

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This school year may be coming to an end but that doesn't mean we are slowing down! We will be spending our summer hosting some fun fundraisers with local businesses and preparing for the 24-25 school year! We are incredibly grateful for the support the community has shown us over this last year and are excited to see the continued impact it makes on the students at YSD!

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we get ready to close out the school year, the Yakima Schools Foundation wants to thank all the principals that took time out of their day to meet with us to discuss the grant process and giving us time to present directly to teachers across the district. We are thrilled that we were able to fund 48 grants totaling \$43,000! We also want to thank the community for their tremendous support at our monthly community fundraisers at different businesses as well as for making the return of our Celebrate Our Youth Fundraising event successful.

Moving into the summer, we are preparing to conduct strategic planning for the continued growth and success of the Yakima Schools Foundation. We are also looking for new directors to join the Yakima Schools Foundation Board and help us continue to enhance the educational opportunities of students across the Yakima Schools District. Be on the lookout for more community events and thank you for all your continued support!



**Christina Carlson** has been a mentor at Washington Middle School for the past 3 years. During this time, she has created meaningful relationships that have made a genuine impact on her mentees and family's lives. Aside from mentoring, she also happens to be a retired Yakima Schools Foundation board member who still manages to find time to volunteer. Whether it is speaking at events or encouraging others to get involved, she continuously finds ways to make an impact on students' lives. Her work has been incredibly impactful to not only the youth but the surrounding community.

## CHAMPION OF YOUTH RECIPIENT



## BOARD MEMBERS

**Executive Director**  
Shawna Masters

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**Past President**  
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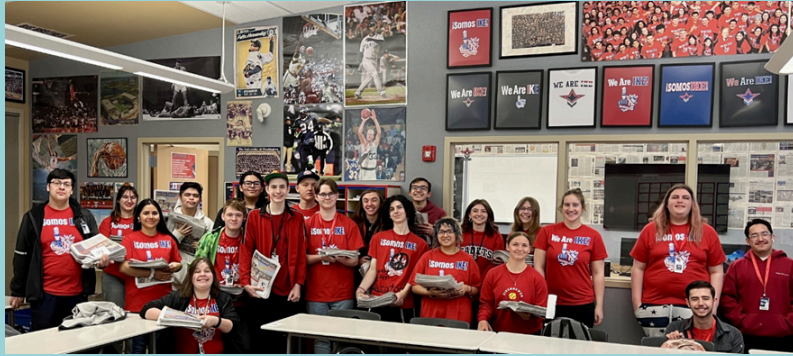
Rich Austin  
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Sandra Martinez Lopez  
Rachel Allen



# GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

\$43,000+ AWARDED THIS SCHOOL YEAR

- Cowiche Canyon Conservancy - Multiple Schools
- Cardio at Kids Castle - Garfield Elementary
- After School Art Club - Roosevelt Elementary
- Yakima Valley Middle School Art Exhibit - Washington Middle School
- Second Grade Point Defiance Field Trip - Adams Elementary
- 5 Star Rewards Newspaper - Eisenhower High School
- Speech and Debate Tournament - Davis High School



## CELEBRATE *Our Youth*

We are incredibly fortunate to be able to put on such a special event that allows us to showcase the impact the community has had on the students this past year. We are grateful to have the unwavering support of the community and with the collaborative efforts of educators, mentors, parents and community leaders, that our youth are provided with the tools and opportunities to thrive. Thank you to all that have contributed and who continue to contribute to the foundation to allow us to do what we love and support the needs of the teachers and students. We had an incredible night and are grateful for all that were able to join.

