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Saturday, March 2, 2019
The Museum of Flight

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tonight's program

6:00pm - Cocktail Hour Activities

Raffles & Wine Toss
Visit the Y-WE Photo Booth
Design your own *Ignite* name tag
Learn about our Feed the Fire program

7:30pm - Dinner Program

Emcee Welcome: *Savannah Blackwell & Lucia Santos*

Leadership Welcome: *Victoria Santos (Co-Director) & Rahwa Ghebremichael (Board Member, Alum, Co-Founder)*

Table Talks

Spoken Word Performance: *Hannah Frink, Lola Johnson, Mya Johnson, Nikai Mackie, Juliette Schofield*

Live Auction

Keynote: *Kadija Hussen*
Introduction by Rose Edwards (Co-Director, Co-Founder)

Raise Your Heart for Y-WE

Raffle Winners Announced

Moment of Gratitude: *Sangeeta Gupte (Board Chair)*

Commitment to Defy Gravity

Special thanks to Naa Akua, Y-WE Teaching Artist

We extend our deepest gratitude to tonight's inspiring young leaders. As a show of respect and love, please give them your full attention as they take center stage. (Trust us, you won't want to miss a second of their powerful performances and speech!)

Dreams Take Flight Video Made Possible by:

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about us

Y-WE cultivates the power of diverse young women* to be creative leaders and courageous changemakers through transformative programs within a collaborative community of belonging. We envision a society rooted in social justice, where all young women live their truth, achieve their dreams, and change our world.

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

**Y-WE empowers those who identify as women or girls or were assigned female at birth*

history of the Y-WE dinner

Tonight is Y-WE's 9th 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, let's defy gravity

With your generous ticket purchase, you confirmed your spot at Ignite. Together, we'll raise over \$200,000 in critical scholarship funds that keep our transformative programs accessible to over 750 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

- Chicken Satay with Thai Peanut Sauce
- Caprese Salad Skewers with Basil and Balsamic Reduction (Vegetarian)
- Sesame Portabella Mushroom Ribbon (Vegan)

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)

Wild Mushroom Stuffed Chicken Breast

Marsala wine sauce, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, 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)

Washington Apple Almond Tart

Toasted almond shell with sauce anglaise and caramel drizzle



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 (she/her) 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.



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1 Defy Gravity: Seaplane Tour, Aerial Acrobatics & More!

Defy gravity--literally and figuratively--with bold experiences across Puget Sound! Take off from Lake Union on a Seattle Seaplane Tour for 2 and reach new heights with passes to SANCA (Georgetown's School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts). Plus you'll enjoy a tasting flight at Stoup Brewing in Ballard and a first class meal with a \$100 gift card to Seaplane Kitchen and Bar (Chef Jason Stoneburner's new aviation-themed restaurant in Kenmore). But wait, there's more: you'll also break boundaries with a 2-hour boudoir photography session from Jenny's Boudoir in Tacoma.

Value: \$1,034

Donated By: Jenny's Boudoir, SANCA, Seattle Seaplanes, Seaplane Kitchen and Bar, Stoup Brewing

2 Whidbey Island Getaway



Take a break from big city life with this getaway package to beautiful Whidbey Island. Thanks to our friends at the breathtaking Inn at Langley, you'll enjoy an overnight stay in a gorgeous waterview room with a soaking tub, balcony, fireplace, and buffet breakfast included! It's the perfect romantic getaway, or just a quick escape from your hectic 9-5. Plus, you'll score one free private flying lesson in Scarlett the Cessna Aerobat at Langley Airpark on Whidbey Island with Fred Lundahl, an AOPA 2018 Distinguished Flight Instructor. Treat yourself!

Value: \$535

Donated by: Inn at Langley/Pam Schell and Fred Lundahl

Restrictions: Expires January 23rd, 2019 for the services listed; valid for check-in Sunday-Friday only from October-May, no June-September stays; blackouts on holidays.

3 Traditional Chinese New Year Banquet Dinner

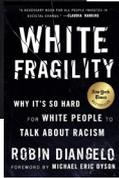
A traditional Chinese New Year banquet dinner for up to 8 guests prepared and served in your home by Candace Chin (Y-WE Board Member, mentor and extraordinary chef). With over 50 years of experience, Candace first learned to cook from her Cantonese grandmother who immigrated from Toisan, Guangdong Province -- 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





4 Equity Training with Robin DiAngelo

Deepen your social justice commitment through this 90-minute group training from renowned educator, lecturer, and author Robin DiAngelo, PhD. Robin works in the fields of critical discourse analysis and whiteness studies, and formerly served as a tenured professor of multicultural education at Westfield State University. You'll also receive an autographed copy of her book "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism" which has been 32 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List. Learn more about her trainings at www.robindiangelo.com/consulting

Value: \$5,000

Donated by: Robin DiAngelo

Restrictions: Training is for 1.5 hours and must be scheduled six months in advance.

