

## FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

### Board of Directors



#### President, Sy Ruiz

"As I end my tenure as the 2021-2022 Yakima Schools Foundation Board President, I cannot express enough gratitude to our Executive Director and all my fellow Board members for their time, support, and curiosity. It has been a great honor to lead a Board that continues to seek new ways to impact the lives of students, staff, and the Yakima community. This school year, we enhanced learning opportunities for 7,185 students throughout the Yakima School District. Together we not only weathered unexpected challenges, we pursued new opportunities to position the Foundation for even greater success in the future. It has been a sincere pleasure to be part of it all."



#### Vice President, Ryan Anderson

As I start the year as YSF president and we all start the 2022-2023 school year, I am deeply hopeful that this will be a more "normal" post-Covid year, that our students and staff will stay safe, and that we as a foundation can effectively continue with our mission and build on the strong work of the past to carry us to new heights in the future.

I am grateful for the leadership of the past Presidents Sy and Christina and know that I am standing on the shoulders of these and many other amazing people.

With all of your help, it will be an awesome year to continue our mission, connect to community, and create new opportunities for our students and teachers.

**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.**

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SUMMER 2022

## A Note from Executive Director

Priscilla P. Trevino

We are grateful for the commitment from the community to children every day to help students succeed academically and personally.

For me, and for YSF, our "Why" centers around students and teachers. Teachers are foundational to student achievement and that's why we're committed to supporting them and adapting to their classroom's needs and the innovative ideas that enhance education for all students. We hope you will join us in showing gratitude for all teachers do, in the face of many challenges and two very difficult years, to strengthen public education and the future of our community.

It has been a busy summer at YSF and it's hard to believe the new school year is just a month away! Next month, the Yakima Schools Foundation will be the featured nonprofit during Single Hill Brewing's community event on August 30th. Between 5:00 and 7:00 you will be able to talk with us to learn more about the Foundation, what we have planned this year and how you can help out! 100% of sales of their draft beer for the day will be donated to the Foundation. I hope you will join us!

Whether or not you have kids in school or know a teacher, we all can play a role in strengthening public education—for our students today and for the future of our community. With our Board of Directors' support, YSF is focused on adapting to the educational needs for all students.

Sincerely,  
Priscilla P. Trevino



## Washington Middle School Mentorship Program

Lions: AIM (Achievement In Motion)

This past school year Yakima Schools Foundation partnered with Washington Middle School to create and launch a mentorship program, Lions: AIM (Achievement In Motion). In its pilot year the program supported 45 students. The program's mentors consisted of community members throughout Yakima who committed to a yearlong commitment to the program and their mentee. A training was conducted to all mentors, going over basic information, need to know information, and provide them with resources to support their yearlong mentorship.

Coming back into school and the classroom after a pandemic that has lasted over a year was full of challenges. The program helped students who were unengaged and/or showed the need for support to help ease the transition back into school and the classroom. Over the course of the year the group participated in monthly experiences together from visiting Central Washington University to attending Yakima Town Hall.

Partnerships with caring adults and positive role models have proven to be very beneficial to them. Thank you to our 45 mentors for volunteering to support our students!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Yakima Valley Community Foundation and the Youth Leadership Council grants for their funding support towards the program!



## Our Grant Program

2021-2022 Highlights

At schools throughout Yakima School District, students and teachers alike recently experienced the benefits of the Foundation's grant program. Thanks to generous donors and sponsors, teachers applied for and received funding that allowed them to take their lessons to all new levels. Classroom grants support numerous disciplines, including literacy, the arts, and STEM (science technology, engineering and math).

**\$31.9k**

Total funds awarded

**7,185**

Total students impacted

**44.7%**

% of student body impacted

**47.2%**

Elementary School Students

**47.6%**

Middle School Students

**5.2%**

High School Students

## Excellence in Education Awards

In celebration and honor of our education community.

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

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

YSF was proud to present the Excellence in Education Community Champion Award to Quinn Dalan! 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,**  
**QUINN DALAN!**



## SAVE THE DATE FOR HOPTOBER FEST 2022

Wednesday, October 5th, 2022

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this year's HOPTOBER FEST  
Contact: [director@yakimaschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:director@yakimaschoolsfoundation.org) or call 509-457-0898

## 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 complete the remittance form included. Thank you.

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PO Box 1178  
Yakima, WA 98907.

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