund these basic scholarships.

Upcoming TEF Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the TEF website for complete eligibility information and instructions. Download applications at toucheteducationalfoundation.com

Continuing Education (at least Junior Standing) Scholarships—due date May 15, 2021

Eligibility: junior standing or above, enrolled at an accredited four year college/university to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree, minimum 2.75 college GPA.

Class of 2020 (2nd Year) Scholarships—due date July 15, 2021

Eligibility: student enrolled at an accredited institution, have earned a minimum 36 college level credits (quarter) or 24 college level credits (semester), minimum 2.75 college GPA.

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

Name: _____

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to TEF, mail this form to:

Touchet Educational Foundation
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