



TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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14th Annual TEF

Scholarship Dinner and Auction

Help Us Kick-off Homecoming Week This Year!

 ★ BBQ Chicken & Ribs Dinner ★
 ★ Served 6—7:30 p.m. ★
 ★ Tickets \$15 Donation ★
 ★ No Host Bar available ★
 ★ Tickets available from ★
 ★ members of the Senior Class ★
 ★ Table Sponsorship Signs \$35 ★

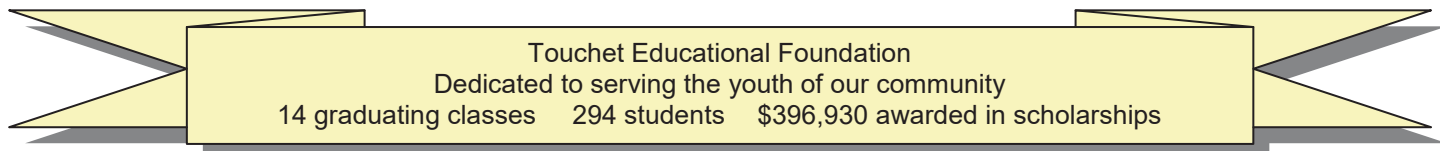
 ★ Auction and Raffles ★
 ★ begin at 7:30 p.m. ★
 ★ Lots of Raffle Items ★
 ★ Silent Auction Items ★
 ★ Live Auction Items ★
 ★ Rent a Team of Teens Auction ★
 ★ Come bid on your favorite ★
 ★ group of seniors! ★

Saturday, October 1, 2016

*After the football game vs. Lummi
at the Touchet-Gardena Lions Hall 6 – 9 p.m.*

(Homecoming football game is the following Friday, October 7th)

**Donations for the raffle and auction are greatly appreciated.
 Would you like to donate an item for our fundraiser?
 Please contact Sandra Bradley at 509-394-0142**



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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 TRIVIA BOX—DID YOU KNOW?

In 14 years, some pretty amazing things have been accomplished!

Each senior who submits an application by the deadline receives an award

78% of seniors (255 out of 323) were awarded scholarships

Graduating seniors were awarded **\$366,930**

39 past graduates attending college were awarded **\$30,000**

THANK YOU to everyone who supports our scholarship programs!

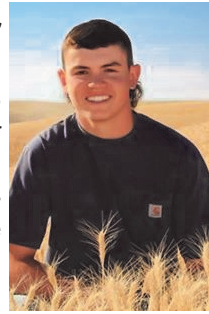
TEF Senior Class Representatives

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 attend our monthly TEF meetings, coordinate TEF sponsored activities, and communicate with their classmates and senior parents.

Please meet the 2016-2017 TEF Senior Class Representatives:

Jacob Schaeffer LaRoque

I look forward to serving as a TEF Senior Class Representative. I am 18 and have attended Touchet since kindergarten. Through the years, I've been active in sports, FFA, FBLA and National Honor Society. This year, I'm honored to serve as ASB Treasurer and Co-Captain of the football team. I'm the 5th generation in my family to attend Touchet Schools and after graduation, I plan to attend WSU to study agriculture.



Nickolas Hopkins

I am 17 years old and have been at Touchet since kindergarten. I play football and baseball and am involved in FFA, National Honor Society and Pep Band. I enjoy history and science classes and this year I am taking Physics and Pre-Calculus. After I graduate, I plan on attending WWCC for two years and then transfer to a four-year university, depending on what I choose as my major.



Laura Pedroza

I have attended Touchet since kindergarten, along with my 3 siblings. I am glad to have been able to make life long friends at Touchet. My junior year, I had the opportunity to attend SEA Tech. I was in the Advanced Manufacturing and Welding class and received my OSHA construction safety card, my scissor lift operation card and many other certifications. I will be finishing high school in Touchet this year and can't wait to see what the next few years bring.



