



# TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Fall 2021

## 19th Annual TEF Scholarship Dinner & Auction

Friday, October 8th, 6-9 p.m.

Touchet-Gardena Lions Hall

Lasagna Dinner served 6-7:30 p.m.

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

Lots of Raffle, Silent Auction & Live Auction Items

**Tickets \$20 Donation**

No Host Bar Available

Tickets available from members of the senior class

Table Sponsorship signs \$40

**Visit our Facebook page for event updates,  
including auction and raffle donations.**



### THS Class of 2022 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Deisy Angeles, Ivan Angeles, Carson Baxter, Salvador Berumen, Emma Borgens, Hannah Dial, Damian Hernandez, Noemi Hernandez, Bodie Holderman, Brenna Huntley, Derek Jones, Taryn Lewis, Braden McGreevy, Kaiden McMakin, Lesly Novoa, Seth Ogden, Emily Ortiz-Beltran, Rosetta Renwick, Brock Rosenlund, Saige Smith, Bryan Vazquez, Gregory Wiberg, Diego Zamora

**Seniors will be selling fundraiser event tickets and requesting donations for raffle and auction prizes.**

Would you donate an item for our fundraiser?

**Please contact Sandra Bradley 509-394-0142.**

### Kindergarten to Senior Year

10 of 23 seniors began together with Miss Gaffrey

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### ALL SCHOOL Reunion 2022—May Day Weekend

Dates & Details when school announces May Day date

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Two Touchet graduates are making their mark.

**Stephanie (Adams) Ewing '94**, received her AA from WWCC, Bachelors in Education from Eastern Washington University, Masters in Education from Eastern Oregon University, and Education Specialist in Education Leadership from Lewis & Clark College in Portland. She is currently a Principal in Morrow County School District, mother of 2, and a published author.

**Jennifer (Beaman) Pope '91**, graduated from Whitman College with a BA in Spanish & Japanese with a WA State Teaching Certificate. She spent 6 years in Alaska with her family and then worked at Whitman College Library for 20 years, and is just beginning a new job as an ELL (English Language Learners) Teacher in Irrigon, OR in Stephanie's school district. She is a mother of 3, with 2 step-daughters, 2 foster sons and 8 grand-children.



Coincidentally, their diagnosis with breast cancer came within a month of each other. They supported each through their treatment, and found comfort and healing with laughter. Now, as they both are enjoying life after the diagnosis, they are collaborating to write a book to assist those who follow. They say about the book "it will take a lighter, but still very honest look at the steps you may go through on your own breast cancer journey. We have both been there, and want to give you the benefit of our wacky wisdom and we are hoping it can offer you some comfort."

Congratulations to Stephanie & Jennifer

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED !!

Do you want to see this important scholarship program continue for many years to come? Do you have children that have or will benefit from TEF Scholarships? We need new board members to step up and take a turn to volunteer. Please consider serving on our board.

Touchet Educational Foundation

Dedicated to serving the graduates of our community through college scholarships  
**19 graduating classes 326 students \$544,030 awarded in 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)  
 Ron Dunning (Class of '65)  
 Sandy Reppe, Jessica Pedroza

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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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Touchet High School Alumni Updates—College Graduations**

Class of 2014 **Harlie (Schaeffer) Martinez**, Eastern Washington University 2021, Education  
 Class of 2016 **Jared Ortiz**, Eastern Washington University 2021, Criminal Justice/Sociology  
 Class of 2017 **Nickolas Hopkins**, University of Washington 2021, Business Admin/Supply Chain Management  
**Karlee McMakin**, Walla Walla Community College 2020, Assoc in Arts  
 Class of 2018 **Nathan Hopkins**, Walla Walla Community College 2021, Assoc in Business  
**Hannah Kromm**, Walla Walla Community College 2021, EMT Certification  
**Caitlin McGreevy**, WWCC 2021, Bachelor of Applied Science/Agricultural Systems  
 Class of 2019 **Neil Peters**, Walla Walla Community College 2021, Diesel Technology  
 Class of 2020 **Thayne Krumbah**, WyoTech 2021, Diesel Technology  
**Evan McMakin**, WyoTech 2021, Diesel Technology

**Congratulations to our past Touchet graduates as they have furthered their education!**

We included quite a long list in the fall 2020 newsletter and have added what we know in the current newsletter. If you know additional graduates to recognize, please email the info to [touchetedfund@yahoo.com](mailto:touchetedfund@yahoo.com) and we'll be happy to include them in next fall's newsletter!

**THANK YOU NOTES** ~ a sampling of just a few of the many notes we received

**Ashley Luna (Class of 2021)** Thank you all for your continuous hard work and help that you provide for us and for helping me get closer to my educational goals. Because of you, going to Eastern Washington University to be a bilingual elementary teacher will be less stressful financially. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all!

**Omar Martinez (Class of 2021)** Thank you for your generous financial support towards my higher education. Receiving the Salutatorian scholarship will lighten my financial burden. I plan on attending WWCC and I believe this gift will positively impact my future, career and prospects. Thank you again for the support.

**Makenzie Zessin (Class of 2020)** I will be attending Washington State University, majoring in Animal Sciences. I enjoyed my time and experiences in FBLA and FFA and am grateful you have contributed to my future goals of becoming a Veterinarian. Thank you for being part of my journey!

