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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. They are actively involved in organizing the Oktoberfiesta. Please meet the 2012-2013 TEF Senior Class Representatives.

My name is **Justin Casebier**. I was born and raised on a small farm outside of Walla Walla. I transferred to Touchet in the 8th grade and became involved in the Touchet



FFA program. Since I came to Touchet I have made some good friends and had some great times. Now I am proud to be a senior Representative for the TEF.



I am 17 year old Kristen Warner. I love sports. I play volleyball, basketball, and softball. I like to write stories

for English class and draw a bit. My favorite classes are math, science, and P.E. As a senior I am looking forward to just being at the top. Also, finally being responsible for myself and getting closer to going into the "real world".

My name is **Nathaniel Ortiz**. I am 17 years old. This year I'm going to

be playing football and baseball. I plan on continuing my education at either Eastern Washington University or WWCC. I am interested in criminal justice.



LETTERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Touchet Educational Foundation Board of Directors,

want to take the time to thank the Touchet Educational Foundation for all the hard work you invest in our community. recently was an orientation counselor for bilingual parents at Washington State University, and many parents asked me how I paid for college. I explained that I worked, and that I received scholarships and grants. Their guestions were then followed by, "Where did you find scholarships?" I explained what your foundation does for college students, and they were amazed. They kept telling me they wished that their town would have such caring, generous and proud

community members.

I had always thought that most schools give their students scholarships but I was proven wrong. Many schools just give scholarships to the valedictorian or salutatorian. From what I have heard, you are the only one that offer every graduating student a scholarship. It made me so proud to come from a town where people care so much for students. For many, such as me, your help makes a major difference. Due to scholarships that I was given, I am now able to continue attending Washington State University loan free. Just knowing that I will not be one of those students that have to pay for college loans for years, makes me really grateful. I can never thank you enough for all of your hard work.

I hope that the Foundation continues to do all they already do and more. I want to reassure you that you have taught me to be generous. hope that one day, I too, will donate money to the Foundation to allow high school student to succeed. I know from personal experience that any money helps. Once again, thank you for all of the work that you put into the community. Please continue to do the great work, Sincerely, Yuri Can, Class of 2010 because you allow students to accomplish their dreams.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS



2nd Year Scholarship - \$500

Ian Loney, class of 2011, was awarded from the Touchet Educational Foundation the 2nd Year Scholarship for completing his first year of college with a GPA over 2.5, and turning in a completed acknowledgement on time.

Eileen Collier Scholarship - \$1000 In memory of Eileen Collier, who graduated from Touchet High School in 1919, she left a contribution to the Touchet Educational Foundation in her will when she passed away at the age of 102. This year, we have awarded the Eileen Collier scholarship for \$1000 to Jose Godinez. Jose graduated from Touchet High School in 2002, and received a Bachelor's degree in 2007 from University of Washington, double majoring in Spanish and Comparative Literature. He is currently working full time at Walla Walla Community College as an academic advisor, and is also pursuing a Masters of Business Administration degree from Washington State University that he hopes to complete this winter. He has also recently joined the TEF board of directors, providing valuable experience to our organization.

