



YAKIMA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Summer Newsletter 2019

Celebrate Our Youth 2019

We can all be champions of youth!

This year the annual *Celebrate Our Youth* breakfast was held on Saturday, April 27th at Davis High School.

The morning began with a delicious breakfast buffet and coffee provided by Sodexo and Crafted Coffee Roasters. Guests were welcomed by the Master of Ceremonies, Ester Huey, who reminisced about her time as a student in the Valley and how education has defined her life and the life of her children. Ryan McDaniel, the principal of Davis High School, spoke about the impact the Foundation's grants have made on the students of his school. Ryan also had the honor of introducing Dr. Peter Asante, the keynote speaker, who also received the inaugural "Champion of Youth Award." Dr. Asante shared his story of perseverance, hard work, and success while sharing his vision to build support for the healthcare needs of our youth, especially in the area of mental health services. Attendees also heard from student speaker, Christian Vargas from the Davis Outdoor club, and heard songs sung by the Davis Choir.

Thank you again to all the sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who made the morning possible. The breakfast raised over \$20,000 to help the Foundation to continue to help teachers dream and students achieve.

Check out more pictures on our website at: YakimaSchoolsFoundation.org



SAVE THE DATE



**HOP
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FEST**

SeptemberFEST 2019

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019

Springcreek Homestead

5pm-8pm



The Importance of Partnerships: Five Guys Burger and Shakes



Thank you to Five Guys Burger and Shakes for their dedication to community organizations. Because of their partnership and support the Foundation received a donation of over \$350. Five Guys hosted two evenings, February 28th and May 23rd where twenty percent of all sales benefitted the Foundation. Additionally, one dollar from every milkshake sold also went directly to the Foundation.

Leaders in Action: Board of Directors Highlight

Nicole O'Connor, Incoming Board President

Nicole O'Connor is a Yakima native and graduate of Eisenhower High School. At IKE she played varsity basketball, edited the Reveille yearbook, and participated in Future Business Leaders of America. Following graduation she earned a Bachelor of Arts from Whitworth University in Spokane before finishing her formal education with a Master of Not-for-Profit Leadership at Seattle University.



When she moved back to Yakima in 2006 Nicole became involved in Junior League, Mothers of Preschools (MOPS) and the Yakima Dental Auxiliary and has served on each of their boards. These organizations helped her reconnect with the community and forge new friendships. After eight years as a grant management consultant, Nicole came on staff this fall at the Yakima Union Gospel Mission in the role of Director of Organizational Philanthropy.

Nicole joined the YSF Board in 2016 and currently serves as Vice President. "I feel lucky to have educators and coaches who invested in me. I want every child to feel that someone believes in them. I see YSF serving a role in encouraging the students, faculty, and staff of YSD when other resources may not be available." She lives in Yakima with her husband, Nate, three daughters, and a cute but neurotic rescue pup.

The Yakima Schools Foundation was awarded \$10,000 in grants to fund various Foundation projects.

Five thousand dollars will be used to support the *Mushroom Challenge* at the middle school level. This program allows students to grow, observe, record, and study the life cycle of different types of fungi. They also get to cook and eat the mushrooms when they are finished!

The second \$5,000 grant will be used to support art integration programs in the elementary schools. This project will help fund students to attend and engage in the fine and performing arts through visits to the Capital Theatre. This project takes attending a performance one step further and has students engage in classroom art activities to reflect upon or create a piece of fine art that demonstrates their learning from the performance.



Thank you, Fresh Hop Ale Festival, for supporting the Yakima Schools Foundation!

"Beans for Brains"

The Foundation has partnered with local coffee roastery, Crafted Coffee Roasters, to create a limited-edition whole bean blend.

\$20 per bag

To order visit:
www.YakimaSchoolsFoundation.org

Seventy-five percent of the proceeds go back to the Yakima Schools Foundation!

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Did you miss Celebrate Our Youth?

You can still support YSF with a donation anytime.