**Cora Borgens (Class of 2018)** I am so grateful to receive the TEF continuing education scholarship. I will be starting my senior year at Washington State University this fall and expect to graduate December 2022. My path at WSU originally, was to study mathematics education, but after working the summer after my freshman year for the USDA research greenhouse, I decided I liked the idea of working with plants better and changed my major to Nursery/Greenhouse/Landscape Management. I have worked in the USDA greenhouse for 3 summers, as well as in the WSU student display garden, which is my favorite job. As long as I am working with plants, I'll be happy. Thank you so much for supporting me on this journey of self-discovery and happiness.

**In Remembrance of Touchet Alumni**

**Florence (Aichele) Adams**, class of 1959    **Larry Weber**, class of 1960    **James McKay**, class of 1989  
**Justin McColley**, class of 2021

## Class of 2021 –TEF Awarded \$22,250 in Scholarships

### *Gage Hilbert, Montana State University*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship                      | \$1000 |
| Touchet Gun Club Valedictorian Scholarship | \$1000 |
| TEF Recognition Scholarship                | \$ 500 |
| FFA Scholarship in memory of Roy Kregger   | \$ 500 |

### *Omar Martínez, Walla Walla Community College*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship                             | \$1000 |
| Tri-Community Homemakers Salutatorian Scholarship | \$ 750 |
| TEF Recognition Scholarship                       | \$ 500 |

### *Makenzie Zessin, Washington State University*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship  | \$1000 |
| TEF Recognition Scholarship                                  | \$ 500 |
| Leadership Scholarship in memory of Paul & Wilbur Garbe, Jr. | \$ 500 |
| FBLA Scholarship in memory of Alvin & Mary'O Adams           | \$1000 |
| FFA Scholarship in memory of Richard Garbe (State Farmer)    | \$ 500 |

### *Arelí Orozco, Washington State University*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship                                    | \$1000 |
| TEF Recognition Scholarship                              | \$ 500 |
| Education Scholarship in memory of Helen & Elbert Durfee | \$ 500 |

### *Ashley Luna, Eastern Washington University*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship        | \$1000 |
| TEF Recognition Scholarship  | \$ 500 |
| Callander Family Scholarship | \$ 500 |

### *Ayline Lopez, Walla Walla Community College*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship                                     | \$1000 |
| TEF Recognition Scholarship                               | \$ 500 |
| Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins      | \$ 500 |
| Medical Science Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins | \$ 500 |

### *Thanya Mendoza, Washington State University Tri-Cities*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship | \$1000 |
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### *Slater Olson, undecided*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship                          | \$1000 |
| Alumni Scholarship in memory of Oscar Ferrians | \$ 500 |

### *LeAnn Kincaid, Walla Walla Community College*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship           | \$1000 |
| Dave Reppe Memorial Scholarship | \$ 500 |

### *Charlotte Vickroy, Walla Walla Community College*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship | \$1000 |
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### *Autumn Hicks, undecided*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship | \$1000 |
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### *Robert Katsel, undecided*

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| TEF Merit Scholarship | \$1000 |
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*Best of luck to the Class of 2021*

### **Continuing Education Scholarships—\$3,600**

#### **Eileen Collier Scholarship—\$1000**

Eileen Cummins Collier graduated from THS in 1919, leaving a contribution to TEF when she passed away at the age of 102. Awarded to ***Cora Borgens, class of 2018***, attending WSU, completing a B.S. Degree in Nursery/Landscape Management.

#### **Making a Difference Scholarship in memory of Katie Nolan—\$600**

Established by her family in 2010 to encourage others to follow her example of service to others. Awarded to ***Jacob Schaeffer LaRoque, class of 2017***, attending WSU, completing a B.S. Degree in Ag Tech & Production Management.

#### **Ron Dunning, Jr. Memorial Scholarship —\$1000**

The Dunning family began awarding this continuing education scholarship in 2018. Awarded to ***Jacob Schaeffer LaRoque, class of 2017***, attending WSU, completing a B.S. Degree in Ag Tech & Production Management.

#### **2nd Year Scholarships—\$500 each**

***Emmaleigh Olson*** (WSU), ***Dominic Solis*** (WWCC)



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## **MORE ALUMNI UPDATES!**

**Nate Ortiz '13**, graduated from Eastern Washington University in 2017 with a degree in Criminal Justice/Sociology. He works as an Adult Probation Officer for the Washington State Dept of Corrections in Kennewick. He and wife Ali are the proud parents of one year old Hudson Hank Ortiz.

**Jose Martinez '13** and **Harlie Schaeffer '14** were married December 2020. Harlie graduated from EWU and is teaching English (long-term sub) this fall at Walla Walla High School, also working towards her Masters Degree.

**Edgar Rincon '14** graduated from Washington State University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Since graduating, he focused on working with all different types of youth. He is working this fall as Puyallup High School's new Campus Security Officer.

**Jackson Elsasser '16** graduated from Gonzaga University in 2020 with a Mechanical Engineering Degree and is a Project Engineer for Anderson Pool Works in the Portland area.

**Jared Ortiz '16** graduated from EWU with a Criminal Justice/Sociology Degree and works for SOAR Behavioral Services in the Spokane area. He earned his Registered Behavioral Technician certificate and enjoys working with children who have autism or other developmental disabilities.

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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