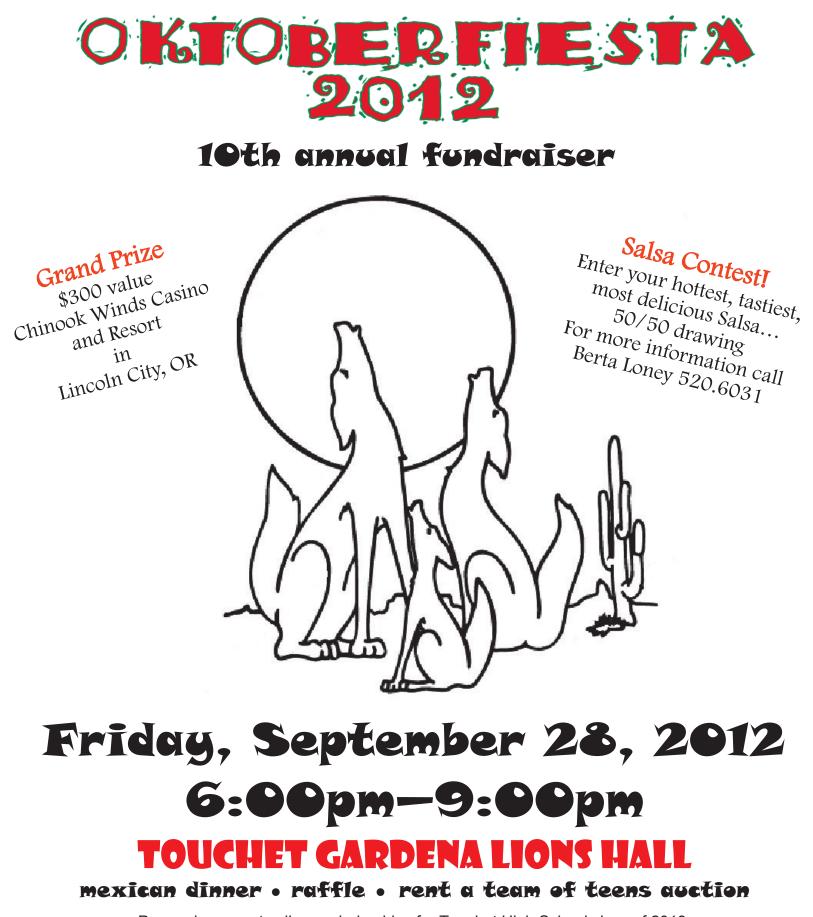


Pheasants Forever Wildlife Scholarship - \$1000

This is a new continuing education scholarship this year, directed towards students interested in wildlife management, natural resource sciences, and/or agriculture. This scholarship was established by Pheasants Forever Blue Mountain Chapter #238 of Walla Walla. The TEF general endowment fund also contributed to this scholarship award. The Pheasants Forever Scholarship is awarded to Kira Flagstead. Kira graduated from Touchet in 2010. She will be a junior this fall at Rocky Mountain College in Billings Montana studying Environmental Science and for her career goal she is hoping to one day be studying wolves and pack dynamics.

\$1000 Continuing Education Scholarship in honor of Dave & Sandy Reppe's 40th Wedding Anniversary. Dave and Sandy have lived in Touchet for many years and raised their two sons here. They have been huge supporters of anything Touchet. Dave has been on our Foundation Board of Directors since its beginning, and is just finishing a 5 year term as our President. True to their spirit of community service, when they were planning their 40th wedding anniversary celebration, they asked for no gifts for themselves, but that donations could be made to the Foundation to help Touchet students. This scholarship is given in their honor with money donated by their friends and family. The recipient of this award graduated from Touchet in 2010 and will be a junior this fall at Washington State University. She is pursuing a degree majoring in Spanish with a teaching endorsement and a minor in French Area Studies. This scholarship in Honor of Dave and Sandy Reppe is awarded to Yuri Can.





Proceeds support college scholarships for Touchet High School class of 2013. To obtain tickets contact a member of the Touchet senior class.

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CLASS OF 2012

"We hope the Mayans were wrong."



BACK ROW Eric Hines, Jordan Adams, Robbert Elsinghorst, Jessica Morris, William Richards, Krysta Weber

MIDDLE ROW

Jesus Saldana, Paige Palmer, Ty Garbe, Addison Doering, Eduardo Contreras, Veronica Martinez, Alexandra Nasburg

FRONT ROW

Caroline James, Dan Can, Morgan Bergevin, Jesse Bass, Nicole Brown, Matthew Shute

The Touchet Educational Foundation awarded \$33,950 at the Touchet High School graduation held on June 9, 2012. This is an addition to the Continuing Education Scholarships that were highlighted on page 4. Each senior who submitted a completed application received a scholarship award. Founded in 2003, the Touchet Educational Foundation has awarded scholarships to 187 Touchet graduates for a total of \$233,930.

