



UPDATE

YOUR LENS ON STATE GOVERNMENT

## Letter from the President

*By Renee Radcliff Sinclair, President / CEO*

Dear Friends,

Typically, this time of year TVW has an opportunity to do some important work and planning to support the gavel-to-gavel work of the coming legislative and court seasons. This is when we refresh equipment, focus on producing documentaries that look deep into policy decisions happening in our state, and take a look at our internal policies that advance our mission of serving as your lens on Washington state government.



This year, in addition to that, TVW is addressing some physical needs associated with the tremendous growth we've seen in recent years. In our early days, TVW could cover eight to ten events a day. During the legislative session, we covered one event live while taping another to show at a later time. Today, we are covering as many as 50 events a day and each one of those is garnering roughly 10,000 live online views. To accommodate this growth in online viewership, we're constantly looking at ways to make the online viewing experience as valuable as the television viewing experience. This requires equipment, people, and space. We have a lot going on in regard to that and we will share more about that in the very near future. In the meantime, I encourage you to keep your eye on TVW as we keep our lens on your state government.

And, of course, I look forward to hanging out with you on the golf course on Tuesday, September 19. See you then,

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# Programming Update

*By Mike Bay, VP Programming*

When the Legislature adjourns, TVW enters “interim mode.” The interim between legislative sessions offers TVW a chance to dig deep into public policy issues – often the same issues the Legislature debates during session, but we cover those issues in a different way. Here’s what we’re concentrating on at the moment:

## Legislative Review: Interim Edition

For the first time in 2023, TVW will be producing Legislative Review episodes during the interim, between legislative sessions. Since the program’s inception in 2001, Legislative Review has run during the legislative session, with daily episodes summarizing the top debates that day at the State Capitol.



## 2023 Documentary: Police Pursuits

Each year about this time TVW begins work on its annual long-form documentary. Our 2023 documentary will center around changes to the state law that dictates when law enforcement officers can engage in high-speed chases and the consequences of those changes. Our goal, as always, is showcase compelling interviews on both sides of a controversial public policy issue, and let viewers make up their own minds.

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# Civic Education Update: Meet Corey Paulson

*By Brett Hansen, Director of Education*



Even though it seems that the Legislative Session just ended, we are quickly approaching the beginning of the academic school year, and that is when Teach with TVW really begins to pick up steam. We are excited to partner with more classrooms to engage and empower students and teachers to become more involved in civics and the legislative process.

In order to make our department even more successful and productive, we would like to introduce you to our new Curriculum Consultant, Corey Paulson. Corey comes to us after working in the classroom for the past 20 years, teaching both middle and high school. With a passion for making a difference in the world and an expertise in writing interesting and informative curricula that both educates and empowers students, she is excited to be working with Teach with TVW.

## **Can you tell us a little about yourself and how you came to be an educator?**

**Corey:** I have been an educator since high school, volunteering to teach 6th graders about how our government worked. It was at this time that I learned that it was through teaching, and specifically through civics, that I was truly going to make that difference. I pursued my own education, receiving my degrees in American History and American Ideology. Since joining the teaching profession, I have realized that when you give students a platform to express themselves while also educating them on how to use reliable information to support their ideas, people listen to them. In addition to teaching, I am also a debate coach. One of the most exciting things about debate is that students need to be able to debate both sides of an issue, so they truly have to understand the evidence and the reasoning behind the topics. While civic discourse is phenomenally different from debate, due to the fact that discourse seeks to find commonalities and solutions while debate only seeks a winner, the skills of understanding multiple perspectives are the same. It is the continued development of those skills within our school system that gives me hope for the future.

## **What made you want to join the Teach with TVW team?**

**Corey:** I want to help more teachers and students examine the intricacies of our government, to see where their interests lie, to learn how to see multiple perspectives of an issue, and to learn how to have their voices heard.

# Teach with TVW: Essential for our Democracy

## Why do you think Teach with TVW is Essential for our Democracy?

**Corey:** Through this experience, students learn that the government is not a corrupt and broken place, and that, like them, the legislators are also passionate about making a positive difference.

In the many years that my 8th grade classes have participated in the Capitol Classroom program, students have followed bills that protected Kelp and Eelgrass forests, advocated for gun legislation, supported raising the smoking and vaping age to 21, and questioned the legality of drones delivering packages.

Through discussions with both sides of the aisle, students move out of the “echo-chamber” that the 24 hour news cycle and social media has helped to create. The real life application that TVW provides for my students is invaluable.



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