



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
North Cascades Institute inspires and empowers environmental stewardship for all through transformative experiences in nature. Our goal is to help people of all ages experience and enjoy the mountains, rivers, forests, people and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest.

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q1	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from North Cascades Institute.

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TulalipCares.org



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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
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Dear Marilyn,

What a difference a year (plus a vaccine+social distancing+masking) makes to be able to have 58 students participate in a full season of Youth Leadership Adventures (YLA). Equally meaningful, **your generous scholarship** is what made it possible for us to provide financial support for all students.

Coming out of a year like 2020, we witnessed strong connections, deep learning, and thoughtful reflections take place in the North Cascades. It's been so rewarding to watch the students progress throughout their time in this program, for example...

██████████ was a sophomore at Burlington-Edison High School when he applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. He enjoys listening to music, playing basketball, and drawing. This year ██████████ was granted a Champions of Diversity award at school and he decided to attend a YLA trip because he felt as if it would be a great and new experience for himself. ██████████ was excited about his YLA trip because he had only been hiking before, and he was interested in gaining new skills. During his trip, we learned that ██████████ is extremely helpful when it came to group tasks. He bonded really well with all of the other students on his trip. After returning from his trip, ██████████ reflected on his time with YLA by sharing how he had made new friends and enjoyed learning new skills. Now that ██████████ is back home, he will be returning to school and focusing on his goal of attending college after he graduates high school.

██████████ was a junior from Oak Harbor High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. She loves to play sports such as volleyball, tennis, and soccer, as well as spend time with her friends and family. This year ██████████ was granted a Champions of Diversity award at school and she decided to attend a YLA trip because she felt as if it would be a wonderful opportunity to improve upon her leadership skills. She had gone camping and hiking before, and was excited to improve upon her skills in the outdoors. While on her trip, we learned that ██████████ is confident and very observant. She was great at listening to others and was strong in advocating for herself throughout the trip. After returning from the trip, ██████████ reflected on her time with YLA by sharing that she had enjoyed meeting others and learning about different leadership styles. Now that she is back home, ██████████ will be focusing on finishing high school and attending college.

██████████ was a sophomore at Burlington-Edison High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. She enjoys arts and crafts as well as hiking in her free time. This year ██████████ was granted a Champions of Diversity award at school, and she decided to attend a YLA trip to try new things and to take advantage of a brand new experience. While ██████████ hikes often, she had never been camping prior to YLA and was excited to learn new skills from this trip. During her trip, we learned that ██████████ is a calm and friendly individual. She was a comforting presence within the group. After returning from her trip, ██████████ reflected on her time with YLA by stating that "I am happy that I got to meet new people and learn about the outdoors together." Now that ██████████ has returned home, she is focusing on her goals of graduating high school, attending college and becoming an orthodontist.

██████████ was a sophomore at Burlington-Edison High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. She enjoys drawing, dancing, knitting, and volunteering at her local food bank. This year ██████████ was granted a Champions of Diversity award at school and she decided to attend a YLA trip because she was very interested in learning new skills and exploring the North Cascades. ██████████ had never been camping or backpacking before, and she was very excited to have the opportunity to try new things and to meet new people. During her trip, we learned that ██████████ has a great sense of humor and an infectious positive attitude. She was a huge support system for the group and was able to help others out when they were facing challenges or feeling homesick. After returning from her trip, ██████████ reflected on her time with YLA by stating that "I liked getting to know everyone. It felt like I was part of a family." ██████████ will now be focusing on her goals to attend college and become an art teacher, as well as continue to foster her passion for helping others.

██████████ was a junior at Mt. Vernon High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. She enjoys spending her free time being outdoors and working to help those in need. ██████████ enjoys hiking and knows a lot about plants and the land within her local community. She was excited for her YLA trip because it was an opportunity for her to learn new skills, experience a new environment, and learn more about how the plants within the North Cascades support other aspects of the local ecosystem. During her trip, we learned that ██████████ is a hard worker and an engaged learner. She has a wonderful work ethic and is great at communicating with her peers and instructors. After returning from her trip, ██████████ reflected on her time with YLA by stating that "it is a very challenging trip, but you will have lots of fun." Marcela will be returning to school and focusing on her goals around supporting her family and her parents.

These students received your 2021 YLA Scholarships and this experience was so meaningful to them. We are so proud of these students and we look forward to learning more about how this experience influences their future.


Enclosed you'll find some of the materials from their trips like photos and impact statements. Each trip was staffed with an Instructor and Assistant Instructor. You can get a sense for what all the YLA trips experienced with some of the other great pictures at: <https://bit.ly/39QoBBG>. **This next generation of conservation leaders is what gives all of us hope that the future can be different!**

This year, we're also partnering with RE Sources, an environmental organization in Bellingham, to run a Skagit County cohort of the Youth for the Environment and People (YEP!). The YEP! program provides an opportunity for students to share ideas and passions, learn about climate change solutions, engage in local stewardship projects, and work together with other youth in choosing, planning, and implementing a group action project. With all of this in mind, it's a great next step for our Youth Leadership Adventures alumni.

If you have any questions about your scholarship or any of our programs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for your generosity!

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Thank you!". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

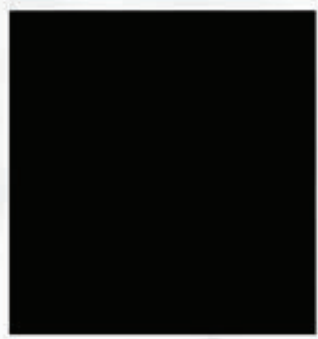


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P.S. We recently surveyed Youth Leadership Adventures alumni to gain a better understanding of how their participation in the program continues to make a difference in their lives. We asked questions on leadership skills, sense of place, career and academic choices. Take a look at: <https://bit.ly/2Yg0CcS> to see the encouraging results.



I feel like this pandemic has impacted my connection with the outdoors because it made me realize how the trees, lakes & rivers will always take care of each other. EVERY person has felt lonely but do not realize that there is more out there. I also learned that not many people are aware about what is happening outdoors. As a student I was ashamed that ~~this~~ this is not talked about at school. Yes we know about the water & rock cycle & living organisms but the school system did not inform us about how climate change is affecting earth. I do not want ~~the~~ ~~that~~ to feel lonely without all ~~that~~ ^{these} beautiful trees. I am happy that I got to meet different people who are learning with me about the outdoors. ~~Also~~



What I learned in this program is that the higher top of the mountain is less oxygen & on the lower of the mountain is more oxygen. Plants die when it's winter on the lower mountain. I also learned about those big bridges you cross, is made of red cedar, that the strong type of tree. What I liked about this trip was getting to know everyone and felt like I was part of a family. I also learned about climate change.



In this field trip I learn
patient, leadership, and ~~communication~~
communication.
When going hiking ~~I~~ I learn
how to have patient I would
mostly be one of students
in front of the line. We would
stop and wait on other
students to catch up. I learn
how to lead students so
onto ~~the~~ hiking trail. Every
10 min I would check if they
are doing okay or need a
water break. Also as a leader
you will communicate with
the students ^{always} if they need
a break or need more water
if their bottle is empty.

It is a very challenging
field trip but you have
lots of fun. You ~~will~~
meet new people who are
~~friendly~~ sunny, calm, and

amazing. In this field
trip you will see so many
~~beautiful~~ beautiful lake, Mountain,
and natural.

The Trip opened me to new things. I really enjoyed canoeing on Baker Lake, which is something I will probably do again. But the most important thing to me was developing new relationships. I made new friends that I will keep in contact with. Overall, I really enjoyed the trip.

