

IT WAS A BANNER YEAR.

Without a doubt, Wyoming Congressional Award experienced unprecedented growth in fiscal year 2018. 169 bronze, silver, and gold medalists were honored this year at the Spring Ceremony in April—record-breaking for our program!

Wyoming Congressional Award also grew its vision in 2018. With the addition of a new employee and a dedicated team of contract professionals, we, too, set some lofty goals. We're dreaming up new ways to communicate the value of this program, new ways to educate Wyoming communities about the life-changing benefits of participation, and new ways to partner with individuals and corporations throughout the state to ensure the growth of Wyoming Congressional Award for generations to come. As the only state in the U.S. to manage its Congressional Award program independently, we're excited to dream up new ways to lead. And of course, to achieve them.

We like to say that our youth are writing their own stories with Wyoming Congressional Award. The program is writing its own story, too. It's been a good one this year.



WCAC partnered with CameraHead Media to create a video about the components and impact of the Wyoming Congressional Award. The video features Wyoming youth and their experiences with the program, and affirms Wyoming's status as a national leader in educating potential participants, mentors, advisors, and partners about the value of the program.



Karmen Rossi was hired as the Wyoming Congressional Award Council Deputy Director in June. She brings a wealth of experience in non-profit organizations and Congressional operations to the program, as well as a personal connection—her daughter, Ari, is a silver medalist working to earn her gold medal by 2020.



Wyoming Congressional Award is committed to supporting the dream of higher education for our participants; we distributed \$71,000 in academic scholarships in 2018. This level of investment is made possible by the generous contributions of companies and individuals through sponsorships, silent and live auction purchases, and paddle raise initiatives. Thank you. We are so grateful.



Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band performed at the inaugural Spring Gala and Fundraiser in April. 400+ people attended and generously raised money for WCAC scholarships. The event drew medalists and their families from across the state to celebrate achievements, share a meal, and of course, to hit the dance floor.

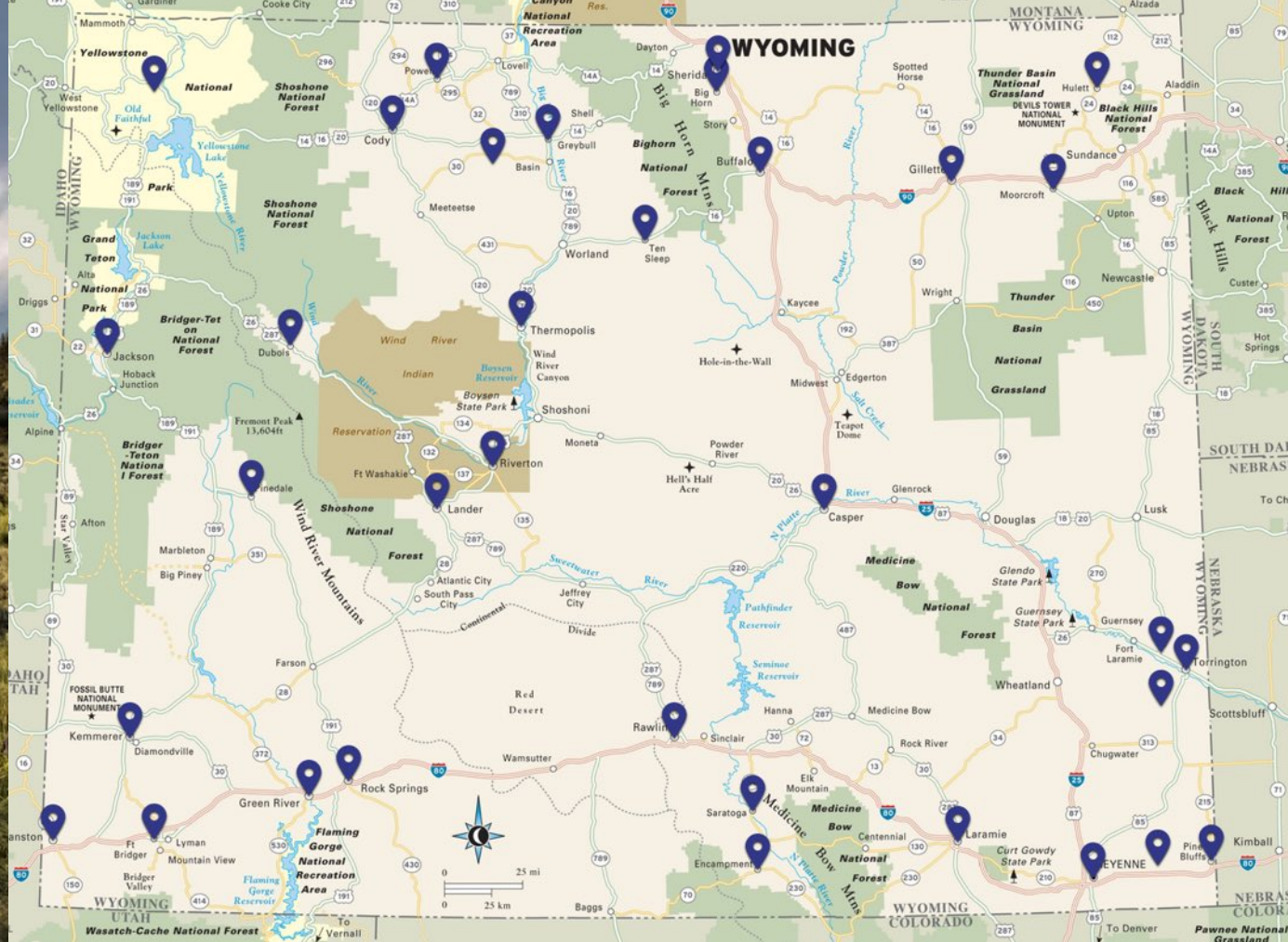


Wyoming Congressional Award Council and University of Wyoming introduced an exciting new partnership to increase support for participants on campus and develop new initiatives for program growth in under-represented areas throughout the state. This shared commitment to increase the impact of civic engagement in Wyoming is exceptional.



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WITH WYOMING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD



During Fiscal Year 2018 we logged 22,486 miles of official travel across the state to educate, mentor, and support Wyoming Congressional Award participants. Our goal: bring the message of service and development to every community in Wyoming!



In June, 42 Gold medalists and 138 family members traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent Wyoming and receive their medals at this year's ceremony. Only California, the most populous state in the U.S., had more gold medalists. Not bad for the least populous state in the country.



Each of this year's 55 service retreat participants logged 35 hours of projects with the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service in Cody, Sunlight Basin, Yellowstone, and Thermopolis. Additionally, volunteers made 72 homemade breakfast burritos and 65 breakfast sandwiches because we know hard work makes you hungry!