



Fall 2015

TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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*Touchet Educational Foundation
13th annual fundraiser
Scholarship Dinner and Auction*

BBQ Chicken & Ribs Dinner
Served 6—7:30 p.m.

No Host Bar available
Tickets \$15 Donation

Reserve a Table for 8 people
\$155

Tickets available from
members of the Senior Class

Auction and Raffles
begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lots of Raffle Items
Silent Auction Items
Live Auction Items

Rent a Team of Teens Auction
Come bid on your favorite
group of seniors!

*Friday, October 9th
at the Touchet-Gardena Lions Hall
6 – 9 p.m.*

Touchet Educational Foundation
Dedicated to serving the youth of our community
13 graduating classes...268 students... \$351,680 awarded in scholarships

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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.

TEF Senior Class Representatives

Each spring, 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 2015-2016 TEF Senior Class Representatives.

Jackson Elsasser

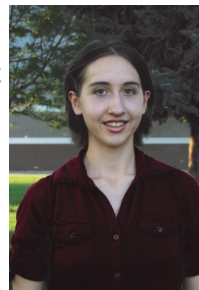
I am 17 years old and I'm a senior. This will be my thirteenth year at Touchet School. I play varsity football and baseball. Last year I was voted first team all-conference center and second team all-state offensive lineman. I am very passionate about what I do and it is an honor to represent Touchet.



I am Currently ASB President, NHS Vice President, and a member of FBLA. I enjoy math and science classes. I try to push myself by taking advanced classes in school. I plan on getting a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering post high school.

Mia Garcia

I am a senior at Touchet High School and a Running Start student at Walla Walla Community College. I plan on graduating high school with my AA and then pursuing a Bachelor's degree. I will be a third-generation Touchet High School graduate. My career goal is to be a firefighter/paramedic, safety officer and work with the American Red Cross. I'm currently considering attending Central Washington University for a B.S. in Safety and Health Management.



In my free time, I like to draw, write short stories, and read. I also enjoy studying science, especially astrophysics, chemistry, and biology. I've been volunteering at the Touchet Community Library for four years and more recently with the American Red Cross.

Cierra Jo McKeown

Anjel Pedroza

THS Class of 2016—26 students

LETTERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear TEF Board—Thank you for giving me the chance to work with you over this past year. It has definitely caused me to grow and so I've learned a lot. The work you do is amazing and is so needed. Thank you for all of the scholarships, and for everything else you've done for students just like me.

Sincerely, Katelyn Huesby (Class of 2015, TEF Senior Representative)

Dear TEF—I am honored and overjoyed to receive the Eileen Collier Scholarship. Thank you for selecting me for this award and for all the support you give to Touchet students. I have enjoyed my coursework so far, and I am excited to take more hands-on, major-specific classes these next two years. I have already learned so much, and can't wait to begin my career. Thank you for helping me, my family, and other hardworking Touchet students. Go Indians!

Best, Lyle Dowsett (Class of 2013, currently attending University of California Davis)

Dear TEF—I just wanted to say thank you for your constant support. I am really grateful for the way this Foundation is set up. I am pretty sure I speak for many other students when I say that you gave me that push in scholarships to pursue a degree in higher education. Thank you for the scholarship award this year and the scholarship award from last year. I am really grateful.

Sincerely, Jolise Elsinghorst (class of 2014, currently attending Whitworth University)

RETIRING TEF BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to Sharla Wagoner and Wendi Kregger for your many years of service to the Touchet Educational Foundation!



Sharla served on the TEF Board of Directors since its beginning in 2003, first as President, later as Treasurer, and as Graduation Coordinator.



Wendi joined the TEF Board of Directors in 2004 and coordinated the community scholarships.

As with all the TEF Board members, these ladies volunteered countless hours over the years and were 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!



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

2nd Year Scholarships - \$500 each

Students from the Class of 2014 who achieved sophomore status after their first year of college, with a minimum college grade point average of 2.75, were eligible to apply for scholarship assistance from the TEF. Those receiving a \$500 scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year are **Morgan Cardwell, Jolise Elsinghorst, Shelby Gould, Megan Kromm and Mckenzie Loney.**



From Jolise—I just wanted to thank the TEF for all their support, last year and this year. Your scholarships have given me the extra push to do well in school and to keep on going. I am so grateful. Last year was my first year at Whitworth University. It was a difficult, but worthwhile year. I am really glad I went and am excited to start this next fall. At the end of last fall semester I was accepted into Whitworth's education program. This year I plan to continue on the education track at Whitworth and to become a secondary math teacher with an endorsement that will allow me to help kids who speak another language. I have two more years at Whitworth and then I hope to teach wherever God takes me.

From Shelby —During this last year and continuing this next school year I have been going to school as a full time student and working part time as well. After my Sophomore year, I plan on transferring to Eastern Washington University to follow on my path to becoming an Occupational Therapist. Thank you TEF for everything you make possible for students that want to further their education!

From Megan—Thank you so much. I will be attending Walla Walla Community College again this year. The first year went really well for me and the scholarships were able to help me a lot, cutting my tuition in half. I am excited about this coming year and I will be taking all health-related classes. Thank you again!

From Mckenzie — I plan to complete my AA degree this coming year at WWCC and transfer to Eastern Washington University the fall of 2016. The scholarship awards I have received from TEF have benefited me greatly in meeting the financial costs of higher education and continue to help me as I pursue an Art in Education degree with the goal of becoming an Art Teacher for K-12 students one day.

