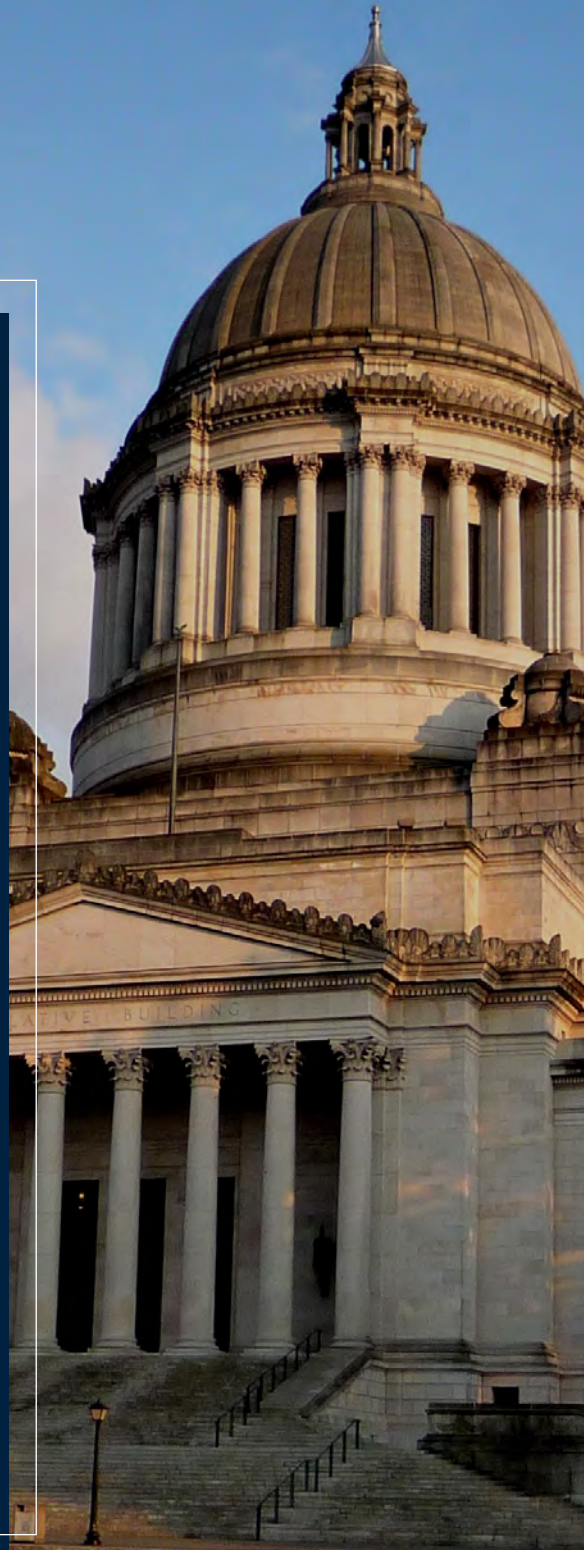




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PILLAR SOCIETY





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We need Washington Policy Center... we need think tanks... to calmly look at things and consider them and bring forward good ideas because I'll tell you - they aren't going to come out of a government that is left to its own devices; this is a democracy for a reason.

Former Secretary of Defense James F. Mattis
WPC's 2016 Champion of Freedom Recipient



A message from WPC's Pillar Society President GREG PORTER



Thank you for your interest in Washington Policy Center's Pillar Society! As the past Chairman of WPC's Board, I am extremely proud to serve as a board member and President of our Pillar Society. As you'll see in this brochure, WPC's Pillar Society is an integral part of our organization, and the support we receive from our valued members is what makes our work and impact possible.

Many Pillar Society members tell us that the biggest benefit to them is the pride and peace of mind that comes from knowing they are supporting WPC and our mission year over year. Together, with the strong support of our Pillar Society members, we are making a difference in our state!

**As a CPA, I can promise that we
are good stewards of funds
donated to WPC.**

I invite you to join us and become a valued member of our Pillar Society. I have been a member since its inception in 2012 and increased my support with renewed pledges in 2015 and 2018. I believe strongly in WPC's mission and I know that supporting this organization through the Pillar Society is the best way to ensure WPC remains a strong voice for years to come.

