



THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

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Rotary*

ROTARY VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many different career paths to choose from. Vocational training plays a crucial role in providing opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds to prepare for employment through classroom instruction and real-world experience. They are skills needed now more than ever.

Yakima Rotary has been providing Vocational Scholarships to students for the past 29 years ago. Of all the programs we fund, none has a greater impact on our community and the lives of those chosen.

After a process that included submitting a written application and an in-person interview, the following seventeen students have been selected as recipients of the 2023 Yakima Rotary Vocational Scholarship.

- Christian Calva – Perry Technical Institute, HVAC Technology
- Sean Coyne – Perry Technical Institute, Electrical Technology
- Paige Crane – Perry Technical Institute, Instrumentation & Industrial Automation Technology
- Nathaniel Delgado – Perry Technical Institute, Instrumentation & Industrial Automation Technology
- Cathryn Elkins, Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Automotive Service Technology
- Kevin Foran – Perry Technical Institute, HVAC Technology
- Leira Freeburg-Perez – Big Bend Community College, Associates of Applied Science in Elementary Education
- Desiree Hohner – Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Nursing
- Nayile Lopez – Perry Technical Institute, Information Technology & Systems Communications
- Mackenzie Martinez – Perry Technical Institute, Information Technology & Systems Communications
- Adrian Monter Martinez – Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Nursing
- Fredy Mendoza – Perry Technical Institute, HVAC Technology
- Ramon Mendoza-Galvan – Perry Technical Institute, Plumbing Technology
- Oscar Montiel – Perry Technical Institute, Electrical Technology
- Olivia Owens – Perry Technical Institute, Business Accounting Technology
- Koraima Villalobos – Elite Academy Beauty School, Cosmetology
- Laurel Robert-Winter – Yakima Valley College, Business Technology

You will have the opportunity to meet them, hear their stories, and celebrate with their family and friends. Mark your calendar!

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

- Greeters – Maria Rodriguez, Pattie Graffe
- Music – Rotary Choir
- Invocation – Tressa Shockley
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Mike Johnson
- Program – Tony Farina

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- May 4th – Cissy Reyes, Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women
- May 11th – Community Service Project
- May 18th – Fabiana Ahumada, Saving Bees: One Hop at a Time
- May 25th – Academic Scholarships

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, April 28, 2023, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

Enriqueta Garcia-Sanchez
Development & Events Manager
La Casa Hogar
Classification: La Casa Hogar
Proposed by: Quinn Dalan
Endorsed by: Rick Pinnell



“ROTARIANS AT WORK” DAY

Saturday, April 28th

Rotary Lake, Welcome to Yakima Sign, Sarg Hubbard Park

Work Begins at 9am

Pick your site and contact the Rotary office to register to help.

Welcome to The **Rotary**
Club of Yakima



SAVE THE DATE

Mollie Davis Golf Tournament
Monday, July 17, 2023

To Benefit Yakima Rotary Trust

Yakima Country Club
Shotgun Start at 12:30pm



Get your team together and register today

REVIEW

Whether you love WSU or not, you couldn't help but come away from our meeting loving everything about it from our speakers WSU President Kirk Schulz and Dr. Daryll DeWald, to our greeters, music, invocation, and sergeant-at-arms. One of the best parts, which was by pure coincidence, was that everyone who came to the podium (except for President Rick) was a Cougar alum. Our music chosen by Doug Rich was a YouTube clip of the Cougar Fight Song by Tom Tuttle from Tacoma featuring John Candy. Rick Pinnell provided our invocation; before reflecting on the blessings of living in the Yakima Valley, he shared that Monsignor Ecker recently celebrated 65 years of priesthood and his 90th birthday with a fundraiser that raised \$375,000 in support of the Monsignor Ecker Foundation. Bob Udell's sergeant-at-arms was a WSU quiz that included one of their most famous alumni – him. So much fun!

Jennifer Bliesner (also a famous alum) had the honor of introducing President Shultz and Dr. DeWald. It was the third time that President Schulz has visited our club. He shared that one of the special parts of being a Cougar and associated with Washington State meant you could be wearing Cougar gear anywhere in the world and hear a greeting of "Go Cougs."

WSU has a significant presence in Washington. When people think about WSU, most of them think about Pullman. WSU is made up of over 28,000 students at five physical campuses plus their global campus for on-line classes. WSU has a presence in every county through WSU Extension. There are four WSU Research and Extension centers. Over the last 5 to 6 years Health Sciences (medical school, nursing and pharmaceutical) have also branched out across the state. They are recognized as a system. Branches are called campuses with each one having their own unique identity that focuses on their local communities and gives each chancellor or CEO of that campus the ability to shape what they do a little differently than what is done at Pullman. Some things remained the same. All students get a diploma from Washington State University (it is not location specific) and all faculty go through the same tenure and promotion requirements. Not many places are like that across the nation. WSU receives around \$360 million in research funding. Some of their core research is in agriculture and engineering. Important to this area is their research with the Washington wine industry; one of their leading research projects is looking at the effects of smoke on grapes and wine.

WSU's Health Sciences are also having a growing impact on our state and community. Dr. DeWald shared what that means

and specifically, in Yakima. Their Health Sciences program is community-based. That means students, faculty, and staff are in the communities they serve. The headquarters are in Spokane, but thanks to partnerships they have medical students and nursing students throughout the state. PNWU is one of those partners in Yakima. Health Sciences run deep in WSU's history. The College of Nursing is about 50 years old; the College of Pharmacy is over 130 years old; and the Elson Floyd College of Medicine is in its 7th year. Yakima is ideally positioned to serve as a catalyst for optimized access to quality healthcare that improves the health and wellness of underserved and rural communities and the hub of health science education throughout Central Washington. The medical school recruits just from Washington and predominantly from Washington for their nursing and pharmaceutical schools - educating them, with the hope that they will return to their communities to serve.

There are currently 113 WSU students in Yakima where students can obtain a Bachelor's in nursing (BSN); an RN to BSN degree completion; an RN to Master's in Nursing degree completion; Master of Nursing in Population Health; graduate certificates in Nursing Education, Nursing Leadership, and Public Health; and a Doctor of Pharmacy. At the heart of Health Sciences' mission is a rural health initiative adopted by the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences focusing on a rural health initiative that will redefine and train the next generation of rural pharmacists. They are making it happen by creating a specialized education track within the Doctor of Pharmacy Program to meet the needs of rural residents, establishing residency program that focuses on rural healthcare and behavioral health, and teaming up with community members to learn about ways to better deliver care. With that comes opportunities – for Yakima that means an opportunity to expand service through workforce development; continued partnerships with PNWU, Central, and Heritage; new degree programs offered here that include social work and public health; economic development for the Yakima region through research dollars; partnerships on interpersonal expansion (healthcare delivery that brings doctors, nurses, physical therapists, and other health professionals together to treat patients as a team); graduate medical education (residencies); and collaboration across campuses and programs.

It was a great look at what WSU is doing nationally, statewide, and locally. The biggest compliment from both was how much they enjoyed the vibe of our club. Go Cougs!