



2020 Newsletter

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Helping students achieve their educational goals

New Logo. New Programs. Same Commitment!

by Susan Fortin, Committee Chair

Sharing news with the entire community!

We are proud to share our news, goals and accomplishments with **all residents** of the White Pass School District! Thanks to 10 business sponsors (whose ads you will find in this newsletter) this first ever community mailing was possible. We hope that through sharing our work we can further connect the community with our commitment to youth!

Defining "Who We Are" with a New Logo

As we increase our website and social media presence, we wanted to create a logo that truly showed our values. In our work two major themes emerged. We wanted a logo that **promoted education** and projected a **sense of place**. We recruited the efforts of graphic designer **Nancy Flecha (WP Class of 2012)**. Through the graduation cap, mountains, forest and river she did it! Whether our area is a home through generations, or a place you landed when you discovered the magic— you know the "sense of place" we wanted to create. Watch for our new "brand" as our website develops, and our social media presence increases.



Twenty-two members of the Class of 2019 were awarded our largest scholarship total ever—\$54,565! (Photo of 20 recipients at 2019 Senior Tea.)

Our Mission and Our Success

Our mission is to continue to raise funds and help youth graduating in the White Pass SD to achieve their educational goals. Whether community college, university, trade or vocational school, or certification program, we support students as they seek the post-secondary options that best meet their goals. Realizing that just "leaving the valley" is a huge step for many students, we have increased our support through informal mentorships. This effort has caused us to see more students enrolling and "sticking with it" – knowing that they have a community behind them! Special thanks to committee member **Mary Proffit** who serves as our Recipient Liaison.

Legacy Fund and More

Treasurer **Sherry Brown (WP Class of 1985)** shares our financial progress on page 3. Certified Financial Planner **Steven Fuller (WP Class of 1990)** has helped us establish a portfolio that is providing growth in our Legacy Fund.

Join our Efforts

We have a spot for everyone! Join us as a committee member, donor, auction supporter, or alumnus willing to share your story. Success breeds success and the more our current students hear stories of the WP educational legacy, the more motivated they become for their own future. Our program expansion is only limited by our volunteers' time and the generosity of our donors. Thank you for your support!

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Scholarship Recipient Spotlight

by Thomas Sniezak, White Pass Class of 2015 Scholarship Recipient

Four years ago, I began my collegiate experience at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). I can honestly say that without the White Pass Scholarship I may not be where I am now. I've been very lucky to be able to pursue my passion in Paleontology and to have had the support I received my Freshman year. Over the last four years I have over 1500 hours dedicated to the Museum of the North. As part of the crew I found one of the first Dinosaur fossils in Denali National Park! My education has allowed me to explore parts of Alaska, and to participate in many great classes. I plan on pursuing a master's degree at UAF to continue my education and further push my studies. Thanks to community support and the work of the White Pass Scholarship Committee my passion for Paleontology has turned to reality!

Auction – It's all about Community!

by Ricky Emerson, Auction Chair

Join us Saturday, March 14 for our 7th Annual Scholarship Dinner Auction. Community members, alumni, extended family and business associates come together in this one exciting night for a single purpose - to help youth graduating in the White Pass School District to achieve their educational goals with scholarship funding.

With a focus on education, the high school is a perfect venue for this event. Not only can attendees experience our amazing public school facility, they can meet current Juniors and Seniors serving as auction clerks and wait-staff serving a fantastic dinner provided by local business, Creative Catering.

We immensely appreciate the individuals and businesses who support the auction by donating goods, products, services, gift cards and experiences that supply the event with plentiful variety. Do you have something to donate to the silent auction? Maybe you have a unique experience or service for the live auction? Connect with one of our committee members by February 28 to have it included. If you are unable to attend this year, consider sending a donation directly to the White Pass Scholarship Fund to show your support.

Plan now to attend and experience this robust event with the Silent Auction, Raffle Items, 50/50 Raffle, Auction Games, Catered Dinner, Dessert Dash and Live Auction. Please join the fun as we celebrate community and support our graduates!

Auction March 14!

\$30 per person

Tickets: Contact Ricky Emerson, 360-496-1301.

Consider connecting with friends and purchasing a table for six!

Donations: Contact Bonnie Sniezak by Feb. 28 at 360-880-5976

Help us Connect!

www.whitepassscholarship.org

facebook.com/whitepassscholarshipfund/

Through Facebook and our website, we are searching for former White Pass Scholarship recipients. We'd like to share their stories and learn what are they up to now. We're approaching 60 years of scholarship giving to local graduates. Help us connect through social media!