CONGRATULATIONS! 2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jordan Adams, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Morgan Bergevin, Walla Walla Community College

59ers FFA Scholarship in Memory of Leon Mayberry \$500Recognition Scholarship \$1000TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Nicole Brown, Blue Mountain Community College Valedictorian Valedictorian Scholarship in Memory of Merri Bussell \$1000 Athletic Scholarship presented by Pheasant Creek Golf Course \$500 Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Dan Can, Washington State University

Medical Science Scholarship in Memory of Robert McCubbins \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000









Eduardo Contreras, Eastern Washington University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Addison Doering, Walla Walla Communitγ College Education Scholarship in Memory of Helen Durfee \$500 TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$400 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Robbert Elsinghorst, Walla Walla Community College

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



Ty Garbe, Walla Walla Community College

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



Eric Hines, Washington State University

Adams Family Scholarship \$500 Alumni Scholarship \$500 TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$400 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000













Caroline James, Walla Walla Community College

FFA Scholarship in Memory of Brian Weber \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Jessica Morris, Blue Mountain Community College

FFA Scholarship in Memory of Ron Dunning Jr. \$500TEF Recognition Scholarship \$500TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000







Alexandra Nasburg, Walla Walla Community College

Tri Community Homemaker's Scholarship \$500 TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$400 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Paige Palmer, Walla Walla Community College

Leadership Scholarship in Memory of Paul and Wilbur Garbe Jr. \$500 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





William Richards, Walla Walla Community College TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000





Jesse Saldana, Eastern Washington University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Matthew Shute, Montana Technical College

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



Veronica Solis-Martinez, Eastern Washington Universitγ Salutatorian Salutatorian Gun Club Scholarship \$750 Friendship Scholarship in Memory of Robert McCubbins \$500 Recognition Scholarship \$1000 TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000









10 Years Supporting Touchet Graduates



On June 7, 2003, the Touchet Educational Foundation awarded the first scholarships to Touchet High School graduating seniors. After accepting donations for only 5 months, \$9,200 was given to students going on to college or trade school. There were 10 Merit Scholarships given for \$400 each, and 12 additional scholarships given to those students who met specific criteria in amounts ranging between \$200 and \$500. The TEF Board of Directors at that time were Sharla Wagoner, Dave Reppe, Carol Hopkins, Ronald Dunning, Stephen Ames, Ron Coffell, and Kathy Gerla.

After the Homecoming Game in the fall of 2003, we held our first major fundraiser at the Touchet Gardena Lions Hall. It had an Oktoberfest theme, with German food and music. We had a live and silent auction similar to what we have now. It was also the first time we tried our senior auction. Neither our Board of Directors nor the seniors in the class of 2004 really knew what to expect from the whole evening, and especially the senior auction. But in typical Touchet style, the Lions Hall was full of parents, community members, and alumni that had come to show their support of our fledgling organization and the students in the senior class. By the end of the evening, we had raised about \$6000, "sold" the members of the senior class of 2004 to parents and community members in exchange for 3 hours of work, and a new tradition was born. A couple of years later, we changed to a Mexican menu and theme and we now have our Oktoberfiesta fundraiser after the Homecoming Game each fall, with a raffle, live and silent auction, and senior auction.

Other highlights of the last 10 years include starting our endowment fund with Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Pave the Way bricks by the front entrance to the high school with names and dates of alumni and friends, and, of course, receiving donations and notes in the mail from alumni and friends both near and far.

But our favorite highlights are the seniors of the last 10 classes here at Touchet. They have been the focus of our fundraising and the inspiration for our involvement and commitment to our organization. On June 9, 2012, we once again awarded scholarships on your behalf to 17 members of the senior class as they leave the Touchet Schools and go on to make a difference in our world. Thank you for your support, encouragement and dollars.