Thank you again for your interest in Washington Policy Center's work and our Pillar Society. I look forward to welcoming you as a member.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Porter, CPA, MBA, MS (Tax)

Co-Founder, Berntson Porter & Company PLLC
President, Berntson Porter Wealth Management, LLC
President, Washington Policy Center's Pillar Society
Board of Directors, Washington Policy Center

WHAT IS THE PILLAR SOCIETY?

**FOUNDED IN
2012**

**160
MEMBERS ACROSS
WA STATE**

**OVER
\$7.5M
RAISED**

To support Washington Policy Center's vital work and new endeavors, to ensure our impact continues to grow, and to better steward our top donors, WPC launched the Pillar Society. The Pillar Society distinguishes donors who make a substantial pledge which is paid over three years (pledges start at \$15,000 — \$5,000 per year).

WPC's ultimate goal is that Washington state remains among the best places to raise a family, earn a living and run a business. We work hard for you, providing research and clear policy analysis and advancing our goals of spending discipline, lower taxes and limited government.

By joining our Pillar Society, you are putting your dollars toward a time-tested, professional organization that will fight for your principles long into the future. Be assured that we are working hard to give our policymakers and voters the information they need to make fiscally responsible choices.

Along with the distinction of being a WPC Pillar Society member, benefits include:

- Premier tables at our events and conferences
- VIP tickets or a table at WPC's esteemed Annual Dinner (reserved before the event sells out!)
- Invitations to private events with key public officials, business and thought leaders
- Personalized nametag and Pillar Society lapel pin
- Varying recognition throughout the year



Above: Annual Evening in the Desert in Palm Springs. Pillar Society members hear from former Washington D.C Chancellor of Public Schools Michelle Rhee

Below: Pillar Society members enjoy the VIP reception at the Annual Dinner in Bellevue



IMPACT OF PILLAR SOCIETY SUPPORT

Thanks to the support of Pillar Society members, the following was made possible:

