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Saturday, March 17, 2018
The Museum of Flight

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tonight's program

6:00pm - Cocktail Reception

Raffles

Wine Toss

Feed the Fire

Photo Booth - *sponsored by Seattle Party Shots*

Y-WE Ignite Passport

The first 20 to complete their passport take home a piece of Y-WE's heart!

7:30pm - Dinner Program

Video: Dreams Take Flight

Emcee Welcome: *Sonja Lerner & Adanech Muno*

Co-Directors Welcome: *Jamie-Rose Edwards & Victoria Santos*

Table Talks

Spoken Word Performance: *Suhur Ahmed & Nikai Mackie*

Live Auction

Keynote: *Aisha Al-Amin*

Raise Your Heart for Y-WE

Raffle Winners Announced (*must be present to win*)

Musical Performance: *Beatriz Angel-Ramos, Prisca Denis, Carla Ferrazzi, Miles King & Sophie Theriault*

We extend our deepest gratitude to tonight's brave and inspiring youth performers. As a show of respect and love, please do not chat at your tables when our world-changing leaders take the stage. (Trust us, you won't want to miss a second of their powerful performances!)

Special thanks to Kamilla Kafiyeva & McKain Lakey, Y-WE Teaching Artists

Tonight's Video Made Possible by:

Suzanne Hayward

Producer & Y-WE Board Member

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about us

Y-WE empowers young women from diverse backgrounds to step up as leaders in their schools, communities, and the world. We do this through intergenerational mentorship, intercultural collaboration, and creative programs that equip girls with the confidence, resiliency, and leadership skills needed to achieve their goals and improve their communities.

For more information, please visit www.y-we.org.

history of the Y-WE dinner

Tonight is Y-WE's 8th annual fundraising dinner! Back in 2011, our pilot program served 40 participants...and was set to end when the grant funding ran out. Yet true to their visionary ways, the young women dared to dream big and demanded Y-WE continue. Rahwa Ghebremichael (alumna and current Y-WE Board Member) hosted the International Dinner--now called Ignite--as her senior project. The participants cooked over 30 unique dishes from their cultures, put on performances, and invited their friends. That night raised \$10,000 to grow Y-WE...and we haven't stopped growing since.

It's because of the leadership of incredible young women like Rahwa, and generous supporters like you, that we're here at Ignite.

tonight, dreams take flight

With your generous ticket purchase, you confirmed your spot at Ignite. Together, we'll raise \$250,000 in critical scholarship funds that keep our transformative programs accessible to over 700 participants this year alone. Thank you for being part of this unforgettable night to celebrate and support young women's leadership right here in our own community.

Here's how your philanthropy can take flight tonight:

- ✂ Enter one of our amazing raffles
- ✂ Try your luck at the Wine Toss
- ✂ Bid on a unique mission-aligned item during our live auction
- ✂ Raise your heart for Y-WE during Raise the Paddle



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Catering by
McCormick & Schmick's

passed appetizers

Tandoori Chicken Skewers with Tzatziki Sauce
Spanakopita with Feta Cheese and Spinach (Vegetarian)

dinner

Artisan Bread Basket with Sweet Cream Butter

Greek Salad

*Romaine lettuce with pear tomatoes, cucumbers, tri color peppers,
Kalamata olives, red onion, white balsamic vinaigrette*
(Gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free)

Pan Seared 8oz Top Sirloin Steak

Roasted shallot merlot demi & chevre mashed potato, seasonal vegetables
(Gluten-free)

Roasted Northwest Salmon

*Fresh berries, chardonnay beurre blanc, jasmine blend with split baby
garbanzo beans & daikon radish seeds, seasonal vegetables*
(Gluten-free, nut-free)

Stuffed Grilled Acorn Squash (Vegan)

*Filled with a blend of vegetables, quinoa & lentils with a fresh tomato
coulis, seasonal vegetables*
(Gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free)

desserts

McCormick & Schmick's Famous Chocolate Truffle Cake

Chambord crème anglaise cake
(Gluten-free)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tart

Raspberry coulis



tonight's in-kind donors

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and organizations that helped *Ignite* take flight:**

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our sincere apology and heartfelt thanks for your support.*



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live auction catalog

Laura Michalek | Auctioneer

www.lauramichalek.com

Fundraising Auctioneer Laura Michalek still relies on the endurance and discipline she possessed when at the age of 15, when she was the first female winner of the Chicago Marathon. While Ms. Michalek has hardly missed a day of running since then, it's this intention to excel at what she loves that is most evident. "To me Auctioneering is about giving all of yourself, before and during the event, in a way that most folks wouldn't expect." Her style, fundraising insight, and commitment to her clients, and their mission, not only sets her apart, but has created a career beyond Ms. Michalek's wildest dreams.