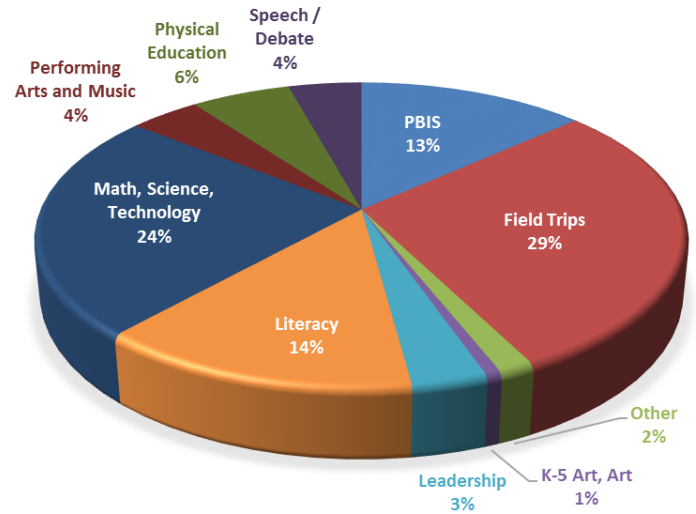
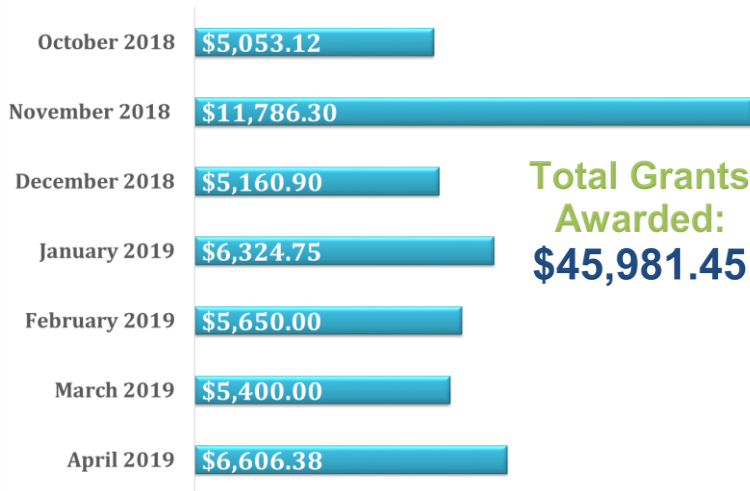
You are invited to join in the mission of the Yakima Schools Foundation through a donation. In this newsletter you will find an envelope contribute to the Yakima Schools Foundation. Simply complete the information on the envelope, include a stamp, and put it into the mail.

Thank you for your continued support.

Remember, you can donate year-round on our website at: YakimaSchoolsFoundation.org

Grants at a Glance

2018-2019 Academic Year: Grants Awarded



Grant Highlight *Fun Fitness: Meet Danae*

Danae is student at Washington Middle School. At 11, she is pre-diabetic, has high cholesterol, elevated heart rate, sleep apnea and other weight related complications. Her mom, school nurse, personal Doctor, and health teacher are working together to help her live a healthier life, not only physically but mentally and socially as well. The Fun Fitness program led by teacher Sherri Jones is fundamental in helping Danae meet her health goals.

Fun Fitness is a project that the Foundation helps fund that allows students and staff members the opportunity to engage in fitness activities before and after school, during lunch and break periods.

Danae has lost over 15 pounds in one month and continues to pursue her health goals including a recent accomplishment of completing the mile in 19 minutes, which is a monumental achievement when you think of running with the weight of an entire other person on your back. As she was running, her classmates joined her and cheered her on to the finish line. Many of them are finding inspiration in Danae's story as well.

Sherri believes, "It is my philosophy as a teacher and coach, for everyone to find their personal best and to work on being better than they were yesterday." She also comments that, "Fitness is not just the number on the scale it is about having energy, boosting your mood, getting stronger, building your immune system, and believing in yourself."

Holiday Lighted Parade 2018

The Yakima Schools Foundation participated in the 2018 Holiday Lighted Parade that went down Yakima Avenue and ended at the Capital Theater with the lighting of the Downtown Christmas Tree. The Foundation was joined by volunteers, students, Board of Directors and District employees who decorated two buses in festive lights to light the way down the avenue. We were joined by "Mario" and "Mr. Pencil" for this special day.



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Yakima Schools Foundation

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Have a passion for giving back to the community?

Join our Board of Directors!

The Yakima Schools Foundation is currently seeking individuals who are enthusiastic, innovative, and committed to our Yakima community, especially the education of our youth, K-12th grade.

E-mail Nicole Franson for more information at: Director@YakimaSchoolsFoundation.org or call (509)457-0898.