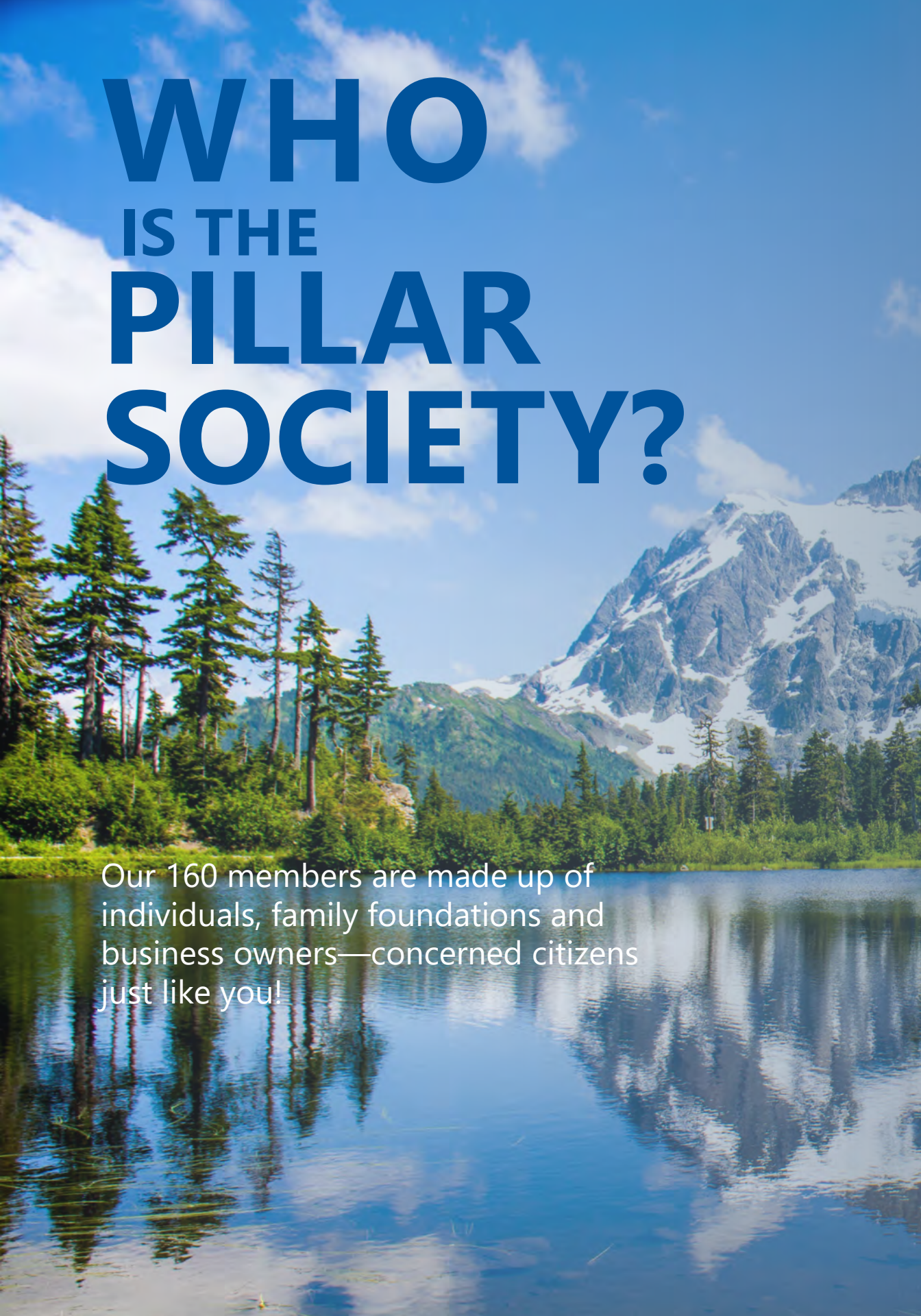
- » Over 1,000 young people are involved in WPC's **Young Professionals** program which works to engage, empower and educate the next generation. The program includes campus clubs at four of our state's universities.
- » **Stopping a carbon tax** in Washington state.
- » Our newest research center, the **Center for Worker Rights**, focuses solely on labor reform policies to end forced unionism and project worker rights.
- » Our new **Initiative on Agriculture** established itself as the premier voice on agriculture policy in our state.
- » Over 3,500 Washington students are now enrolled in **charter schools**, an increase from 1,000 in 2016!
- » The state supreme court upheld the constitutionality of charter schools and dismissed the WEA union's lawsuit—a complete victory for charter schools!
- » WPC is the only independent voice in this state demanding that **charter school** families receive equitable funding and fair treatment within the public school system.
- » WPC is featured in local and national media an **average of seven times a day**.
- » Local governments around the state have adopted our recommendation for a **supermajority requirement for raising taxes**.





Your Pillar Society support will fund programs and key projects, ensuring our impact continues across our state

- » To help keep Washington state income tax free, we will work to make it crystal clear that a capital gains tax is an income tax with a robust marketing campaign and we will contribute to the legal effort to stop the Seattle income tax and a statewide income tax.
- » Instead of imposing an income tax, lawmakers should be focusing on providing long overdue tax relief. This change is overdue and we are encouraging policymakers to provide tax relief with a reduction in the state's sales tax rate. Our proposal has already been endorsed by the Senate and House Minority Leaders.
- » WPC's Center for Worker Rights has embarked on a partnership with the Freedom Foundation to launch a statewide, multimedia campaign to educate the general public on public employees' *Janus* rights and drive them to the well-established website www.optouttoday.com.
- » Lincoln County opened its collective bargaining negotiations between the County and its employees to the public, becoming the first government in our state to do so. They have been sued by a union that opposes this new process and WPC is assisting them in their legal battle. Transparent negotiations have been a longstanding WPC recommendation that have been passed by four other local municipalities so we need to ensure that Lincoln County prevails in this legal assault by organized labor.
- » Washington's latest charter school law, passed again by the 2016 legislature, neglected to provide charter schools with state capital funding for school construction, remodeling and maintenance. This inequity must be corrected now that the state supreme court has definitively upheld the constitutionality of public charter schools.
- » Washington Policy Center will seek to expand school choice by supporting the idea of offering to provide parents Education Savings Accounts with \$18,000, the amount the state provides on average for the education of special needs children. Washington Policy Center will also seek to allow foster children in need to access scholarships of up to \$10,000 to attend a private school.