5 Downtown Seattle Date Night



Enjoy a few nights out on the town with this ultimate Downtown Seattle package! With a deluxe overnight stay and valet parking at the historic Mayflower Park Hotel, as well as a luxurious mani/pedi package at Penelope and the Beauty Bar (in the Fairmont Hotel), you've got two amazing options for entertainment. You'll receive a pair of VIP seats and Paramount Club Privileges at the Paramount Theatre for Sarah Brightman in Concert (with special guests Vincent Niclo and Narcis Iustin Iana) on Saturday, March 16; an international singing superstar, Sarah Brightman is the world's biggest selling Soprano. You'll also receive a pair of VIP tickets to Valtesse at the Ruins--a provocative female-led cabaret and burlesque extravaganza--which includes front row seats and champagne upon arrival. No matter what you're in the mood for, we've got you covered!

Value: \$973

Donated By: Mayflower Park Hotel, Penelope and the Beauty Bar, Seattle Theatre Group/Paramount Theatre, Valtesse

Restrictions: Valtesse must be redeemed by September 2019; Paramount Theatre reservation should be made at least 8 days prior to the show.

6 Taste the Recipes of a Legendary Chef



A six course gourmet Indian dinner for eight prepared and served by former Y-WE Board Member Shelmina Abji at her home. Shelmina's mother was a well-known chef in Mwanza, Tanzania and catered for a living to help raise Shelmina and her siblings. She cooked for small and large groups including weddings and functions of over 1,000 people. Shelmina will be honoring her mother by serving her authentic recipes (Indian food with East African influence); wine included.

Value: \$1160

Restrictions: Date to be agreed upon by both parties.

7 Experience the Magic of Y-WE Write



You and a guest will get to experience the Y-WE magic on Saturday, August 17th at Y-WE Write. Spend the afternoon exploring Whidbey Island 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: Hedgebrook, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Y-WE

8 Outdoor Adventure with Y-WE Nature Connections



Calling all adventure enthusiasts! Join Y-WE on a Nature Connections activity in the 2019-20 school year. Connect with youth and explore the importance of sustainable living and protecting our natural places. Plus, you'll score 4 day passes from Seattle Bouldering Project and 2 Empowerment Water Bottles. Be ready when adventure calls with this fabulous package!

Value: Priceless

Donated By: Empowerment Bottle, Seattle Bouldering Project, Y-WE

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

9 Get Creative with Y-WE



Unleash your creative powers at Y-WE Create, our annual creative design summer camp at the Whidbey Institute on Whidbey Island. 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 receive a gift card from our friends at Ada's Technical Books and Cafe. Take a break from the day-to-day and explore your creative side with us at Y-WE Create on Saturday, August 3rd.

Value: Priceless

Donated by: Ada's Technical Books and Cafe

10 Family Fun: Seattle Storm, Zoo Passes, A Chocolate Factory Tour & More



There's something for everyone in this exciting family-friendly package! Upgrade your weekends with 4 tickets to a 2019 Seattle Storm game, and 4 passes to the Pacific Science Center, MoPOP, Woodland Park Zoo, and a Theo Chocolate Factory Tour. With so many amazing activities, you'll want to show your wheels some extra love with an auto detailing package from Y-WE super champion Mose Auto. Keep up with what's happening across Puget Sound with a 1-year subscription to Seattle's Child Magazine.

Value: \$785

Donated by: MoPOP, Mose Auto, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Storm, Seattle's Child Magazine, Theo Chocolates, Woodland Park Zoo



11 Escape to Stunning Seabrook

Enjoy up to 5 nights/6 day-stay in the newly built "Kale 'n Thyme" Seabrook Beach Cottage on the Washington Coast! This gorgeous cottage sleeps 6 guests with 2 bedrooms (one King, 2 bunk beds) and 2 full bathrooms. Located just a 5-minute walk from the beach, all kitchen supplies provided including an outdoor grill. You'll have access to an indoor swimming pool, tennis/pickle ball courts, and a courtyard with a fire pit and gym facilities.

Value: Priceless

Donated by: Rosemary Przybylski

Restrictions: No smoking, no pets, maximum of 6 visitors. Blackout dates: Memorial Day Weekend, July 4th Weekend, Labor Day Weekend.

Available May-September 2019.



