



NEWSLETTER

QUARTERLY UPDATE

FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP



Executive Director, Shawna Masters

It has been a busy summer at YSF and it is hard to believe the new school year is already here! We are grateful for the consistent help from the community to help students succeed. We can all play a role in strengthening education, not only for today but for the future of our community.



President, Sam Johnson

While starting my 2nd year as a Board Member and term as President of the Board, I am excited to bring new opportunities and ideas to YSF to provide better access to teachers seeking grants, increase visibility to the public, and ultimately better serve our students. I am passionate about ensuring equitable access to education for every student in the Yakima School District.



BOARD MEMBERS

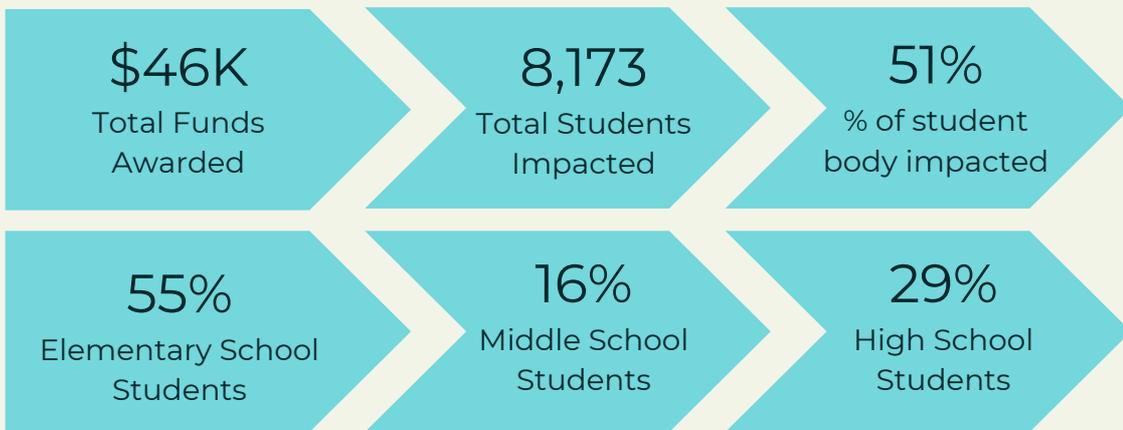
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GRANT PROGRAM

2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

At schools through out the Yakima School District, students and teachers have experienced the benefits of the Foundation's grant program. Classroom grants support numerous disciplines, including literacy, arts, and STEM..

Thanks to generous donors and sponsors, teachers have been able to apply for and receive funding that allows them to take their lessons to the next level.



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Over a year ago Yakima Schools Foundation partnered with Washington Middle School to launch the mentorship program, Lions: AIM (Achievement in Motion). Mentor's consist of community members throughout Yakima who are committed to the program and their mentee and has supported over 45 students.

This program has participated in monthly experiences together from visiting CWU to attending Yakima Town Hall. Partnerships with positive role models have proven to continuously be successful.



HOPTEMBERFEST 2023

The Yakima Schools Foundation recently held their annual Hoptember Fest in an effort to raise funding to continue to provide grants to teacher's within the Yakima School District that will impact the education of students.

We are happy to report that we have raised **\$15,000 +** during the duration of this event!

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

The Yakima Schools Foundation, Yakima School District, Crystal Apple Committee and community partners are proud to join together to bring the Excellence in Education Awards each year.

Thank you to all who joined us at the inaugural Excellence in Education Awards gala back in April! Awards were presented in three categories: Shining Star, Crystal Apple and Champion of Youth.

YSF was proud to present the Champion of Youth Award to Dusty and Yoremy Kissel! This award recognizes a community member impacting the lives of youth academically and personally. They are seen as outstanding community members dedicated to helping and supporting the kids in our community to ensure a brighter tomorrow.

Congratulations.

**Dusty & Yoremy
Kissel!**



Save the Date!

Holiday Lights Extravaganza

December 5-16th.

Vote for our holiday tree at the
Yakima Valley Museum!

Each vote represents a dollar
donated to YSF!

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