WHO IS THE PILLAR SOCIETY?

Our 160 members are made up of individuals, family foundations and business owners—concerned citizens just like you!



ROBERT WALLCE

BELLEVUE
MEMBER SINCE 2014

“ I’m a big fan of Washington Policy Center... one of the few organizations I trust to deliver honest, hard-headed analysis of important issues.

BOB & ANNETTE PARKS

BELLEVUE
MEMBER SINCE 2014

“ We love being members of the Pillar Society because we enjoy meeting like-minded people. We know our financial support allows

Washington Policy Center to hire outstanding personnel whose analyses and studies produce the WPC policy recommendations.

SPIKE & CAROL ANDERSON

KIRKLAND
MEMBER SINCE 2015

“ Washington Policy Center is the best way for our family to help preserve the conservative values we believe in. Washington Policy Center has done a brilliant job of shining a light on the those politicians, school administrators and unions that want to run and tax every element in our society. We are proud Pillar Society Members.

JUDY BARATTA & THOMAS PEMBERTON

WENATCHEE
MEMBER SINCE 2018

“ We are particularly interested in keeping Washington income tax free and supporting charter

schools initiatives. The benefits provided to Pillar members was a complete surprise and we had a spectacular time at the Annual Dinner.

BRUCE & BARBARA LIPPKE

SEATTLE
MEMBER SINCE 2016

“ We receive more charitable donation requests every year. Three years ago we decided that donating to a really good cause should help fix the root of the problems needing more money rather than just adding subsidies to a growing list of needs. We decided the one policy group working to solve problems that can reduce the need for donations was the Washington Policy Center.

MIKE & LESLIE DUNN

SEATTLE
MEMBER SINCE 2018

“ Now as the fourth generation president of a Seattle company, our very survival seems at risk due to the overreaching passions of a government bent on saving humanity. The

Washington Policy Center is one of the best ways I can promote a return to the sanity of former days.

PILLAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

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**WPC'S PILLAR
 SOCIETY MEMBERS
 ARE PEOPLE WHO
 KNOW WHAT WE
 KNOW: POLICY
 MATTERS.**

DON & KARIN ROOT

SEATTLE
MEMBER SINCE 2013

Membership in the Pillar Society of WPC is a great investment, one we will continue to make. It provides funds for unbiased research, subsequent policy stands and efforts to inform the electorate on issues of utmost importance in

our state; issues like putting students first in the matter of education, and addressing the foolishness of a carbon tax and other unneeded tax increases. In addition, as you may know, WPC provides us with prominent guest speakers at events throughout the year. Pillar Society members have the added benefit of question and answer sessions with the speakers and in many cases, even one-on-one conversations with the speakers.



KENT ANGIER

BELLEVUE
MEMBER SINCE 2018

More than ever before, I think it is important to have organizations like WPC that work to maintain what I view as the freedoms expressed in our constitution that seem to be under constant assault by people and organizations that want to change how our state and country are governed. WPC provides a voice for what I think are important issues but don't have time to work on myself.

GREGG AND LAUREN BENNETT

KIRKLAND
MEMBER SINCE 2014

Washington Policy Center is the gold standard for better Washington State policy. It is my "go-to" source to determine whether recommended policies or laws make sense for the long-

term benefit of Washington State residents. Too often, we only hear one side, the loudest and best-funded side of a policy discussion. WPC breaks it down so we can hear all sides of significant policy discussions and make up our own minds.



ED & DIANE CAUDILL

GIG HARBOR
MEMBER SINCE 2018

I belong to the Pillar Society because my wife and I believe a long-term, three year, financial commitment gives the Policy Center a better chance to plan their work than relying on annual contributions. We have stopped supporting politicians and now give all those funds to the Policy Center because they get things done that we believe in.



