



## WELCOME

This newsletter will give you a glimpse into what our staff, students, and board members are doing each month to fulfill the Washington State Leadership Board mission: recognizing leaders and cultivating leadership.

Here, you will join our students as they:

- make their way to college,
- make their voices heard in the State Legislature,
- push themselves on outdoor adventures, and
- find ways to turn their ideals into advocacy.

You will join us as we celebrate great leadership, young and old, all over our state.

We get to live this work every day -- it's only fair we share it. Get inspired with us and read on!

-- Kristina Brown, Amy Ubungen & Audrey Baker  
Washington State Leadership Board Staff



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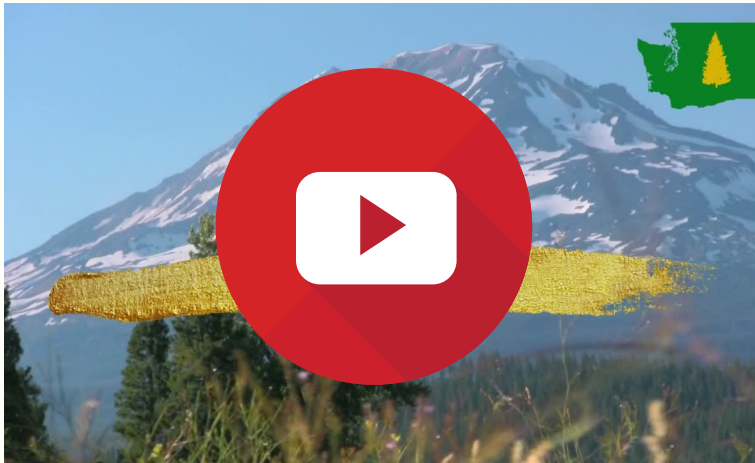
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#### **APRIL 5: OFFICIAL SENATE RECOGNITION OF BOUNDLESS WASHINGTON**

Next Monday at 12:00 p.m. the State Senate will issue a formal Floor Resolution recognizing the importance of the Boundless Washington program and celebrating the Boundless Washington Fellows. Tune in to our Facebook to watch live!

#### **BOUNDLESS WASHINGTON WELCOMES ITS SECOND COHORT**

On March 17th, we celebrated the new Boundless Washington fellows with a virtual Welcome Day. We were joined by Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Chair Nick Bumpaous, and Chair of the Boundless Washington Committee Brian Moreno, as well as other board members and program partners.

**Secretary Wyman said it well:**

**"You have been chosen as a Boundless Washington fellow because you have made your own decision to rise above in these unprecedented times as a pillar in your communities -- exemplifying integrity, compassion, and strong leadership."**

We could not agree more. Welcome, 2021 cohort!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April 5, 12:00 p.m. | State Senate Floor Resolution in Honor of Boundless WA**  
(Link to Come)

**April 30, 5:00 p.m. | WSLB Speaker Series: Environmental Leaders**  
(Invitation to Come)



## **LYAC MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**They've written their own bill.** They've created their own legislative agenda. They've had 109 meetings with legislators just this year -- and counting.

These teenagers are not to be trifled with.

LYAC's bill, HB 1373, written by students for students, focuses on promoting student mental health by requiring school districts to share information about mental health and substance abuse resources. With 27 bipartisan co-sponsors, and flying through the legislative process, the bill appears to be poised for an early success. Time will tell!

The following LYAC students have testified during the current legislative session:

- Kellen Hoard, HB 1373
- Isaac Yi, HB 1302
- Lily Villa, HB 1302 (twice)
- Ivy Pete, HB 1356
- Jaelyn Sotelo, HB 1345
- Charlie Fisher, SB 5044
- Jadon Crawford (not on behalf of LYAC), HB 1426
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We commend these young leaders for standing up and speaking out!



## WELCOME, NEW FELLOWS!

On March 6th, we held a virtual Welcome Day to recognize the students in our 2020 and 2021 Cohorts. We invited some of our more senior fellows to share their thoughts about the program with the new fellows.

**"If we ever need any advice, whether it's academic or life advice, we have someone to talk to. Whether it's Amy, or someone from our cohort, or the other year's cohorts. So, we are basically set on any help we need, any advice we need. You could not look for any better mentoring."**

**-- David Huerta, Washington World Fellow, Class of 2019**

## CIVIC SUNDAYS

When the State Senate canceled their Paging Program due to the pandemic, we decided to create our own 5-week civic education program to give our students the skills they need to advocate for legislative change. With dozens of students from several classes of World Fellows and Boundless Washington choosing to participate each week, this new program is here to stay!

The students also got a peak into "the room where it happens" when policy deals get made via our special guest, Senator Joe Nguyen.

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*Politics versus policy are two different things. And really, when we talk about how you pass policy, not only do you need to understand how the policy works, you also need to understand how the politics work.*  
*And how do you leverage power?*  
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Senator Nguyen  
Guest Speaker, WSLB Civic Sundays



## **YEAR ONE: INDIA**

In our first year, we took 24 community leaders -- including 6 high school students -- on a week-long trip to Dharamsala, India, to tour compassion in action and to meet the Dalai Lama. When those students returned, they put in the work on service projects they had themselves designed.

## **YEAR TWO: CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH**

Next year, we want to do something just as powerful, but closer to home. In 2022, we plan to partner with a non-profit organization called Project Pilgrimage to organize a civil rights tour of the South for elected leaders, activists, students, and educators.

Our goal is to promote dialogue across difference in a way that deepens participants' understanding of American history and to support efforts in our state to advance racial justice.



# WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP AWARDS

*Washington's Official Honors Program*

## WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**"Thank you for opening up the world for those who would have otherwise gone without! You are truly changing the world; your spirit, vision, and compassion are inspiring!"**

**"Thank you. It was so well organized and so inspirational to hear from everyone."**

**"Thank you so much for your support!!! Let's stay in touch!"**

These are just a few of the comments from honorees and audience members following the Washington Leadership Awards.

Between board contributions, live giving, and sponsorships, the event raised over \$18,000, getting us ever closer to our goal. Thank you to everyone on the board who helped make this event happen.

Special thanks to Julie Sun, Chair of the WSLB Honors Committee, and Putter Bert, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, whose leadership helped make this event a success!

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Thank you for doing what you do to help us promote thoughtful, service-minded leadership in Washington state!

Warmly,

**-- Kristina Brown, Amy Ubungen & Audrey Baker  
Washington State Leadership Board Staff**