We couldn't have done it without you!!!







celebrating 10 years... ...where are those 2003 graduates now?



Since graduation, **Josh Burrowes** furthered his education at Walla Walla Community College for one year and then went to work in the parts business. He is now the Assistant Manager of Napa Autoparts of Walla Walla. He still resides in College Place, Washington not married quite yet.



After graduation, **Lindsey Schuetze** received her AA degree from Walla Walla Community College. She then attended Walla Walla University and received her B.S. in Elementary Education with a minor in History. After that she substitute taught in Walla Walla, Burbank and College Place School districts. In 2009, she moved to Alaska where she started working at a child care center. At the center she worked in the infant room, moved to the preschool room then moved to being lead teacher of the two toddler rooms. She loves the kids and families she works with and finds that she loves working with this age group. She is currently going to school online to obtain her Masters of Education: Reading and Literacy and should finish that this summer. She lives in Anchorage Alaska but plans to move back to Washington this summer. She is still hoping to get her first elementary teaching position.



After graduation **Daisy Hancock** attended an academy called IAA (International Airline Academy) located in Vancouver, WA. After graduation, she moved to Boise, ID. She scored a great travel agent job with a company called World Travel BTI where she organized domestic business flight for all HP employees. After revisiting her plans to work outside, she decided to trade the office job for a new Trail Maintenance position at Mt. Rainer through NPS (National Park Service). Since graduation she also held positions of nanny, barista, and sales manager. Today she is a Master Gardener through UC Davis where she volunteers in the middle school with the social studies classes in the school garden. She creates a way to intertwine class topics into the garden. She also owns a small business called, "Daisy's Country Gardening." She has 6 clients total, with jobs varying from organic gardening, landscape design, private yard maintenance, trail maintenance, and commercial maintenance. She loves what she does, though change is always on her mind. Her main focus is on self-sustainable farming and living. In the future she plans on earning an income and living off her own land.



In 2003 Julie Calkins Broady received one of the first awarded Touchet Education Foundation scholarships. After high school she attended Walla Walla Community College where she received her Associates of Science (AS) Degree. In 2005 she moved to Bend, Oregon where she attended Oregon State University-Cascades Campus where she received a Bachelor of Science (BS). Later she became the Sales and Marketing Director and Horse Foreman of C Lazy U Ranch, one of Colorado's largest guest ranches. In 2011she began working for the 14th Judicial District State Probation Department as a Judicial Officer. She works side by side with the District Attorney's office and District Courts, specializing in the Juvenile Diversion Program. Also in 2011, she married Zac Broady (from Granby, Colorado).

Touchet is where her grass roots began and she had amazing teachers (Mrs. Towery, Mrs. Gary, Mr. Dorman, Mr. Gregg, Mrs. Ogden and Mrs. Elsasser to name only a few). She took the information these teachers gave her and used it to the best of her ability. She is so lucky to call herself a Touchet Alumni and looks forward to donating to the Touchet Educational Foundation and completing the full circle, especially since it started with her class.

Showcase of Touchet Schools The School Board

This is the third and final part of an ongoing series, in which the Touchet Educational Foundation is highlighting teachers, administration, staff and school board members who are all so critical to the educational success of Touchet students.

The school board is a group of 5 individuals elected by the Touchet community to oversee the policies and direction of our school. They serve a four year term, and can be reelected. They serve without any monetary compensation. They support the highest level of education possible, and make decisions in terms of the best interest of the educational welfare of all Touchet children. It is not the school boards responsibility to run the school, but to see that it is well run.

The superintendent is the only employee hired directly by the school board and serves as the chief executive officer of the board with general supervision of the school system. The superintendent is not a member of the school board itself but serves as the professional educational adviser to the board. The school board is a legislative and policy making body. The superintendent is hired to provide professional educational advice on policy development and implements the policies the board adopts. The superintendent of schools is the only employed staff that reports directly to the school board.