Faith Dowsett

I have been enrolled at Touchet since kindergarten. Currently, I attend Walla Walla Community College through the Running Start program, allowing me to acquire both high school and college credits. After graduation, I plan on transferring to a four-year school to work on a career in business. I have a passion for leadership and an even larger passion for Touchet Schools, which makes me more than excited to be one of this year's TEF senior class representatives.



THS Class of 2017—22 students

LETTERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear TEF,

Thank you for all of the support you have given me throughout my senior year. I am going to Walla Walla Community College. I appreciate you helping us step closer to our future. Thank you again for your support.

Jared Ortiz, Class of 2016

Dear TEF,

I would like to thank everyone on the TEF Board for all of their hard work and dedication. You go above and beyond to help make all of these opportunities possible by providing scholarships that are much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you again for all your hard work and generosity.

Sincerely, Rachel Carson, Class of 2016

Dear TEF Board of Directors,

Thank you for all of the scholarships you have awarded to me. I am extremely grateful to have received them. I want to say thank you for all of the volunteer hours that have been put in to help Touchet's graduating classes succeed in their future plans. The scholarships I have received will help immensely in the coming year as I attend Gonzaga University where I plan on majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I am appreciative to have gotten to be one of the TEF Senior Reps. It was an amazing experience that also helped with my leadership and coordination skills. It was a privilege to get to work alongside the TEF members throughout the year. I also want to thank you for the special scholarship you awarded me for being a TEF Rep. All of the money I have received will be put to good use.

Sincerely, Jackson Elsasser, Class of 2016 Valedictorian
& TEF Senior Rep

Dear TEF and Donors,

I am writing to thank you for the generous \$1000 TEF Merit Scholarship and extra Board of Directors Scholarship. I, along with many of my classmates, were very happy and appreciative to learn that we were selected as recipients of your scholarships. I plan to continue my education at Walla Walla Community College and my plan is to receive my AA in two years and then transfer to a four year university. Thanks to TEF, we are one step closer to our goal of going to college and finding a career that suits us. Thank you again for your generosity and endless support that you have given to my class.

Sincerely, Anjel Pedroza, Class of 2016 TEF Senior Rep



Class of 2016 ... contemplating their futures!

Class of 2006
10 year reunion fun



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

2nd Year Scholarships - Three at \$500 each

Students from the Class of 2015 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. Those receiving a \$500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year were **Ben DeRuwe, Katelyn Huesby, and Morgan Downing.**



From **Ben**—I have finished my first year at University of Idaho and have achieved junior standing because of the credits I earned while doing Running Start at Walla Walla Community College. After my first semester, I got on the Dean’s List and have been accepted into National Society of Leadership. When I finish my Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering, I will either go on to graduate school or get a job in manufacturing and design.

From **Katelyn** — Thank you for this scholarship. This last year at Walla Walla Community College was challenging, but full of opportunities as well. My main focus was on calculus and I became a math tutor. I found it rewarding to help students grasp difficult concepts. I plan to complete my Associate degree this year and move on to a university to major in mathematics.

From **Morgan**— Thanks so much for awarding me this scholarship! This past year I have taken 11 classes and I became a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Fall of 2015. Winter quarter I made the Vice President’s List with a GPA of 3.77. I have been working on pre-requisites for the nursing program and I am glad to say I only have four classes left to take. After winter quarter this year, I will be able to apply for the nursing program here at Walla Walla Community College, to work toward my dream of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Eileen Collier Scholarships - Two at \$1000 each

Eileen Cummins Collier, who graduated from Touchet in 1919, left a contribution to the Touchet Educational Foundation when she passed away at the age of 102. This year, two Eileen Collier Continuing Education Scholarship were awarded to past graduates who are attending an accredited 4 year college or university with junior standing or above.

Paige Palmer graduated from Touchet in 2012 and attended Walla Walla Community College, where she received her Associate in Arts degree, as well as completing the Registered Nurse program. She has been accepted into the Washington State University’s RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for Fall 2016. From Paige, “I am grateful for the years spent in Touchet’s educational system and for the excellent foundation this gave me to pursue higher education and career opportunities. I trust I will be a complement to the Touchet community’s efforts in helping their students move forward. Thank you for the gracious scholarship that you have awarded me.”