"I've always been deeply interested in how non-profits I care about are going to sustain themselves, so it is nothing less than a thrill to know I can personally and professionally be part of that." For 15 years prior to becoming a full time Fundraising Professional, Ms. Michalek owned and operated several nationally recognized vintage modern furniture stores in Seattle. "My critical eye, intuition, and energy level has been pretty consistent all these years, so whenever I set out to do something, it's the same set of skills, just a slightly more developed new chapter." As the youngest winner in the history of the Chicago Marathon, it has not been lost on Ms. Michalek that this experience informed her whole life. "When I start Auctioneering, it's like being in the starting block all over again. I still set out to win, however, this time it's for the organization I'm representing."

To hear what folks are saying about Ms. Michalek visit www.lauramichalek.com or email auctioneer@lauramichalek.com or call direct at 206.464.0850.



Moving Fundraising Forward, A Mile A Minute.



Barbara "BJ" Jefferson | Reader

Weaver of community; art in motion; storyteller, experience designer, truth seeker. BJ is a Seattle raised, Oakland made facilitator who travels the country creating brave spaces for everyday revolutionaries to find their power, find their front line, and work toward a thriving, just, and sustainable world. BJ is Lead Facilitator at YWE and has a song to sing everywhere they go.

1 A Weekend with Y-WE Write



You and a guest will get to experience the Y-WE magic on Saturday, August 18th at Y-WE Write. Spend the afternoon at Whidbey Island Winery for a private tour and tasting, then head over to our partners at Hedgebrook--a world renowned women's writing retreat center--for a tour and talk with their leadership. Arrive at the Whidbey Institute for dinner with the Y-WE Write participants, mentors, and Hedgebrook teaching artists followed by front row seats to the Y-WE Write Open Mic Night! Plus, enjoy a basket of social justice and feminism-themed books from Elliott Bay Book Company on the beautiful ferry ride.

Value: Priceless

Donated By: Elliott Bay Book Co., Hedgebrook, Whidbey Island Winery

2 Original Art Inspired by Y-WE Write



Created in real-time while listening to the powerful words from youth at the Y-WE Write summer camp, Touch Drawing artist Deborah Koff-Chapin stunningly captured an unforgettable Y-WE moment. Using her fingers instead of a paint brush for the Touch Drawing process, these incredible pieces literally have an extra special touch. This is your chance to take home one-of-a-kind art inspired by our community.

Value: \$1,550

Donated By: Deborah Koff-Chapin - www.touchdrawing.com

3 Outdoor Adventure with Y-WE Nature Connections and REI



Calling all outdoor enthusiasts! Join Y-WE on a Nature Connections adventure in the 2018-19 school year. Connect with youth and explore the importance of sustainable living and protecting our natural places. Plus, you get to take home an awesome gear package from our amazing partners at REI, including a throw blanket, hammock, tent and 2 camp chairs. Be ready when adventure calls with this fabulous outdoor package!

Value: Priceless (\$738 for gear)

Donated By: REI

Restrictions: Must be a mutually-agreeable date with the Y-WE Nature Connections schedule

4 Get Creative with Y-WE



Unleash your creative powers at Y-WE Create, our annual creative design summer camp at Carnation Farm. Not only will you get to join the youth for dinner and a showcase to view their incredible creations made at camp, you'll also score a gift basket from Ada's Technical Books and Cafe. Take a break from the day-to-day and explore your creative side with Y-WE at Y-WE Create on Thursday, July 19!

Value: Priceless

Donated by: Ada's Technical Books and Cafe

5 Hit the Road with DirtFish



Hit the road and rally with DirtFish Driving Adventure! DirtFish is a performance driving school specializing in rally, advanced car control, and performance. This package entitles you to 2 half-day experiences plus fun DirtFish goodies to outfit your adventure.

Value: \$1,600

Donated by: Stephen Rimmer

6 Get Inspired with the Seattle Storm



Thanks to our friends at the Seattle Storm, you'll get to celebrate inspiring women in style! Enjoy an incredible suite for 20 at the Seattle Storm game on Saturday, July 14 for their annual "Inspiring Women Night." This VIP package comes with four (4) parking passes for CenturyLink Field, so you and your friends can arrive stress-free and enjoy the inspiring game.

Value: \$500

Donated By: Seattle Storm

7 Strike a Pose



Get ready to strike a pose with this fun and fabulous package! Enjoy a professional teeth whitening treatment and four new patient specials from a seriously inspiring dentist, a basket of sleek hair styling products, and a professional family portrait photography session. To top it all off, you and 11 friends will also score burlesque lessons at Miss Indigo Blue's Academy of Burlesque. Get ready to glam it up with this exciting package!