Robert Schaeffer is the current chairman of the Touchet School Board. Robert grew up in Touchet and graduated from high school in 1985. He lives and works on his family's farm north of Touchet with his wife Sylvia and children Harlie, a high school junior, and Hayden, a seventh grader. Robert was first elected to the school board in 2005. As chairmen of the School Board, his additional responsibilities include conducting the meetings, managing all correspondence and publicity of the board, and conferring with the superintendent regarding the issues of the district to be discussed at the meetings.

Michael McCubbins graduated from Touchet High School in 1981. He works for Cal West Seeds as a field man in the alfalfa seed business, and also has acreage of his own that he farms, with his wife Julie and grown daughter, Cassie. Mike was first elected to the school board in 1997. He has seen a lot of changes over the years in the different programs mandated by state and federal government, and the funding for all of the programs. The current low enrollment at the school is an ongoing concern for Mike.

Darren Goble is another Touchet graduate that has served on the board since 2007. He graduated from high school in 1984, and he and his wife Sandy and son Colton, a high school junior, also live and work on the family farm. Darren is also employed by General Electric as a Technical Advisor for the Union Pacific Railroad. He enjoys being on the school board, and working toward positive changes that make things better for all Touchet students. The current financial situation is a big challenge for the board.

Mandy Thompson is in her fourth year as a member of the Touchet School board. She is originally from Jordon Valley, Oregon, graduated from Clark College in Vancouver Washington, and is a dental hygienist. She and her husband, Rick, have 2 children, Maeve who is in the third grade, and Hank, who is a first grader. The thing Mandy likes most about the school board is learning about how a school is run, and how decisions are made. She agrees with her fellow board members about the challenges of providing an excellent education for students with current funding issues.

The newest board member is **Jody Kromm**, who was elected in November of 2011. She is married to Kevin Kromm, and they have 2 daughters Megan (16) and Hannah (12). Jody has an AAAS Degree in Respiratory Therapy from Walla Walla Community College, and is currently working at Providence St Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla as a Respiratory Therapist. Jody and Kevin chose to live in Touchet because it was a nice small, rural community to raise their children in. They have lived in Touchet for 15 years. "Living here, I have come to realize that there is **a lot** that revolves around the school and the kids who attend it. These kids are our future and I want them to all have a chance to make a difference in the world, and obtain a good education in a good learning environment. I have enjoyed serving on the school board and feel that we have a very committed group of school board members."

The school board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm, at the Touchet High School commons. There are usually two parts to a school board meeting: the regular session and an executive session, if needed. School board meetings are open to the public, and interested people are encouraged to attend. Thank you to all school board members past and present, for the time and commitment to our students and community.







The Touchet Educational Foundation has been a member of Dollars for Scholars for ten years. Dollars for Scholars affiliate chapters like ours receive the benefit of being part of the only grassroots, national network of community-based scholarship providers in the country. They offer many resources for training and support for local chapters. They have recently added the tremendous benefit of making a customizable web site available to all the local chapters. We will now be able to organize board members and volunteers, make more scholarship opportunities available to our students, receive on line donations, and tell our story to all Touchet friends and alumni everywhere through our new web site. Check out: www.toucheteducationalfoundation.dollarsforscholars.org

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TRACKING THE INDIANS



In June 2012 at the College National Finals Rodeo in Capser Wyoming, Bryce Palmer ('08) and Bo Segerman ('10) represented the Walla Walla Community College Rodeo team. The men's team won its second championship in 5 years. Bryce won the men's all around title in Tie Down Roping and Team Roping. Bo competed in Saddle Bronc Riding. Taylor Gregg ('09) competed for Washington State University Rodeo team in steer wresting.



