

THE HISTORIC TRUST

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NEWSLETTER



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THE HISTORIC TRUST COMMUNITY,



First, I hope this message finds you and your family well and remaining safe. Secondly, I want to assure you that we at The Historic Trust, while working remotely, are monitoring developments with COVID-19 and updating our plans accordingly.

With schools closed and more than 7,000 youth and families looking to Pearson Field Education Center as a resource to deliver community education programs, staff are devoted to creating and implementing new, live streamed, inclusive educational programs.

In addition to creating new creative content online, we are exploring future opportunities for new innovative and exciting events and programs that will take place throughout Trust property locations once this challenging time is behind us.

We realize this is a stressful time for everyone. Exercise is considered a safe method to relieve stress and it is encouraged when we adhere to six-foot distance guidelines. I invite you to take a peaceful walk through the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Spring is in the air and each time you walk along Officers Row we hope you experience a sense of civic pride in knowing your generosity is making it possible.

The board of directors, staff, volunteers and I join together to wish you peace and health during this unprecedented time. We are confident that as we work together, we will emerge stronger. Thank you for your support. It's your partnership that allows the Trust to move creatively and boldly into the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Pearson', written over a white rectangular background.

David Pearson
President/CEO

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

THE HISTORIC TRUST..



Served over **5,000** youth,
provided **\$5,000** in scholarships,
1,700 attended free Open Saturdays and
over **800** children from Title I schools and Head Start programs
visited for a field trip that connects directly to classroom learning
at **PEARSON FIELD EDUCATION CENTER.**



Maintained the beauty and stability of our **UNIQUE HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

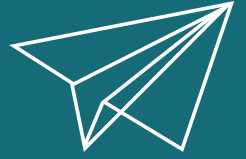
on Officers Row, West Vancouver Barracks, and Providence Academy, while simultaneously strengthening our community's economic vitality by creating affordable office space for small businesses to grow and thrive.



OFFICERS ROW ENTRIES SPRUCED UP

Visitors, residents, and tenants arriving at Officers Row via the west and north sides now have a refreshed welcome experience. The worn shakes on the faux guard shacks serving as signage at the entries were repaired early this year. Arciform LLC performed the tricky work of shingling the small conical roofs, and mended some other wear and tear as well. Next up: repairs to the signs on East Reserve at 5th St. and Evergreen Blvd. Of historic note, the signage design, which dates to the late 1980s rehabilitation of the site, recalls the various military guard shacks which stood at the entrances to Vancouver Barracks over time.

2020 EVENT CALENDAR



MAY

23-24 Spring Chautauqua - Japanese Internment in WA State
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Red Cross Building

JULY

4 Vancouver's Fireworks Spectacular
Fort Vancouver National Site

AUGUST

10-15 The Vancouver Chautauqua
9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Providence Academy/
Officers Row/West Barracks

SEPTEMBER

11 Patriot Day
9 a.m., The Bandstand at Fort Vancouver

19 Let's Take Flight
5:30 p.m., Pearson Field Education Center

24 GiveMore24!
Bagfest Cornhole Tournament

OCTOBER

23-24 Fall Chautauqua - Native Patriots/American Indians in the U.S. Armed Forces
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Red Cross Building

PEARSON FIELD EDUCATION CENTER



“ASCEND” Off to Summer Camp

Do you remember when something or someone made a profound impact on you?

Was it a teacher, a friend, a family member? Was it a class, a chance meeting, or an event? For some kids in our community, it was a visit to Pearson Field Education Center (PFEC). Below is a letter from Linda, a single parent of a freshman in high school.

