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Everett High School PTA Auction surpasses \$1 million raised since 2013, breaking new records



Everett, WA — The Everett High School PTA Auction reached a historic milestone this past weekend, surpassing \$1 million in total funds raised since its inception in 2013. This year's event raised a record-breaking \$195,000 in support of Everett High School's student programs, bringing the total funds raised over the past 12 years to an impressive milestone.

"We are continually amazed by the generosity of our community, and each year they prove that the heart of Everett High School beats stronger than ever," said Principal Kelly Shepherd.

A highlight of the evening was the Fund-a-Need, which focused on supporting the school's performing arts programs, including drama, music, and robotics. This year's Fund-a-Need raised over \$60,000 surpassing last year's total and marking a continued commitment to the arts and creativity at Everett High.

In addition to the Fund-a-Need, attendees enjoyed various fun activities, including Heads & Tails, the Wine Pull, the Seagull Open & Raffle, and the Dessert Dash. The Dessert Dash alone raised more than \$12,000 with all proceeds supporting Blue and Gold Club grants, which will fund a wide array of needs across the school. These efforts are key in providing meaningful opportunities for students.

"The energy in the room was truly incredible, with alumni spanning from 2017 to 1952," said Principal Shepherd. "This event is not just about raising money; it is about people from the community connecting to support a great cause. The generosity of our sponsors, attendees, and volunteers deeply humbles us."

Since the auction's inaugural year, which raised \$38,331, the event has experienced remarkable growth, underscoring the community's unwavering support for Everett High School's students. Shepherd extended special recognition to key groups, including past auction chairs such as Maddy Metzger-Utt, who founded the auction, along with Andrea Wells-Edwards, Cindy Dean, and Mee-Yoke McGuire. Current auction chairs Judy Pascale and Dave James, alongside the PTA and Blue and Gold Club, continue to demonstrate their dedication to leading this impactful effort.

“The culture of our school has been reshaped through these efforts, and the ripple effect of that generosity can be seen in every aspect of student life,” said Principal Shepherd, reminding attendees that “together, we are Everett High—and you are the heart that keeps it beating strong.”

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