

TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Touchet Educational Foundation 12th annual fundraiser Scholarship Dinner & Auction

Another great scholarship fundraising event with the Touchet Senior Class

Rent a Team of Teens!!!

Details and more pictures in our spring newsletter.



Zac Neuschwander, Colter McKeown, Alexis Martinez, Mario Saldana



Maria Contreras, Morgan Downing, Katelyn Huesby, Daisy Hernandez



Raffle Grand Prize Winners!!!

Amanda DeRuwe and her daughter Kaydence,
with senior class member (and brother) Ben DeRuwe



Juana Ochoa, Fernando Solis-Martinez, Riley Shanks, Elliott Quick



Tim Weber, Ben DeRuwe, Lupita Rodriguez, Jorge Garcia

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

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TEF Senior Class Representatives

Each spring, the students in the junior class are invited to apply for a position as a TEF senior class representative for the upcoming school year. Their primary duties are to coordinate TEF sponsored activities and communicate with their classmates and senior parents. Please meet the 2014-2015 TEF Senior Class Representatives.



My name is Katelyn Huesby and I am excited to be one of the Senior Representatives for the Touchet Educational Foundation this year. I have attended Touchet Schools since Kindergarten along with my three older siblings. Through the years, I

have been involved in many school functions and clubs, such as FBLA and the National Honor Society. I have also played in the pep band since middle school. This year, I have decided to attend Walla Walla Community College through the Running Start program.



Hi my name is Tim
Weber and I will
be a senior this
year at Touchet
High School. I am
18 years old and I
was born and
raised in Touchet.
I have attended
Touchet Schools
for the past 12
years. I am currently the ASB
Vice President for

the student body. I am also the Vice President for the Touchet FFA club. My passion is athletics and I play all three sports that are offered at our school, with football being my favorite. I'm also one of the captains for the football team and plan to attend WWCC and get a degree.



Hi, my name is Colter McKeown, and I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I live on my family's farm. I am the seventh generation to live here. I started school in Touchet as a kindergartener. I am now seventeen years old, and I will be starting my senior

year at T.H.S. Because my family has been a part of this community for many years, I am proud of my school and all the people who support it.

I started playing baseball on Touchet Teams as soon as I was old enough. I have continued to play all three sports since the sixth grade, i.e. football, basketball and baseball. My mom and dad are also very involved in Touchet sports as coaches. I have four siblings; three brothers and one sister, all who have gone or are going to Touchet. At least four generations of my family have also attended Touchet Schools.My hobbies include fishing, hunting, and sports.

I have also been active in 4-H and F.F.A., and always participate in the S.E. Washington Fair showing pigs.

LETTERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Touchet Educational Foundation Board.

Thank you so much for all the work you do for Touchet students! This scholarship will help me in pursuing my education. My goal is to become a firefighter.

Thank you, Casey Sewell, Class of 2014



Dear Touchet Educational Foundation,

Thank you so much for the \$1000 Merit Scholarship. I plan on getting my AA degree at Walla Walla Community College and then transferring to a four year college to one day become an Ultrasound Technician.

Thank you again, Megan Kromm, Class of 2014

Dear Touchet Educational Foundation,

I would like to thank you guys and all the donors for giving me \$1000 Merit Scholarship. I am very thankful for your help and will put your money to great use.



Sincerely, Cody Chapman, Class of 2014



Dear Touchet Educational Foundation,

Thank you to the Touchet Educational Foundation for your faith in me and the other Touchet graduates. I am looking forward to attending Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande. I am looking at a major in Rangeland Management with minors in forestry and natural resources. I really enjoyed high school at Touchet and how everyone was "family" and also particularly the support for our sports teams!!!

Zach Carson, Class of 2014

Dear Touchet Educational Foundation,

I would like to thank all of you so much for all that you have done for the graduating class of 2014. We are all extremely grateful for the opportunity to receive the scholarships we got! With this scholarship I will continue my education at Walla Walla Community College.

Thank you again so much!!! Kylie Maycumber, Class of 2014





Dear Touchet Educational Foundation,

I would like to thank you so much for giving me an opportunity to further my education with your scholarships. I appreciated the time and energy that you put into helping my fellow classmates and me. With your scholarships I will be able to reduce the cost of my attendance at the University of Washington. I would like to thank you again for your support and dedication to the students of Touchet High School.

