

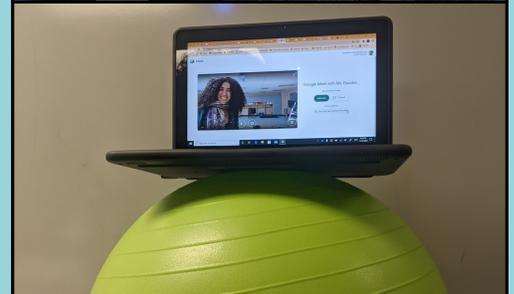
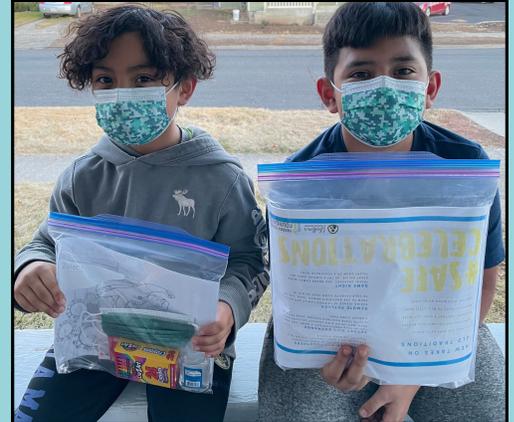
## A Note from Executive Director

Priscilla P. Trevino

The 2020-2021 school year is in the books—and what a memorable chapter it’s been! Due to COVID-19, this school year was filled with adversity, adjustments and challenges, but we made it. Thanks to the awarded grants, sponsors, individual donors and other supporters of the Foundation we were able to continue in our efforts to support the needs of the Yakima Public Schools. The Foundation was able accept the challenge of 2020-2021 by achieving goals and making an impact on our students and in distance learning classrooms. While many students, teachers and families enjoy some well deserved rest this summer, at YSF, we will be busy planning to get ready to support more students and teachers in the new school year. We wish everyone the best upcoming school year possible and remain committed to providing the resources and support to help make that happen. We are looking forward to yet another amazing and impactful 2021-2022 school year!

Have a relaxing and wonderful summer.

With gratitude,  
Priscilla P. Trevino



## EVENTS



## Celebrate Our Youth

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary!

Yakima Schools Foundation reached the milestone this year of celebrating our 30th Anniversary during the annual Celebrate Our Youth event!

This year, the Celebrate Our Youth event was held on Wednesday, April 28th, virtually. We celebrated the past, present, and future of the Foundation. We were excited to hear from keynote speaker Noé Álvarez and honored the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council as our Champion of Youth Award recipient this year! We also heard from some of our very first board members and impact stories from teachers about remote learning and adapting to its challenges.

Next year, the "Celebrate Our Youth", "Classified Employee Of The Year" and "Crystal Apple" awards will be combined for the first annual **Excellence in Education** awards event.

When: Friday, April 29, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Where: Eisenhower Auditorium

## Hoptober Fest 2021

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Yakima Schools Foundation would like to invite you to join us Thursday, October 7, 2021 for our annual fall fundraiser **Hoptober Fest** taking place both in person and virtually.

During this hybrid event, we will engage in a meaningful program about how we're emerging as a stronger community and the lessons we've learned to deliver for any circumstance.

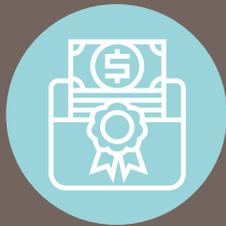
This event raises funds for thousands of students who we serve in Yakima School District. Together, we can help ensure every student has access and opportunity to benefit from a quality education with the vital resources necessary to succeed academically and personally.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this year's Hoptober Fest & Excellence in Education Awards. Contact: [director@yakimaschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:director@yakimaschoolsfoundation.org) or call 509-457-0898

# OUR GRANT PROGRAM

## 2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Supporting students and teachers is at the Heart of YSF's School and Classroom Grants Program. Every day, teachers and administrators go beyond the curriculum looking for ways to enhance the learning environment for their students. YSF's Grant program funds their creative ideas and projects to better engage students in their learning, which promotes better academic results.



**\$37,802**

Total funds awarded



**55.8%**

Remote/hybrid learning support

### RESILIENCE AND RESPONSE FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

YSF would like to extend a special thanks to United Way of Central Washington, the Latino Community Fund, and the Yakima Valley Community Foundation for the awarded funds to help support the immediate needs of students and teachers with remote learning. Teachers were able to be innovative in ways to help keep students focused and engaged while distance learning thanks to the awarded grant.

**Thank you, YVCF, UWCW, and LCF!**

### SUPPORT THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Thanks to grants and other special donors, the Foundation was able to offer innovative distance learning support for our students.

If you would like to make a donation to enhance educational opportunities and support academic achievement, please scan the QR code to donate.



Or, you can mail a check to:  
PO Box 1178  
Yakima, WA 98907.



**6,729**

Students impacted



**41%**

Total student body impacted

## THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

We are proud to shine a spotlight on this school year's event sponsors and are grateful for their investment in education—building a solid foundation for students' academic achievement and a prosperous community!



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## FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS



#### **PRESIDENT, CHRISTINA CARLSON**

Our dedicated and passionate leader's year as board president is coming to an end. Yakima Schools Foundation would like to thank our outgoing President, Christina Carlson, for her dedicated service to the Foundation. During her time, much has taken place at YSF this year! Christina's leadership and energetic presence, her organizational and professional skills and her intelligent and thoughtful communication all contributed to this year's successes and impact. We want to express our great gratitude for her and for inspiring and accelerating progress for YSD students, families and the community. Christina, thank you so much for your commitment to YSF and our students & teachers!



#### **VICE PRESIDENT, SY RUIZ**

After celebrating YSF's 30th Anniversary, we were able to reflect on all the amazing work and impact we had. With that in mind, as this year's incoming president I am excited to have the opportunity to set the tone for the next 30 years of our work and focus. Each year there are new issues the learning community faces, and I am hopeful that our board will continue to be adaptive and responsive to them and continue to impact the lives of students, families, and the Yakima community as a whole. Now more than ever our students need our mentorship, guidance, and time. I believe it is our responsibility as community members to come together and work to unlock the limitless potential of the next generation of leaders.

**Secretary**, Ryan Anderson  
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Our board members are a diverse group of esteemed professionals in the Yakima community. They are committed to embracing the initiatives of the district and empowering our students, teachers, and staff to achieve educational excellence in Yakima public schools.