Value: \$2,432

Donated By: Academy of Burlesque, Dr. Esi Quaidool/Smile Matters, Studio Sixteen 22

8 Y-WE Lakeside Soirée: Saturday, September 15



Imagine decadent hors d'oeuvres and bubbly beverages galore with fellow Y-WE supporters...all while overlooking a breathtaking lakeside view at the beautiful East Lake Sammamish home of Leslie Decker and Steve Rimmer. Plus, some of our world-changing youth will join the party to mingle and share their inspiring art from our summer camps. Y-WE super-champions Leslie and Steve will graciously welcome up to 75 guests for this unforgettable event. Valet parking will be available. Don't miss out: buy in for yourself or buy in for your friends!

Value: \$100/each

Donated by: Stephen Rimmer and Leslie Decker



9 Traditional Chinese New Year Banquet Dinner

A traditional Chinese New Year banquet dinner for up to 8 guests prepared and served in your home by Candace Chin (Y-WE Board Member, mentor and extraordinary chef). With over 50 years of experience, Candace first learned to cook from her Cantonese grandmother who immigrated from Toisan, Guangdong Province -- and is thrilled to share her gifts with the Y-WE community. The lucky winner must be culinarily flexible, as many of the traditional dishes served will include meat and gluten.

Value: Priceless

Donated By: Candace Chin

Restrictions: Must be a mutually-agreeable date

10 Ultimate Y-WE Dinner Party



As a gesture of gratitude for our inspiring network of supporters, and a meaningful way to learn more about Y-WE, this truly is the ultimate Y-WE dinner party. Graciously hosted in the beautiful Wallingford home of Y-WE champion Kathryn O'Driscoll, Y-WE's Co-Executive Directors will prepare a feast. Victoria Santos will cook a Dominican meal and Rose Edwards will bake delectable desserts. Invite up to 9 friends for an intimate--and delicious--Y-WE experience with our co-pilots.

Value: Priceless

Donated by: Jamie-Rose Edwards, Kathryn O'Driscoll, Victoria Santos

Restrictions: Must be a mutually-agreeable date



11 Broad City Fan Package

Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson--creators, head writers, and stars of Comedy Central's mega hit show "Broad City"--are thrilled to show their love for Y-WE. With an autographed shooting script from the hilarious show's most recent season, plus some additional autographed swag, this package is sure to have the winner saying "YAS, QUEEN!" For the true Broad City fans.

Value: Priceless

Donated by: Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson/Broad City

12 Whidbey Island Escape



Take a break from big city life and enjoy a peaceful retreat on beautiful Whidbey Island. Thanks to our friends at the breathtaking Inn at Langley, one lucky couple can enjoy a 2-night stay with complimentary breakfast. It's the perfect romantic getaway, or just a quick escape from your hectic 9-5. If you can peel yourself away from the glistening water views offered in each guest room, you can enjoy relaxing spa treatments or delicious eats -- all available on-site. Treat yourself!

Value: \$680

Donated by: Inn at Langley/Pam Schell

Restrictions: Cannot be used on weekends

13 Work it Out!



Spring is upon us and that means one thing: it's time to get moving! This seriously awesome fitness package features class deals for 5 different yoga studios-- including Goat Yoga...yes, *really!*--plus a 3-month family membership at the Seattle Athletic Club Downtown and six weeks of introductory Kung Fu and self-defense classes. This is a totally fun way to raise your heart (rate) for Y-WE!

Value: \$1,431

Donated by: Goat Yoga at the Wobbly Ranch, Grinning Yogi, Seattle Athletic Club, Seattle Yoga Arts, Seven Star Women's Kung Fu, Yogasmith Seattle, Yoga on Beacon



14 What's that Sound?

Sounders fans, this one's for you. Enjoy 2 tickets to 4 Seattle Sounders FC matches, including the biggest match-up of the year against our rivals: the Portland Timbers! These are amazing seats in Section 101 for games on May 26, June 30, August 12 and September 29 (can change games to mutually agreed upon dates). This package also includes some amazing Sounders swag, including both new gear and game/practice gear worn by Sounders FC players. If you're a Sounders fan, get ready to make some noise for this one!

Value: \$800

Donated by: Anonymous

15 Join Eileen Fisher Renew & Y-WE for a Fashion Consciousness Deep Dive!

Eileen Fisher Renew invites you & your friends to spend a day celebrating conscious consumerism! In this special private shopping event you and your guests will join Y-WE youth for an insider's look at all facets of Eileen Fisher's garment reuse and resale initiative "Renew." Tour the take-back program and explore themes central to circular economies and the future of the fashion industry. Participants will each receive a free gift from the store and half off purchases of Renew clothing.