Elias Martinez, Class of 2014

Dear Touchet Educational Foundation,

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity that you have given me to work on the TEF Board, along with everyone in supporting my senior class. I had a great time, and it was a great experience. It showed me how much is put into helping high school graduates further their education in college. I also am very thankful for all the support that was provided to not just myself, but everyone in the graduating class of 2014. I would also like to thank you for the scholarships that have been awarded to me, in helping to further my education. It will help me immensely when pursuing my education at Walla Walla Community College this fall. It is going to help my dream come true in pursuing a career in Occupational Therapy. I will be able to help others in the near future with the education that you have helped provide, and I am looking forward to it. Once again, thank you for all of the support and encouragement that you have given me in the past year. It is very much appreciated.



Sincerely, Shelby Gould (TEF) Senior Class Representative, Class of 2014

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

2nd Year Scholarships - \$500 each

Students from the Class of 2013 who achieved sophomore status after their first year of college, with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 were eligible to apply for scholarship assistance from the TEF. Those receiving a \$500 scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year are Lyle Dowsett (University of California, Davis), Nate Ortiz (Eastern Washington University), Kristen Warner (Oregon Institute of Technology).







Lyle Dowsett '13 I'm very grateful for the scholarship! I'm a Viticulture and Enology major at UC Davis and plan to be a winemaker like my father. I plan on continuing in my major's coursework (and taking some spanish), being more involved with my fraternity's leadership, and becoming active in the club for Viticulture and Enology students. Memorable moments from my freshman year included "Welcome Week," the exciting first week when I met lots of other freshmen and my dorm floormates, and also a boating trip on Lake Shasta for Memorial Day weekend. I've really enjoyed the classes, weather, and people at Davis! Thanks! Hope all is well!

Nate Ortiz '13 Thanks for the scholarship. My first year at Eastern Washington University was great. I had the chance to meet new people and form friendships that will stay with me for the rest if my life. I plan on completing a criminal justice major and I am contemplating minoring in behavioral science. This next year I plan to keep chipping away at the requirements and making friends along the way.

Kristen Warner '13 Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help a lot. My major is Pre-Medical Imaging Technology, but I will be changing it to just Biology/Health Sciences, since I would like to pursue a career in Physical Therapy or Sports Medicine. My most memorable moment from freshman year would probably have to be when the softball team made it to the state championship game in Yakima. I miss sports so much and would give anything to go back to high school just to play. Haha. And my plans for this upcoming year would be to finish my sophomore year at Oregon Institute of Technology, declare my major, and keep working in my field. Hopefully I could find a job in town as a physical therapist's assistant or something along those lines. Hope to see everybody soon!

Eileen Collier Scholarships - \$1000 each

Eileen Collier, who graduated from Touchet High School in 1919, left a contribution to the Touchet Educational Foundation when she passed away at the age of 102. This year, we have awarded two Eileen Collier scholarships for \$1000.



The first is awarded to Nicole Brown. Nicole graduated from Touchet High School in 2012. She attended Blue Mountain Community College graduating with honors with an Associate of Arts degree. She was one of two sophomores on the women's softball team and was a team leader. She made the President's List every term and was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She plans to continue her education at Walla Walla University in the fall to pursue a degree in Chemistry/Pharmacy. Nicole wrote "I would like to thank you for funding the continuing education scholarship which I received for the 2014-2015 school year. I greatly appreciate you selecting me and for aiding me in furthering my college education. This scholarship will be going towards my tuition to attend Walla Walla University in the fall."



The second is awarded to Lauren Brashear. Lauren graduated from Touchet High School in 2011 and will be continuing her education at University of Idaho planning to major in clothing and textiles and design. Lauren wrote, "I would like to thank those who selected me to receive the Continuing Education Scholarship. It is an honor to be chosen. I am very grateful to receive this assistance. I am so very excited to continue my education at the University of Idaho. After going through the Running Start program and continuing my classes at Walla Walla Community College, I earned my AA and I wasn't sure what my next step would be. It took a bit of self-reflection to come up with what I would like in a career. One of the main points that kept popping into my head is how much I enjoy designing and sewing, not just clothes but quilts, bags

and other items. This was first discovered thanks to my first home economics class that I took right here at Touchet. Jan Eaton, my teacher, was kind enough to provide a letter of recommendation for me. She was the one who first taught me how to sew and I will forever be grateful for her enthusiastic encouragement throughout my mistakes. Thank you for all you do!"

