



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

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Change Lives*

### TREVOR GREENE & KEVIN CHASE COVID-19 AND SCHOOLS: WHAT DID WE LEARN?



Dr. Trevor Greene is the Superintendent of Schools for the Yakima School District. He began his role in 2019.

In previous roles, Dr. Greene served students as a paraeducator, security guard, teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district administrator. In 2013, Dr. Greene was honored as the National Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASP).

Dr. Greene received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University, his Master's degree from Central Washington University, his Superintendent credential from Washington State University, and his Doctoral degree in Education Leadership and Policy Students from the University of Washington.

Dr. Greene holds dual citizenship in the U.S. and is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma. He is bilingual in English and Spanish and is a leader in his faith community.



Kevin Chase is the superintendent of the Yakima-based Educational Service District 105, which assists in the programs of 25 public school districts and 23 private and tribal schools in south central Washington.

Kevin was raised in Sunnyside, where he graduated from high school, then obtained his B.S. degree in agriculture education from Washington State University, his master's degree in education administration from Heritage College, and his superintendent's certification from WSU.

He has served his entire career as an educator within Yakima County, beginning as a 7th-12th grade vocational agriculture teacher in Granger (1985-1990) and at Mabton (1990-1994). Afterwards, he moved into administration as vice principal at Sunnyside High School (1994-1997) and then assistant superintendent at Mabton (1997-1998). At the time of his appointment as ESD 105 superintendent in 2016, Kevin had been the longest tenured school district superintendent in the region, having led the Mabton School District during 1998-2004 and then the Grandview School District during 2004-2016, for a total of 12 years.

He and his wife Leslie are the parents of two daughters. Kevin's hobbies include barbecuing and attending music concerts.

### YAKIMA ROTARACT NEW MEMBER MIXER

Tuesday, November 2nd \* 6:15pm \* Valley Brewing Co.

After a long dormant year due to Covid-19, Yakima Rotaract is reawakening and ready for a new year! This Tuesday, they are holding a New Member Mixer for young professionals 21-30 years of age who are interested in Rotaract to come and check it out, get a feel for what they do, and ask any questions. It is free to attend with a drink ticket and raffle ticket at the door. Pre-registration is also available at Eventbrite. PLEASE help get the word out!



## 2021 ROTARY OPERATION HARVEST RESULTS

19 volunteers worked 38 hours, handed out ticket vouchers to attend the fair, and collected 9 bins of food on Rotary Operation Harvest Day at the Fair.

150 Operation Harvest yard signs were updated with stickers for this year's date of October 9th.

1 large banner was donated by Pepsi to display over Yakima Avenue.

19 volunteers held Operation Harvest signs on prominent street corners on the Thursday and Friday before the big day.

1 Rotarian, Amy Maib underwrote the cost of 15,000 paper bags.

21 volunteers stapled Operation Harvest flyers to every one of those bags.

67 volunteers and their families and friends distributed the bags to homes in Yakima, Selah, Gleeed, Naches, and Moxee.

84 volunteers along with their families and friends went back to those same neighborhoods to collect food on Operation Harvest Day.

11 volunteers worked at the collection site at the State Fair unloading bag after bag of food (so much that we ran out of bins) along with volunteers from local food banks. Total amount of food collected was 90,000 pounds and continues to be dropped off at the Rotary office.

191 Rotarians, community members, Rotary clubs, and the Yakima Rotary Trust donated over \$32,800 in cash.

### FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Brandon Cleary, Mike Norton  
Music – Eric Silvers  
Invocation – Adrienne Garner  
Sergeant-at-Arms – Doug Rich  
Program – Bunker Frank

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 11th – An Interview with the Cast of Hairspray  
November 18th – Veteran's Day Program  
November 25th – No Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving  
December 2nd – Terry Hunt, Sherlock Holmes

### - REVIEW -

Thursdays are the best day of the week. They mean a time to enjoy each other's company, the opportunity to hear a great speaker, and to learn something new. This week we had the honor of having Dr. Gino Aisenberg and Dr. Leo Morales as our program speakers. Co-Founders and Co-Directors of Latino Center for Health at the University of Washington, they traveled from the rainy west-side to our sunshine to present about Covid-19 vaccination rates among Latinos and the shortage of Latino Physicians in the State of Washington.

Latinos in Washington continue to be disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic reflected in elevated infection, hospitalization, mortality rates, and lagging vaccination rates. As of September 29, 2021, 54% of Latinos were fully vaccinated, up from 40.5% on July 1, 2021. While there has been improvement, over 341,800 of the estimated 752,800 Latinos twelve years of age and older in Washington remain partially vaccinated or unvaccinated. With the upcoming approval of the Covid-19 vaccine for 5–11-year-olds, an additional 156,577 Latinx children will be added to the number of unvaccinated. County levels of fully vaccinated Latinos in Washington vary from a low of 19.1% to a high of 76.3%. The number of fully vaccinated Latinos in Yakima County is 53%.

Covid-19 illustrates how our state is failing to meet the healthcare needs of Latinos living here. Why? One reason is limited access by Latino patients to a culturally and linguistically responsive healthcare workforce. A diverse physician and health workforce is necessary for health equity. Latino physicians only constitute 3% of the MD workforce in Washington. Latino physicians number 45 per 100,000 while Caucasian physicians number 277 per 100,000 people. Only 11% of current practicing Latino doctors were educated at Washington medical schools. To reach parity we would need to add 1,885 Latino physicians tomorrow. At the current rate of enrollment of Latino students, the representation of Latino physicians will decline over time due to the projected growth of the Latino populations. In addition, the competition for Latino physicians nationally continues to grow.

The efforts of the Latino Center of Health to provide information to the public and elected officials has resulted in the passing of Senate Bill 5228 and House Bill 1129. Senate Bill 5228 increases the admission of Washington Latino applicants to medical school with

a goal to reach population parity by 2025. House Bill 1129 increases the number of practicing Latino/URM physicians within Washington Latino communities by creating a pathway for international medical graduates to enter WA residency program and prioritizing IMG candidates that meet the linguistic and cultural needs of Latino and other underserved communities in the State. Other policy recommendations from the Center include strengthening the pre-medical education ecosystem, expanding loan repayment and stipend programs, and expanding Latino/URM health professions research and policy infrastructure. They have already been successful at creating a state-wide Latino physician organization for Washington.

The Center has been active in its response to the pandemic. The Latino Center for Health along with the Information School teamed up to create Adios Covid, a tech-based project to provide information about Covid-19 bilingually that recently has included working with the Catholic bishops to initiate vaccination events here in our community and around Central Washington by bringing together vaccinators and community organizations that can reach those hard to reach Latinos that are disconnected from the health care system. They completed a study in partnership with SeaMar Community Health Centers and have had tremendous success with a training of BSW students at Heritage University to deliver depression care to YVFWC patients struggling with depression by telephone. It was a fascinating presentation!

What else happened during the meeting? Our music chosen by David Rogers was a celebration of Día de los Muertos, Priscilla Trevino's shared excerpts from a book that she is reading called Dare to Lead by Brené Brown as her invocation, and David Hargreaves did a great job of raising money for Rotary Charities as sergeant-at-arms. Margaret Filkins made an announcement about Rotaract and their upcoming Information Night on November 2nd. Quinn Dalan shared the final results for Operation Harvest. Rotary Trust President Pam Cleaver shared that the Trust through a designated donation, contributed to Operation Harvest and how by giving to the Trust you help fund projects that make Yakima a better place to live including the recent Rotary Playground at the Greenway, MLK Jr. Park Playground, and transformations of Franklin and Randall Parks.