Shiloh Akari ('07) graduated recently from Washington State University in May 2012 with her Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Bilingual Endorsement. Throughout the last two years in school she has been working as an Apprentice Optician at Shopko Eye Center, and continuing her hobby in photography. Her goal when she graduated had been to teach out of the country before settling down in a classroom in the United States.

Therefore she applied for many jobs online and just got hired as a youth Activities counselor on the Disney Cruise Line from August 21, 2012 thru January 4, 2013. She will be traveling to the Bahamas, Caribbean, New England, & Canada. When she returns to the U.S. she hopes to continue doing what she loves - traveling and teaching!

Sean Akari ('05) graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law on May 12. After spending the past three months studying, he can confidently say he felt prepared for the California Bar exam. He is praying that he passed, because it was the most cerebral and lonely experience of his life. The exam was three days (18 hours) and the results will not be released until November 16. Assuming he passed, he will be sworn in as an attorney and eligible to practice law in the state of California by the end of the year.

His education and preparation have been a stepping stone bringing him close to his ultimate objective. He wants to produce and act in movies. In fact he has known this for guite some time now, the law will help with producing. As for acting, he has stayed sharp by performing in a show called "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" for the past two years on the Vegas strip starring as Tony (groom) and Michael (ex-boyfriend to the bride).



To achieve his goals, he will practice entertainment law representing actors and directors for motion pictures and television to obtain the necessary connections and credibility in the movie and entertainment industry.

The future is uncertain and oh so exciting because of the potential and opportunities. Ultimate objective, win an academy award for best male lead/supporting (acting) and best picture (producing).

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The Touchet Educational Foundation would like to feature you! Please include your name (maiden name if you are married) and the year you graduated. Send the information US Mail: Touchet Educational PO Box 272 Touchet, WA 99360 or email us at: touchetedfund@vahoo.com

TRACKING THE INDIANS



NEW TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

Marilyn (Adams) Hines class of 1972, and Good Samaritan School Graduate with a Diploma in Nursing has joined the Touchet Educational Foundation Board.

Marilyn along with her son Eric ('12) returned to Touchet in 2003 to assist with the care of her parents. She has been a fan, class volunteer, member of the Touchet Booster Club and Treasurer of the Touchet School Supporters. She is currently working full time at Walla Walla Clinic as an office nurse for an Endocrinologist working toward being a Certified Diabetic Educator.

Robbert Elsinghorst, ('12) graduated in 2012 from Walla Walla Community College with a Associate Arts Degree.

James Riggs, ('11) graduated in 2012 from Walla Walla Community College with a Associate Arts Degree.

Brenda DeHonor, ('09) graduated from Walla Walla Community College with a Associate Arts Degree.

Jessica Groat, ('09) graduated from Walla Walla Community College with a Associate Arts Degree.

Miguel Herrera Preciado, ('08) graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington on May 13, 2012, receiving a Bachelors degree in Business Administration in Law and Public Policy.

Alexa Garbe, ('08) graduated from Walla Walla Community College with a Associate Arts Degree.

Sonya Kelsay ('05) graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a Minor in Health from Walla Walla University in spring of 2012. She played softball for four years, 2008-2011 and was voted most valuable player 2009, 2010 and 2011. She is currently residing in Seattle.



Brenda DeHonor



Jessica Groat





Miguel H. Preciado

Sonya Kelsay

IN MEMORIAM

1930s Arcola Stull Rais ('35) Merle "Red" Wagoner ('37)

Memorial Contributions Received In Memory of

Alvin and Mary O Adams, Evelyn Berg, Grace Britton, Merri Bussell, Helen Durfee, Colleen Hull, Robert McCubbins, Katie Nolan, Odetta Reiber, Audrey Worden,Carol Zier

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September 28, 2012

10:00 AM Homecoming Parade

3:00 PM Touchet Homecoming Football Game vs St. John (game time subject to change)

> 6:00 PM Oktoberfiesta at the Lions Hall