12 Gourmet Vegetarian Dinner with Chef Francis Janes

Chef Francis Janes will serve a gourmet 4 course vegetarian dinner for a party of 6 at his North Seattle home. This unforgettable dinner will be served with regional wine pairings and fair traded coffee. Chef Janes was Chef/Owner of award winning Cafe Ambrosia on Lake Union.

Value: \$500

Donated by: Chef Francis Janes

Restrictions: Dinner will be served on weekend evening no later than March 2020.



13 Pie in the Sky: Celebrate Pi Day (3/14)

Celebrate Pi Day (an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π) with a homemade and hand-delivered pie! Real talk: bakeries sell out of pies each year on March 14, and you don't need that negativity in your life. Raise your heart to secure your pie -- supporting Y-WE has never been sweeter!

Value: Pie-celess

Donated by the following dessert enthusiasts: Steve Andersen, Lesley Carmichael, Caroline Colón, Rose Edwards, Rose Hesse, Cat Koehn, Jen Moon



14 Y-WE Care: Upgrade Your Self-Care

In the struggle for equity and justice, part of our activism is loving ourselves and modeling self-care in leadership. Inspired by our powerful Y-WE Care campaign, this lavish package features an assortment of luxurious bath bombs and beeswax candles, gift certificates for yoga classes and Seattle's first infrared spa, 60 bottles of Iggy's Kombucha, and an incredible dental care package courtesy of our friends at Smile Matters. Step up your self-care game with Y-WE!

Value: \$1000

Donated by: Big Dipper Wax Works, Blissful Balms & Bath Products, City Sweats, Iggy's Kombucha, Rainier Beach Yoga, Smile Matters/Dr. Esi Quaidoo, Trap Vinyasa, Y-WE



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: \$250

Restrictions: Advance booking required

Marvelous Mrs. Maisel

Thanks to our champions at The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, here's your chance to take a piece of this groundbreaking show home with you! Score 2 exclusive autographed production stills, signed by the show's award-winning creators Amy-Sherman Palladino and Dan Palladino.

Value: Priceless

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: \$325

Restrictions: Must be scheduled 6 weeks in advance. Class time limited to Sunday at 9am or 7pm. Expires 12/31/19.

Defy Gravity with Alaska Airlines

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. No blackout dates or restrictions.

Value: \$2,500

Expiration: Must be ticketed before 3/2/20

Feed the Fire and We'll Feed You!

Inspired by our Feed the Fire (monthly giving) program, this is a package to feed your soul and belly! Enjoy a variety of restaurant gift cards plus a Beecher's Flagship Cheddar 8-pound Colossal Cut. Supporting Y-WE has never been more delicious! Value: \$700

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raise your heart

*Ignite is YOUR chance to celebrate and support young women's leadership. Tonight, will you defy gravity for our world-changing youth, and give your most generous gift during our Raise Your Heart section of tonight's auction?
(Select levels detailed below)*

\$7,000

We invite you to join our lead matching pool gift from the Ark and Winifred Chin Foundation! Help amplify the impact of their initial pledge with your own generous investment. Special thanks to Candace Chin, Y-WE Board Member and Mentor, for making this incredible gift possible.

\$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

We invite you to join an anonymous philanthropic family so passionate about supporting young women's ongoing education and career development that they're setting up a scholarship fund for Y-WE alumni! Help this seriously world-changing fund launch in a big way.

\$1500

Healthy meals for a weekend leadership retreat for 80 young women and mentors

\$750

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

\$500

We're deeply grateful to an amazing anonymous donor who has created a new transportation fund for Y-WE! Help grow this world-changing fund by providing round-trip transportation to and from all of our programs for any participant in need.

\$250

Healthy food for 35 youth at a transformative leadership workshop

\$100

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

\$25

Critical supplies for year-round creative leadership programs

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keynote speaker

Kadija Hussien



Kadija Hussien is 21 years old, born and raised in the Seattle area. Her parents are from Oromiya in East Africa. She is currently a student at the University of Washington-Bothell pursuing a degree in Law, Economics, and Public Policy. Her goal is to create a better environment where people from various social groups are able to come together as one. She also hopes to pave the way for young, Black, Muslim women to believe in themselves and gain the confidence to contribute to society.

Dear Kadija,

Thank you for sharing your brave and inspiring keynote speech at Ignite! You show us what it is to be a confident, committed, courageous, resilient, honest, and compassionate leader. You are blazing a powerful trail for future generations of young women as you pursue your dream of becoming a political leader and advocate for immigrant families. You inspire us, and together we will defy gravity and build a future grounded in justice and equity. The Y-WE community will continue to have your back every step of your flight path.

With gratitude, respect and love,

Your Y-WE Family



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Saturday, April 27, 2019

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