Eileen Collier Scholarship - \$1000

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, the Eileen Collier Continuing Education Scholarship is awarded to **Lyle Dowsett**. Lyle graduated from Touchet in 2013, as class Valedictorian, while at the same time earning his AA degree from Walla Walla Community College through the Running Start Program. He has just finished his 2nd year at the University of California Davis, working towards a degree in Viticulture and Enology.



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

This scholarship is sponsored by the Nolan family to encourage others to follow Katie's example of service to others, offering hope and inspiration. Katie Nolan was born and raised in Touchet, graduating in 1998. She graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University in 2002 and was working on a Master's Degree in Social Work at Portland State University when she died in a climbing accident on Mt. Hood in December 2009. Applicants are asked to describe their philosophy regarding service to others, activities and/or projects they participated in that reflect their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others, and any plans they have made for service after college. This year, the Making a Difference Scholarship is awarded to **Jolise Elsinghorst**. Jolise graduated from Touchet in 2014, as class Salutatorian, while also earning her AA degree from Walla Walla Community College through the Running Start Program. She has just finished her first year at Whitworth University in Spokane, working towards a degree in Education.

Class of 2015

*“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world.
It is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead*



BACK ROW

Ben DeRuwe, Riley Shanks, Colter McKeown, Zachary Neuschwander, Tim Weber, Elliott Quick, Jorge Garcia, Fernando Solis, Mario Saldana

FRONT ROW

Alexis Martinez, Daisy Hernandez, Katelyn Huesby, Juana Ochoa, Maria Contreras, Maria Rodriguez, Morgan Downing

The Touchet Educational Foundation awarded \$25,250 at the Touchet High School graduation held on June 6, 2015. 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 268 Touchet graduates for a total of \$351,680.

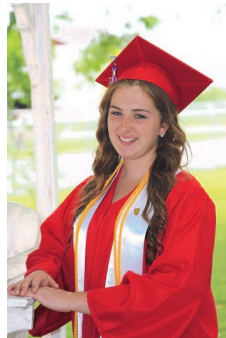
Congratulations! 2015 Scholarship Recipients



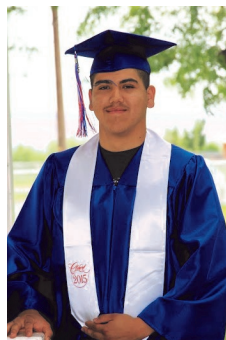
Maria Contreras, Walla Walla Community College
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Ben DeRuwe, University of Idaho
Touchet Gun Club Salutatorian Scholarship \$750
Adams Family FBLA Scholarship \$500
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Morgan Downing, Walla Walla Community College
Science Scholarship \$500
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Jorge Garcia, college undecided
Athletic Scholarship \$500
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



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





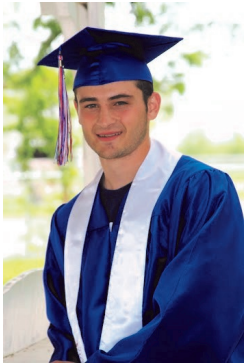
Katelyn Huesby, Walla Walla Community College

Valedictorian Scholarship in memory of Stuart Durfee \$1000
Leadership Scholarship in memory of Paul & Wilbur Garbe, Jr. \$500
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Alexis Martinez, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Colter McKeown, Walla Walla Community College

FFA Scholarship In Memory of Ron Dunning Jr. \$500
TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500
TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Juana Ochoa, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Elliott Quick, college undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Maria Rodriguez, Walla Walla Community College
 Medical Science Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins \$500
 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Mario Saldana, Walla Walla Community College
 Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins \$500
 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Fernando Solis, Walla Walla Community College
 Tri-Community Homemakers Scholarship \$500
 Weber Family Citizenship/Volunteerism Scholarship \$500
 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Tim Weber, Walla Walla Community College
 FFA Scholarship in memory of Roy Kregger \$500
 Alumni Scholarship sponsored by Oscar Ferrians \$500
 Pheasants Forever Scholarship \$500
 TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500
 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Zachary Neuschwander, US Navy
Riley Shanks, US Navy



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!

Candid Pictures from the Touchet High School Reunion



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 2015 Touchet Hall of Fame inductees introduced at May Day were **LeLand ('81) and Traci (Hanson) ('84) Weber**. LeLand and Traci have been great volunteers, mentors and a fine example of "Touchet Pride" since the 1980's! If it involves our kids or community, you know that Leland and Traci have been supporters.



Congratulations to LeLand and Traci 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), 2014 Terry Schaeffer ('62)

THS All-School Reunion 2015

The Touchet High School Reunion was held on Saturday, June 13th with about 130 people in attendance.

Sonny Elsasser and Marilyn Schaecher of the Reunion Committee would like to give a special thanks and recognition to everyone who helped with the reunion!

Especially, Don & Lynda Adams for the great food, Sean Akari for speaking, Cora Jo Borgens for taking pictures, Jan Eaton, Traci & LeLand Weber and Darla Nolan for all their help, and other community members that helped provide food.



Indians through the years ...

1930's/1940's, 1950's, 1960's,
1970's, 1980's, 1990's, and
2000's

2020 Reunion Committee will be:

Jorge Martinez '02, Debbie (Garbe) Ortiz '86, Teresa (Delgado) Weaver '73, Amanda Vandenberg '96

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Touchet Homecoming 2015

Friday, October 9, 2015

Come check out the newly remodeled secondary building!

10 a.m. Parade

3 p.m. Football game vs. Pomeroy

6 p.m. TEF Scholarship Dinner & Auction at the Lions Hall