Class of 2014

Destiny is not a matter of chance; It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; It is a thing to be achieved.



BACK ROW

Mckenzie Loney, Ivan Hernandez, Shelby Gould, Tyler Rensland, Zach Carson, Ruben Butler, Elias Martinez, Casey Sewell, Cody Chapman, Ildifonso Vasquez

THIRD ROW

Cesar Velasquez, Cody McKeown, Chelsea Dowty, Edgar Rincon, Taylor Schack, Jolise Elsinghorst, Connor McKeown, Damien Goucher, Shakya Shows

SECOND ROW

Kylie Maycumber, Megan Kromm, Harlie Schaeffer, MaKayla Bishop, Colton Goble, Alysa Szabo, MaKaila Cheshire, Whitney Shanks, Evelyn Ramos

FRONT ROW

Melisa Creek, Morgan Cardwell

Congratulations! 2014 Scholarship Recipients



MaKayla Bishop, Walla Walla Community College FPL Science Scholarship \$500 TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Ruben Butler, Walla Walla Community College FFA Chapter Scholarship \$250 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Morgan Cardwell, Walla Walla Community College Education Scholarship In Memory of Helen Durfee \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Zachary Carson, Eastern Oregon University FPL Science Scholarship \$500 Dave Reppe Memorial Scholarship \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Cody Chapman, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





MaKaila Cheshire, Walla Walla Community College FBLA Adams Family Scholarship \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Melisa Creek, Walla Walla University
FFA Scholarship In Memory of Ron Dunning Jr. \$500
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Jolise Elsinghorst, Whitworth University
Gun Club Salutatorian Scholarship \$750
Friendship Scholarship In Memory of
Robert McCubbins \$500
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Damien Goucher, Walla Walla Community College Pheasants Forever Scholarship \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Shelby Gould, Walla Walla Community College Tri-Community Homemakers Scholarship \$500 TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Ivan Hernandez, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Megan Kromm, Walla Walla Community College Walla Walla 59ers FFA Scholarship In Memory of Leon Mayberry \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Mckenzie Loney, Walla Walla Community College Alumni Scholarship \$500 TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Elias Martinez, University of Washington
Leadership Scholarship In Memory of
Paul & Wilbur Garbe Jr. \$500
Athletic Scholarship \$500
STEM Scholarship Sponsored by Anderson Perry /
Port of Walla Walla \$750
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Kylie Maycumber, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Connor McKeown, Walla Walla Community College FFA Chapter Scholarship \$250 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Evelyn Ramos, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Tyler Rensland, College Undecided TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Edgar Rincon, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Harlie Schaeffer, Walla Walla Community College FFA Scholarship In Memory of Roy Kregger \$500 TEF Board of Directors \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Casey Sewell, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Whitney Shanks, Pensacola Christian College Valedictorian Scholarship \$1000 Weber Family Volunteerism Scholarship \$500 TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Shakya Shows, Washington State University TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Alysa Szabo, Animal Behavior College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Colton Goble, US Army





Cesar Velazquez, US Navy
Medical Science Scholarship In Memory of
Robert McCubbins \$500
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Ildifonso Vasquez, College Undecided TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

The Touchet Educational Foundation awarded \$44,750 at the Touchet High School graduation held on June 7, 2014. This is in addition to the Continuing Education Scholarships highlighted on page 4. Each senior who submitted a complete application by the specified deadline, received a scholarship award.

Founded in 2003, the Touchet Educational Foundation has awarded scholarships to 247 Touchet graduates for a total of \$321,930.



TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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 Educational graduates further their education.

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2. Do it yourself online: Visit www.escrip.com and follow the instructions under Supporter Registration. You will be asked to provide

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the information noted above and you will need to declared the group you are supporting - *Touchet Educational Foundation (group ID #500003819)*

Questions / Need more information: Call Doug Loney at 394-0449 or email questions to: touchetedfund@yahoo.com



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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!



Shari Milliken, ('06) and Veronica Solis - Martinez, ('12) both were named to the Dean's List, spring quarter at Eastern Washington University.



Michelle Warner, ('08) graduated from Walla Walla University in May 2014 with a degree in Health and Fitness.

Claudia Martinez, ('07) and Susana Martinez, ('08) graduated from Eastern Washington University.

