

Jim Peterson, Chair Emeritus, Washington Youth Academy Foundation (WYAF)

Jim was a founding member of the Foundation serving as chair for the first five years. He chose to work with the Foundation after helping to secure the funding and authorization for the Academy from the legislature. He believes in these students and advocates for giving them this unique opportunity to complete their high school education and beyond.

Jim has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Dual Masters Degrees in Public Administration and Public Health and Community Medicine all from the University of Washington. He is a Vietnam veteran and former Army Sergeant. He has over 40 years of experience in the public and private sectors. In the public sector he was on staff at University Hospital in Seattle, various health positions including the State's Medicaid Director, Senior Budget Advisor to Governor Booth Gardner and Chief Financial Officer of the State Military Department. In the private sector he was the Chief Executive Officer of a statewide health plan and the owner and President of Management Strategies consulting company.

Jim is retired and lives in Tumwater. His volunteer service includes chairing three different non-profit foundations.

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