Value: Priceless

Donated by: Eileen Fisher Renew

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16 Something Shiny

This package includes a Lucielle Necklace in gold with crystal ivory stones and Lyn Earrings in gold with crystal ivory stones. You'll also win a Color Party for you and 4-10 friends. That's right, you and your friends can enjoy sips, sweets and 15% off all Kendra Scott products -- plus a custom piece at the Color Bar just for YOU. Not only will you walk away tonight with some seriously stunning bling, you'll also score an exclusive party at Kendra Scott's store in Bellevue Square!

Value: \$495

Donated by: Kendra Scott Jewelry



raffle items

Breakfast by the Bay

Enjoy a gorgeous basket of cookware, champagne and glasses -- plus a decadent breakfast for 4 on beautiful Mud Bay. Whether for a special occasion or just an extra-special brunch, you'll have a fabulous time thanks to our friends at Bay Mercantile.

Value: \$200

Restrictions: Advance booking required

Best of the Northwest

It's a Seattle smorgasboard of sorts! This package includes a delicious gift basket from Chukar Cherries, a tasting for 2 at JM Cellars, tour of NW Peaks Brewery, passes to the Museum of Pop Culture, and gift certificates for iFLY, Otterbox, and Dianne's Delights.

Value: \$515

Restrictions: See individual certificates

All About Athleta

Enjoy a private and customized yoga class for you and 20 friends at Athleta University Village. The host of the party will also receive a \$50 shop card! After class, enjoy refreshments and a private shop party!

Value: \$300

Restrictions: Must be scheduled 6 weeks in advance; held Sat./Sun. mornings or Sun. evening

YOUR Dreams Take Flight

Courtesy of our friends at Alaska Airlines, enter to win two (2) round-trip, coach ticket vouchers anywhere that Alaska Airlines and Virgin Airlines fly, excluding Cuba. No blackout dates or restrictions.

Value: \$2,500

Expiration: Must be ticketed before 3/17/19

Feed the Fire and We'll Feed You!

This raffle is available to anyone who signs up (or increases their current commitment) for Feed the Fire: Y-WE's monthly giving program. As a small token of gratitude for what you'll make possible at Y-WE each month, this winner will walk away with 12 months' worth of restaurant gift cards. See display for details. Value: \$545

Good luck at Ignite tonight!

We're so proud to partner with Y-WE and support young women's leadership as a sponsor.

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Tonight, will you dream BIG for our world-changing youth?*

\$5,000

5 full scholarships -- one for each of our high impact leadership programs: Y-WE Lead, Nature Connections, Write, Create and our Youth Leadership Council (YLC)

\$2,500

Lodging for a weekend leadership retreat for 100 participants

\$1,000

1 full scholarship for 1 youth to attend our high impact programs and receive over 100 hours of mentorship

\$700

\$1 for every participant served by Y-WE this year

\$365

\$1 for every day of the year you invest in young women's leadership

\$206

Transportation for 20 participants to our Y-WE Lead program in Seattle

\$100

Supplies, food, space rental, and trainings for one YLC meeting

\$50

Healthy snacks and supplies for one youth at a Y-WE program

\$20.18

2018 is the year our dreams for young women's leadership take flight!



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keynote speaker

Aisha Al-Amin



Aisha Al-Amin started with Y-WE in 2015 as a participant and has since been in several of our programs, including the Youth Leadership Council (YLC). She also interned with one of our summer camps. She has been involved with CAIR-WA, Eileen Fisher Leadership Institute, Seattle Globalist, and Richard Hugo House. She has a deep love for assessing how we communicate in society, advocating for civil liberties, and promoting political education. Now a Y-WE alum, Aisha currently serves as an AmeriCorps member in the Y-WE office and plans to begin college in the fall. When she's not at Y-WE, Aisha can be found at poetry readings, listening to music in a park, or learning about marine biology.

Dear Aisha,

Thank you for sharing your heartfelt and inspiring keynote speech at Ignite! You are brave, strong and powerful. It takes tremendous courage to share your personal story. We're so proud of you, and grateful for the legacy of revolutionary love and representative leadership you have carved into our organization. The Y-WE community will have your back every step of your flight path--no matter how high or far your BIG dreams carry you.

With gratitude, respect and love,

-Your Y-WE Family

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10am-5pm
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Allies of all ages and genders are welcome!

Y-WE Career Day
Keynote Speaker:
Michele Storms



Michele Storms is the Deputy Director of ACLU in WA. She began her legal career as a staff attorney at Evergreen Legal Services in 1988, focusing on family law, custody and domestic violence. Michele later served as a faculty member at the University of Washington School of Law in the clinical law program where she founded the Child Advocacy Clinic and went on to become the Assistant Dean for Public Service and Executive Director of the William H. Gates Public Service Law program. She has worked as a statewide advocacy coordinator at both the Northwest Justice Project and Columbia Legal Services.



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July 15-20



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- Amelia Earhart



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