**GAYLE & KURT
ORTON**

SPOKANE, WA
MEMBERS SINCE 2018



“Our commitment to become members of the Pillar Society was initiated by attending both the Annual Dinner in Spokane, followed the next day by a WPC Spokane breakfast meeting on health care policy. Both of us were “hooked” when we reviewed the health care policy materials. We signed up as Pillar members the same day.

Several days later, we began discussing some of the health care issues facing both the young and old with our two granddaughters. The girls are a senior in high school and a sophomore in college. Both are curious, but not yet confronted with paying for their healthcare coverage. To them, the subject was a “black hole,” getting more confusing by the minute.

Roger Stark, Health Care Policy Analyst, rides to the rescue! We shared some of the salient points of Dr. Stark’s white papers on health care policy.

The papers are clear, concise and inclusive of not only this country’s challenges, but also present a clear view of other countries’ deficiencies.

WPC always does an outstanding job of researching and publishing critical issues affecting the citizens of Washington State. For this we are grateful and proud to support WPC efforts as Pillar Society members.”

PILLAR SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

All Pillar Society members receive:

- » Tickets and/or a table at WPC's Annual Dinner events with premier seating
- » One sponsor table at the Solutions Summit (either Bellevue or Spokane)
- » Invitation to exclusive Pillar Society Summer Dinner Series
- » Invitation to exclusive Pillar Society events in Palm Springs, summer receptions across the state and legislative events
- » Invitation to participate in the WPC Young Professionals Mentorship Program
- » Recognition on WPC 's website and WPC 's Annual Report (*if desired*)
- » Complimentary tickets to all WPC events
- » Personalized Pillar Society nametag
- » Pillar Society lapel pin
- » Gift and signed book at WPC's Annual Dinner

Elements of a personalized plan may include benefits such as:

- » Exclusive events with policy experts
- » Exclusive naming rights for events
- » Opportunity to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Annual Dinner
- » Additional benefits around the Annual Dinner and/or Solutions Summit (additional tables, access to one-on-one interaction with speakers, etc.)
- » Sponsorship and recognition of Young Professional college club events (WPC currently has college clubs at University of Washington, Seattle University, Gonzaga University and Washington State University)

\$15,000 over 3 years (\$5,000 per year)

- » Four VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to WWA Annual Dinner in Bellevue
OR Table with Pillar Society location* at EWA Annual Dinner in Spokane

\$22,500 over 3 years (\$7,500 per year)

- » VIP Table with Pillar Society location* (*either WWA or EWA*) and
- » Two VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to alternative Annual Dinner

\$30,000 over 3 years (\$10,000 per year)

- » Patron table with Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Four VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to alternative Annual Dinner
- » Two tickets to Pillar Society-exclusive, Private Meeting with keynote speaker(s)
- » Recognition as a lead supporter at the Solutions Summit

\$50,000 over 3 years (\$15,000 first 2 years and \$20,000 final installment)

All benefits of previous level plus:

- » Benefactor table with Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Two tickets to invite-only private lunch with Annual Dinner keynote speaker(s)
- » Two sponsor tables at the Solutions Summit *either WWA or EWA*)

\$75,000 over 3 years (\$25,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus:

- » Benefactor table with prime Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Two additional tickets to exclusive private lunch with Annual Dinner speaker(s)
- » Sponsorship and donor recognition of student table at WPC Annual Dinner

\$105,000 over 3 years (\$35,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus:

- » Champion table with Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Sponsorship and donor recognition of student table at WPC Annual Dinner

\$150,000 over 3 years (\$50,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus:

- » Champion table with Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Title sponsorship of Young Professionals event
- » Opportunity to introduce keynote speaker at Solutions Summit (*either WWA or EWA*)

\$225,000 over 3 years (\$75,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus:

- » Platinum table at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Opportunity to introduce keynote speaker at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)

\$300,000 over 3 years (\$100,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus:

- » Platinum table at Annual Dinner (*either WWA or EWA*)
- » Exclusive naming rights for Young Professionals Debate Series
- » Donor-named Fellowship on WPC's full-time research staff

**WPC's Annual Dinners are two of the largest gala policy events in the country. Pillar Society location of your table ensures prime ballroom placement. See page 14-15 for dinner table benefits and levels*

Ready to join the Pillar Society?