“We visited your Open Saturday event and my son’s eyes were opened to the world of aviation. This is something I had no idea he was interested in, but he has been talking about it for months now. Just visiting made such an impact on him. My hope is that learning more about aviation will help encourage him and provide a healthy outlet. As a single parent and teacher, I am often unable to provide these types of opportunities for my kids. Thank you for considering Cody for a scholarship.” — Linda



PFEC offers three different STEM summer camp experiences each year:

- **FOUNDATIONS OF FLIGHT** - Grades 2-4 **\$25** = transportation for a camper receiving a behind-the-scenes tour of PDX
 - **FLIGHT IS FUN** - Grades 5-7 **\$50** = an iFly indoor skydiving experience for a camper
 - **YOUR FUTURE IN FLIGHT** - Grades 8-10 **\$75** = a discovery flight with a flight instructor
- In an effort to extend our reach and include youth who are not able to afford going to camp, we have established full and partial scholarships for those in need. Please help us say “YES” to anyone in need with an interest in STEM and aviation camp! Last year we awarded 12 scholarships. Your generous gift will allow us to meet or exceed that number in 2020.
- **\$250** = a full scholarship for a primary age camper
 - **\$350** = a full scholarship for a middle or high school camper



Let’s help a camper “ascend” who does not otherwise have the means. Camp scholarships vitally impact a youth like Cody, who imagines a future in flight. Your gift makes STEM education happen and turns dreams into opportunities to aim high. *Thank you for your support!*



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The Historic Trust *honors*

GEORGE C. MARSHALL LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Historic Trust announces this year's General George C. Marshall Leadership Awards recipients, Chase Smith (Adult Award recipient) and Grace Melbuer (Youth Award recipient). The Marshall Leadership Award recognizes a person's leadership potential, commitment to public service, and strength of character.

2020 MARSHALL AWARD ADULT RECIPIENT

CHASE SMITH



The 2020 Marshall Award adult recipient is Chase Smith, a Computer Science Teacher at Heritage High School. Over the past few years, Chase has organized new clubs, joined FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) as a co-advisor, supported the football team as a coach, videographer and database creator and volunteered with Girls in STEM and Girl Scouts. Overall, Chase has spent over 1,200 hours volunteering his time for students in an effort to make STEM education fun, engaging and accessible to everyone. Chase believes, "... that females are underrepresented in the computer science industry. I am working with young females to help them understand that computer science is not a "boy's thing," it's a world thing. Helping them to understand their potential and how much the world needs their views, critical thinking skills, and problem solving capabilities so our civilization can continue to succeed."

2020 MARSHALL AWARD YOUTH RECIPIENT

GRACE MELBUER



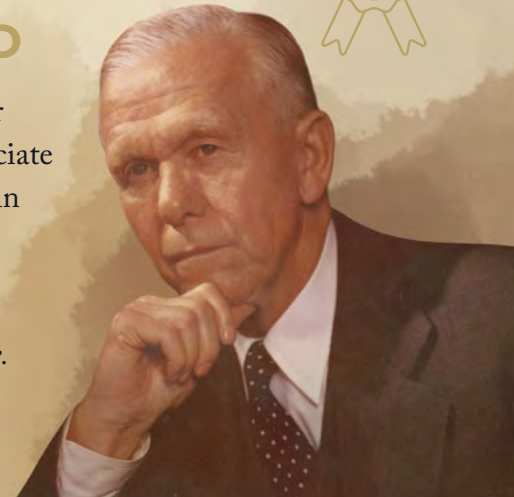
The 2020 Marshall Award youth recipient is Grace Melbuer, a senior at Ridgefield High School and founder of the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club her freshman year. She has served as President all four years and currently serves on the WA HOSA state officer team. As president, Grace conducts weekly meetings, organizes blood drives (collecting over 200 pints for the SW Washington area) and facilitates local job shadows and volunteer projects. As the HOSA Region 3 VP, her state position enables her to serve as a resource for other HOSA chapters and push for CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organizations) funding on the legislative scale. Outside of HOSA, Grace is lead committee chair of National Honor Society and serves as lead buddy for TOP soccer, an organization that facilitates soccer and social development in disabled youth. Grace plans to pursue a career in medicine because it provides her the opportunity to combine her passions for service and science.

GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL AWARD

Presented by



Thank you to Riverview Community Bank for their ongoing support of this event. We appreciate our community supporting the future leaders in Clark County and The Historic Trust.



Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the public Marshall Leadership Award Ceremony was cancelled. The keynote speaker scheduled was Brigadier General Donna Prigmore. The presenting sponsor is Riverview Community Bank. A private luncheon will be scheduled in late spring 2020 to honor the recipients.

The adult award recognizes an up-and-coming leader in Clark County, 35 years old or younger, who has a commitment to public service.