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Funding News

by Sherry Brown

Your Scholarship Committee had another successful year. Thanks to our spectacular donor support and the committee's hard work our total income for 2019 came in at \$85,000! The auction grossed \$31,500 alone. Our pre-planning to save money in smaller years to pay for larger class years allowed us to fund our largest class in a decade. In 2019 we funded 22 scholarships with the largest monetary award ever of \$54,565.

A Legacy Fund was created last school year to provide scholarships well into the future. Currently with \$46,000 in the Legacy Fund we're off to a good start. As a committee, we voted to begin setting aside half of our auction proceeds each year to help build the Legacy Fund. Our goal of \$600,000 will become a reality over time through donor support, auction proceeds and investment income.

We expanded our multi-year scholarships and awarded two to the Class of 2019. We hope to see continued growth in our multi-year scholarships with new donor interest. Our scholarships are available to graduating seniors served by the White Pass SD. In 2019, recipients included students enrolled in traditional programs as well as those in accredited home school and community college programs.

Finally, there are wonderful opportunities to remember us in your estate planning or to create a memorial to honor a loved one. If you have any questions regarding the White Pass Scholarship Fund feel free to contact me at sherrybrown89@msn.com.

White Pass Scholarship Fund Custom Summary Report

January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43400 - Direct Public Support	69,878.72
45000 - Investments	
45020 - Dividend, Interest (Securities)	304.69
45030 - Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2,954.21
Total 45000 - Investments	3,258.90
49000 - Special Events Income	
49010 - Special Events Contributions	2,504.25
49020 - Special Events Sales (Nongift)	
49021 - Advertising Sales	400.00
49020 - Special Events Sales (Nongift) - Other	19,789.00
Total 49020 - Special Events Sales (Nongift)	20,189.00
49025 - Auction Ticket Sales	4,551.28
49065 - Auction Raffle	1,894.00
Total 49000 - Special Events Income	29,118.51
Total Income	102,056.13
Gross Profit	102,056.13
Expense	
65000 - Operations	
65020 - Postage, Mailing Service	56.00
65025 - Fees	256.91
65030 - Printing and Copying	98.30
65050 - Auction Expense	6,870.49
65000 - Operations - Other	184.00
Total 65000 - Operations	7,263.70
65200 - Scholarships Awarded	53,121.00
Total Expense	60,384.70
Net Ordinary Income	41,671.43
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Volunteer!

by Quedessa King

Volunteering for the White Pass Scholarship Committee is a great way to get involved in the community and put your talents to work. We are a group of people with many different views and backgrounds all trying to assist our graduating seniors with monetary support for future educational expenses. Our main fundraiser, the annual dinner and auction encompasses several subgroups. Each group has a task and volunteers pick the area that best fits their skills and abilities. It's amazing to see it all unfold and come together on the big night and rewarding to know that there are so many willing to support what our committee is trying to accomplish. We are pleased that our committee has members from the three communities of Glenoma, Randle and Packwood. We have room for more. Please consider joining us! We meet the first Monday of each month from 5:00-6:30 at the school. Email quedessa@centurytel.net to learn more.

Consider an IRA Rollover Gift

by Judy Roberts and Marty Fortin

Long-time committee member Judy Roberts enthusiastically shares "This year I turned 70, and since my husband is still working, we were able to donate my required IRA withdrawal, pretax, to the White Pass Scholarship Fund. We donated it to our son Adam's memorial scholarship to keep the fund going as a continued gift to graduating seniors. We were very happy to realize we had this option and we encourage others reaching that magical age (70.5) to consider this way of donating." Marty Fortin has done the technical research: People aged 70.5 or older can make gifts to the White Pass Scholarship Fund directly from their traditional Individual Retirement Accounts. Simply call the financial institution that holds your IRA, specify the dollar amount and instruct them to mail it directly to the White Pass Scholarship Fund, PO Box 495, Randle WA 98377. These gifts (up to a \$100,000/year limit) count towards the donor's required minimum distribution. Because they come directly from a pre-tax savings account to a tax-exempt charity, neither the donor nor the recipient pays any tax! The White Pass Scholarship Fund gladly accepts gifts of this nature. (IRS Tax ID # 91-1461608)

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