Lyle Dowsett graduated from Touchet in 2013, while earning his Associate in Arts degree in the Running Start program at WWCC. He has just finished his 3rd year at the University of California Davis, working towards a degree in Viticulture and Enology. In his final year, he plans to finish his Bachelors degree, as well as enroll in some graduate level classes, which he hopes will set him apart from other Davis graduates. From Lyle, “Thank you so much for awarding me the Eileen Collier Continuing Education Scholarship! It means so much to me that I have the support of my school and home as I hope to make you proud. Thank you for helping me and for helping other Touchet students!”

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 graduated from Touchet in 1998, 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. This year, the Making a Difference Scholarship was awarded to **Morgan Cardwell.** Morgan graduated from Touchet in 2014 and completed her Associate in Arts degree from Walla Walla Community College in 2016. She is attending Eastern Washington University, working towards a degree in Elementary Education.



Class of 2016

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



BACK ROW

Tanner LeDuc Olson, Jackson Elsasser, Joe Short, Carlos Rincon, Sam Ogden, JW Sharp, Luis Preciado, Jared Ortiz, Andrew Flagstead

MIDDLE ROW

Favian Velasco, Marissa Elsinghorst, Rachel Miller, Cierra Jo McKeown, Rachel Carson, Autumn Rea, Mia Garcia, Crystal Hernandez, Leo Garcia

FRONT ROW

Taylor Garbe, Sarai Berumen, Diana Melendez, Cassie Warren, Jennifer Aceves, Osiris Mendoza, Anjel Pedroza

The Touchet Educational Foundation awarded \$40,750 at the Touchet High School graduation held on June 11, 2016.

This is in addition to the Continuing Education Scholarships highlighted on previous page.

Each senior who submitted a complete application by the specified deadline received a scholarship award. TEF scholarships are distributed to accredited colleges, universities or vocational schools, as recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Congratulations! 2016 Scholarship Recipients



Jennifer Aceves, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
Athletic Scholarship \$500
Pheasants Forever Wildlife/Ag Scholarship \$500



Sarai Berumen, Whitworth University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins \$500
Weber Family Citizenship/Volunteerism Scholarship \$500



Rachel Carson, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
Microsoft Certification Scholarship \$500

Jackson Elsasser, Gonzaga University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
Valedictorian Scholarship \$1000
Leadership Scholarship in memory of Wilbur, Jr. and Paul Garbe \$500
Science Scholarship \$500
Adams Family FBLA Scholarship \$500
TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500



Andrew Flagstead, Gonzaga University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
Tri- Community Homemakers Scholarship \$500

Mia Garcia, University of Washington

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
Medical Science Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins \$500
TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500





Leo Garcia, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

Crystal Hernandez, college undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Cierra Jo McKeown, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000

FFA Scholarship in memory of Ron Dunning, Jr. \$500

TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500

Diana Melendez, Columbia Basin College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Osiris Mendoza, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

Rachel Miller, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000

Touchet Gun Club Salutatorian Scholarship \$750



Jared Ortiz, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

FFA Scholarship in memory of Roy Kregger \$500

Alumni Scholarship sponsored by Oscar Ferrians \$500



Anjel Pedroza, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Board of Directors Scholarship \$500

Luis Preciado, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

Autumn Rea, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
Tri-Community Homemakers Scholarship \$500

Carlos Rincon, Washington State University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

James (JW) Sharp, Gonzaga University

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship \$1000
WW 59er's FFA Scholarship \$500
Microsoft Certification Scholarship \$500

Favian Velasco, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000

Cassie Warren, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship \$1000



Thank you to Veronica Ogden and Miriam Bennett
for "Cap & Gown" photos!

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!