Hilda Pedroza Morales, ('09) graduated from University of Washington receiving a degree in Spanish

Kira Flagstead, ('10) graduated from Rocky Mountain College receiving a degree in Environmental Science.

Yuri Can, ('10) graduated from Washington State university.

Elizabeth Pedroza, ('10) graduated from University of Washington.

Courtney Frazier, ('08) graduated from Walla Walla University receiving a Masters Degree in Social Work.



Elizabeth Pedroza



Yuri Can



Susana Martinez



Hilda Pedroza Morales



Claudia Martinez



Courtney Frazier

In Memoriam ('72) Leisha Rea Synoground

30 Year Reunion - Class of 1984

On Friday, May 2, 2014, the class of 1984 celebrated their 30th class reunion at May Day. Attending the morning festivities were Traci (Hanson) Weber, Kerri Worden, Donnetta (Brashear) Elsasser, Penni (Harpe) Sulkosky, Paula (Short) Reich, Helen (Pierce) Scotson, and Meri (Riley) Klasen. Girls from the class that we missed seeing were Kim (Scott) Palmer, Karen (Quinby) Potts, and Tiny Quinby. We were able to look back on our high school days with annuals, school pictures, and sharing stories as we enjoyed the FFA Barbeque. While at the same time, catching up on what was new in our lives.

We were having such a nice time that Traci forgot she was supposed to be driving the school bus, so when she remembered (well, actually her daughter, Jami Weber ('07) was showing her the time on her watch), the way she jumped up and ran out the door - was priceless! The visiting continued during the afternoon HS vs. Alumni baseball game. Later, **Darren Goble** met up with us at the Lions Hall for the BBQ dinner Friday night. **Ian Sullivan** and his wife Kelly traveled from La Center, WA on Saturday to visit. Over the years, our class has gathered at Sunriver (site of our Senior Sneak), Pioneer Park, and Long Beach and Ian has been one of those that comes the farthest!

I know he would love to visit with more of the guys from our class and we hope when it comes time for the all-school reunion in 2015, we will see **Scott Binder, Scott Ritchie, Steve Weber, Rodney Brown, Tim Moon**, and **Damin Sarin**. And, don't forget, if you have your own bowling ball, bring it! We are going to go bowling. See everyone in June!







TRACKING THE INDIANS

Touchet Hall of Fame

In 2009, Touchet School's FEAST Team (a teacher leadership committee) created a special honor for community members past and present in the Touchet Hall of Fame. A member of the Touchet Hall of Fame is someone nominated by the community to honor a person from Touchet, past or present. This person should exemplify qualities of leadership, dedication, honor, integrity and the intangible "Touchet Pride." Touchet Hall of Fame members will be honored at the annual May Day celebration.



The 2014 Touchet Hall of Fame inductee introduced at May Day was **Terry Schaeffer ('62)**. Terry is a 3rd generation farmer in Touchet, graduating from Touchet High School in 1962. He married his high school sweetheart, **Shirley Anderson ('65)**, and they are active supporters of the Touchet community, its schools and children. Terry was a Touchet 4-H Livestock leader, member of the Touchet Gun Club and served on the Touchet School Board for 12 years. He is member of the Touchet-Gardena Lions Club, the Walla Walla Gun Club, and a charter member of the Touchet Booster Club. He and Shirley are great supporters of the Touchet Educational Foundation and the Touchet 4-H and FFA programs. Terry and Shirley have been fixtures at Touchet community, school and sports activities of all kinds for many years. Their son, Robert, graduated from Touchet in 1985 and together with his wife, Sylvia, added two grandchildren to our Touchet ranks. Granddaughter Harlie

graduated in 2014 and grandson Hayden is a freshman this year. Their daughter, Cathy, graduated from Touchet in 1987 and her son, Jacob Laroque, is a sophomore this year at Touchet. Congratulations to Terry for joining our Touchet Hall of Fame!

Touchet Hall of Fame members:

2009 Alvin Adams ('38), 2010 Richard Hanson ('53), 2012 Dave & Sandy Reppe, 2013 Henry Garbe ('53)

Military Update



Andrew Gerla, **('00)** Navy, is currently in the middle of a 2-year tour in Millington, TN (20 minutes North of Memphis) as the Flag Aide (also known as Aide de Camp in the other services) for Admiral Annie B. Andrews, who is the Commander of Navy Recruiting (ie. she is in charge of the entire Navy recruiting enterprise). He was also just selected for promotion to LCDR (Lieutenant Commander). Next: On track to take command of the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Honolulu during the summer of 2015. The next tour is not quite for sure but the pieces are slowly falling into place to allow it to happen. Andrew and his wife Hannah have a one year old daughter, Layla.