2020 ADULT NOMINEES

- **Bennett Brandenburg** – Brandenburg Law Firm
- **Kayla Dansereau** – Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center
- **Cadie Dye** – Point North Consulting
- **Molly Evjen** – Share House Vancouver
- **Rebecca Frommlet** – Ridgefield High School
- **Michael Pond** – ADCO Printing & Graphics
- **Danielle Wass** – City of Vancouver Police Department
- **Liliya Zhukova** – NWI Global

*The Adult Selection Committee Members were:
Mr. Jordan Boldt, Dr. Les Burger,
Ms. Elizabeth Fitzgearld, Mr. Mike Morgan,
Ms. Maggie Traverso, Mr. Larry Smith,
and Ms. Michelle Wagner.*

The youth award recognizes a Clark County high school senior who has demonstrated leadership, stood for social justice and motivates others to become involved.

2020 YOUTH NOMINEES

- **Arlilah Abatayo** – Prairie High School
- **Kianne Bell** – Prairie High School
- **Arianna Bollens** – Columbia River High School
- **Sydney Clark** – Seton Catholic Preparatory High School
- **Avneet Dhaliwal** – Heritage High School
- **Andrew Ellson** – Cascadia Technical Academy
- **Hailey Hamilton** – Battle Ground High School
- **Chloe Higgins** – Camas High School
- **Wilson Keller** – Columbia River High School
- **Daniela Reyes** – Battle Ground High School
- **Bailey Segall** – Camas High School
- **Mackenzie Snell** – Camas High School

*The Youth Selection Committee Members were:
Mr. Tom Hagley, Jr., Dr. Roger Jarvis,
Ms. Sharon Pesut, Ms. Gail Spolar,
and Dr. Mike Stromme.*

Thank you to all the committee members for their wisdom and diligence in the selection process. The exceptional candidates made the decision-making process challenging but rewarding.



2020 CHAUTAUQUAS

THE HISTORIC TRUST'S CHAUTAUQUA SERIES LAUNCHES

It's a full year of activities and public engagement at The Historic Trust. After several years of successful occasional presentations, the Chautauqua Annual Series has commenced. There are four events in 2020, peppered through the year. The Winter Chautauqua just concluded on February 22 and 23 to capacity crowds. Next up is a Spring Chautauqua weekend in May, the six-day Vancouver Chautauqua in August, and an October Chautauqua weekend.

The Winter Chautauqua at the Artillery Barracks was a cooperative partnership between several organizations, including the Oregon Historical Society, NAACP Vancouver Branch, and the Buffalo Soldiers, Moses Williams Chapter. Entitled "Black Roots in the Lower Columbia River Basin", the exhibit displays and the expert panel on Saturday afternoon, February 22, sought to dispel myths about black history in Southwestern Washington and the greater Portland metro area. Particularly revealing was the Black History Timeline from the NAACP which illustrated an amazing breadth of personality, experience and situations for black people since 1799. Attendees commented that the information was so rich, yet so unknown to the general public. As panelist Melissa Williams of Clark College stated, "People's general impression from other places in the country is that there was no black community...no idea there was history here."

Other panelists were Dr. Donna Sinclair (moderator), James Harrison, Dr. Carl Abbott, Claudia Carter and Frazier Raymond. They each provided distinctive stories about the lives and times of African Americans in our community. Richard Burrows, Director of Community Outreach & Engagement at The Historic Trust, and the host of the event closed the event by reflecting, "One of the things I know about Vancouver, Fort Vancouver, Vancouver Barracks and our community, in general, is that over 40,000 years, this has been a place that is a crossroad for different people, different experiences and different times, and so there's always been a trail that has led here, and we're just learning what purposes of those trails were for people...to come and stay and live and contribute to this community."

The Historic Trust 2020 Chautauqua Series will continue with:

- **JAPANESE INTERNMENT:**
Spring Chautauqua Weekend – May 2020
- **THE VANCOUVER CHAUTAUQUA:**
6 days of Explorations in History, Heritage, & Culture – August 2020
- **NATIVE PATRIOTS/AMERICAN INDIANS IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES:**
Fall Chautauqua Weekend – October 2020