Touchet's oldest living graduate is **Fern (Dodd) Frasier**, who turned 107 on April 3, 2016. She was born on the John Dodd Touchet homestead, 8th of 9 children—**Ethyl Hunt, Grace Lovell, Blanche Adams (class of 1916), Floyd (1918), Roy (1920), Jennie Fisher (1921), Paul (1923), Fern (1927), and Lawrence Dodd Springer**. Fern graduated in 1927 and married her teacher, William Frasier. They had two children, William and Dodd. Her husband went on to be a teacher and Superintendent in Prosser and Yakima schools.

Fern currently resides at Regency at the Park in Walla Walla and loves to talk about Touchet in the old days. Many of Fern's relatives have attended

Touchet Schools, currently including 3 great, great, great niece and nephews, **Olivia Rea ('17)** and **Jacob Schaeffer LaRoque ('17)**, who will graduate 90 years after Fern, and **Hayden Schaeffer ('18)**.



Marilyn (Adams) Schaecher with Great Aunt Fern in 2015

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 2016 Touchet Hall of Fame inductees introduced at May Day were **Don and Lynda Adams**.

Don ('65) married Lynda Miller in 1975 and they raised two children **Stephanie ('94)** and **Michael ('96)**. They have 4 grandchildren. Don volunteered with District 6 Fire Department for 33 years, taught Hunter Safety 15 years, was a Grange Member, coached Pee Wee Basketball, holds a seat on the Mosquito Board, and his Donny cookies are locally famous.

Lynda was an active member of Tri-Community Homemakers, volunteered with Campfire as Leader, Camp Wooten cook, THS staff as Teacher's Aid, made banners for various organizations including the Touchet Band, and ran the Touchet Playland Day Care with Don for many years.

In retirement, they are catering, including the Touchet Library Brunch. Don and Lynda support everything Touchet, they demonstrate the Touchet Pride and Spirit in all they do.

Congratulations Don & Lynda 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) 2015:LeLand ('81) & Traci ('84) Weber



TRACKING THE INDIANS

Touchet High School Reunions held in 2016

Class of 1996—20 year Reunion

The class of 1996 gathered on May 14, 2016 for their 20 year reunion at the home of Tom & Peggie Vandenberg. “What a great day sharing our home with Amanda’s classmates and their families. Even with the rain, we made it work. Phase one in the shop, phase two on the deck in the sunshine, and phase three in the house watching graduation videos from 1996. I call that a great day of memory making.”



THS Class of 1996 reunion attendees (left to right):
Danny Carlisle—Walla Walla, AJ Trejo—Spokane, Lorenzo Michael—Pasco, Vicente (Ben) Espinoza—Everett, David Marr—WW, Amanda Vandenberg—Spokane, Angie (Borgens) McColley—Lowden, Michael Adams—Richland

Class of '96 with their families.



'96 Reunion photos courtesy of Amanda Vandenberg

Class of 2006—10 year Reunion

THS class of 2006 held their 10 year reunion on July 17, 2016. From Shari Milliken “I don’t think this weekend could have gone any better! We all just fell right back into place with each other, it was awesome. Touchet Class of 2006, one of the best groups of people ever! I just wish everyone could have made it. Love you all!”



At the Touchet Park

Standing left to right:

Amanda (Paff) Gleason—Walla Walla, Emily (Coffell) Small—Lowden, Jason Drake—WW, Sharee (Burrowes) Carlock—Orofino, ID, Joe Stoddard—N. Dakota, Amber McDonald—Spokane, Jennifer (Brown) Evans—WW

Kneeling left to right:

Natalie (Durfee) Snodgrass—Boise, ID, Lisa Hender—Hood River, OR, Shari Milliken—WW

'06 Reunion photos courtesy of Shari Milliken

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BOX HOLDER

TEF Dinner & Auction Fundraiser will help kick-off Homecoming week this year!

Saturday, October 1st Football vs. Lummi at 3 p.m.
6-9 p.m. TEF Scholarship Dinner & Auction at the Lions Hall

Homecoming Week

Sunday, Oct 2nd Hall Decorations **Mon—Fri** Homecoming Activities
Friday, Oct 7th Homecoming football game