Andrew Gerla with Admiral Andrews, who threw out the first pitch for the Cardinal's game in St Louis, Missouri August 7, 2014.

Andrew Plucker ('04) has been in the Army for 6 and a half years after graduating from West Point in 2008 with a degree in Mathematics. He served two deployments to Afghanistan (2009-2010 and 2012) as a Military Intelligence officer. He was promoted to Captain in July 2011. Andrew has recently been selected to receive a Masters degree in Operations Research Engineering at the University of Southern California. Following this two year program, he expects to be assigned to West Point to be an instructor in the Mathematics Department. Andrew and his wife Megan have recently moved to Los Angeles where he will start his studies at USC this fall.



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Endowment Update - Newly Endowed Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that two of our existing scholarships have become endowed scholarships to benefit Touchet students. An endowment is a permanent fund set up to provide yearly scholarship distributions from the earned investment income, while maintaining the principle. The minimum contribution to establish an endowed scholarship is \$10,000.

Dave Reppe Memorial Scholarship

On March 26, 2013, the Touchet Community lost a long time supporter and friend, Dave Reppe, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Dave grew up in Klamath Falls, Oregon and graduated from Oregon State University in 1969. He and his wife Sandy moved to Touchet in 1972. Dave farmed for a number of years, and later went to work for the US Postal Service. Their two boys, Doug and Darin, attended and graduated from Touchet Schools.

Dave Reppe and his wife, Sandy, have been involved in Everything Touchet, especially when it has to do with the school and kids. Dave was a charter member of Touchet Educational Foundation board of directors and was our President for 4 years. He gave countless hours and much wisdom to our organization on behalf of students and their pursuit of their educational goals. After his death last year, Dave's family funded an endowed scholarship for a Touchet student with plans to attend a college in Oregon.



Reppe family at 40th Anniversary party March 2012

The Education Scholarship in memory of Helen Durfee

This scholarship has been awarded by Helen's husband, Elbert Durfee, and children Teri and Stuart, since the first year the Touchet Educational Foundation began in 2003. Mrs. Durfee's family wanted to honor their wife and mother by helping the next generation of teachers get a start on their educational journey. Many Touchet students have already benefited from the generosity of the Durfee family.

Now that Mr.Durfee has funded the scholarship to the endowment level of \$10,000, we are assured that there will continue to be a scholarship for a worthy student pursuing a degree in education going forward. Following Helen Durfee's example, students must have a positive attitude, be involved in the community and school, and have a genuine love of children and an interest in helping them reach their potential. Each year, the Helen Durfee Memorial Scholarship for Education will continue to be awarded to a future GREAT teacher.

*Elbert Durfee with Lindsey Schuetz in 2003, the first recipient of the Education Scholarship in memory of his wife, Helen

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!



The Touchet Educational Foundation is an all volunteer organization. We need YOU!!

Do you have fundraising or organizational skills? Perhaps you would like to be on our board of directors. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings once a month at the Touchet School.

Would you like to help with our fundraising? The annual Scholarship Dinner & Auction is held on Homecoming night at the Touchet Gardena Lions Hall. We need people to help prepare and cook the food, serve the food, and help clean up the kitchen along with decorating, set up, the silent & live auctions and the raffle.

Do you have computer skills? You could help students and their parents become familiar with the Touchet Educational Foundation web site, apply for scholarships, and encourage other volunteers to sign up and use the web site. Do you have writing and communication skills? We have two newsletters a year, and are in need of someone to help organize and write the articles.

Whatever skills or the amount of time you have available, we could use your help to fulfill our mission of helping Touchet students.

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Touchet All-School Reunion 2015

Yes, it is almost time for another 5 year reunion!

Mark your calendars to save the date ... Saturday, June 13, 2015

Help is needed to organize the reunion!!

Contact Sonny Elsasser '79 email: selsasser@touchet.k12.wa.us
or Marilyn (Adams) Hines '72 email: hinesmk71@live.com