Please fill out and sign the
pledge form on the right, tear
it out of the booklet and
return to WPC

(see below contact
information)



Sydney Jansen
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*Please contact Sydney with any questions, to discuss the
Pillar Society further or to request more information*

Pillar Society Pledge Form

I am pleased to pledge \$ _____ to Washington Policy Center over three years:

\$ _____ in _____ (year), \$ _____ in _____ (year), \$ _____ in _____ (year)

This pledge will be made as follows:

Pledge frequency:

- Single contribution *No. installments: 1*
- Annually *No. installments: 3*
- Bi-Annually *No. installments: 6*
- Quarterly *No. installments: 12*
- Monthly *No. installments: 36*

Installment amount of \$ _____ (total pledge/# installments)

to be paid in : _____ [month(s)]

This is an unrestricted gift This is a restricted gift for _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please invoice me A check for my first installment is enclosed

Please charge my credit card:

Amount: \$ _____ Visa Mastercard AMEX

Card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

For more information about a planned gift or gift of stock contact WPC Development Director, Sydney Jansen at (206) 937-9691 or sjansen@washingtonpolicy.org

CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION:

Please recognize my gift as: _____

List my gift anonymously

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Save the date for WPC's
2019 Annual Dinners:
OCTOBER 11 | BELLEVUE
OCTOBER 24 | SPOKANE



ANNUAL DINNER SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Annual Dinner ticket and table benefits are included as part of your Pillar Society membership each year of your pledge. Pillar Society members have their seats pre-reserved before the event sells out each year and get premium Pillar Society placement in the Ballroom.

All Pillar Society members are also invited to the pre-event VIP reception.

Pillar Society members at the \$30,000 pledge level and above are invited to the Private Q&A meeting with the keynote speaker.

VIP Tickets

- » Four VIP tickets to Annual Dinner
- » VIP Reception for four guests
- » Dinner with preferential seating
- » Photo with Keynote Speaker(s)
- » Signed copy of speakers book and gift

Table

- » Table of 10
- » VIP Reception for two guests
- » Photo with Keynote Speaker(s)
- » Recognition in program
- » Signed copy of speakers book and gift

Patron Sponsorship

- » Table of 10
- » VIP Reception for four guests
- » Two tickets to Private Q&A session with Keynote Speaker
- » Photo with Keynote Speaker(s)
- » Recognition in program and event video
- » Opportunity to host elected officials at your table
- » Signed copy of speakers book and gift

Benefactor Sponsorship

- » Table of 10 (Bellevue)
- » Two Tables of 10 (Spokane)
- » VIP Reception for all guests
- » Two tickets to Private Q&A session with Keynote Speaker
- » Photo with Keynote Speaker(s)
- » Distinguished recognition: Program, podium, event video
- » Opportunity to host elected officials
- » Signed copy of speakers book and gift

Champion Sponsorship

- » Table of 10 (Bellevue)
- » Two Tables of 10 (Spokane)
- » Invitation to exclusive lunch (based on speaker availability)
- » Four tickets to Private Q&A session with Keynote Speaker
- » Potential opportunity to introduce one of the speakers
- » VIP Reception for all guests
- » Photo with Keynote Speaker(s)
- » Premier recognition: Program, podium, video
- » Opportunity to host elected officials at your table
- » Signed copy of speakers book and gift for each table guest

Platinum Sponsorship

- » Stage-center, premium table placement in ballroom
- » Table for 10 (Bellevue)
- » Two Tables of 10 (Spokane)
- » Private car service to the event
- » Hotel room at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue night of the event
- » Invitation to exclusive lunch (based on speaker availability)
- » Six tickets to Private Q&A session with Keynote Speaker
- » Opportunity to introduce one of the speakers
- » VIP Reception for all guests
- » Photo with Keynote Speaker(s)
- » Premier recognition: Program, podium, event video
- » Signed copy of speakers book and gift for each table guest
- » Opportunity to host elected officials at your table



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