An Invitation to Participate

Last year the Future Planning Committee utilized the results of questionnaires and committee discussions to identify and recommend goals and organizational changes to the WES Board of Managers. One of the board-approved goals is to extend an invitation to and encourage the WES general membership to serve on the WES standing and *ad hoc* committees. The Scholarship Committee, for example, can use volunteers who are willing to mentor new and current scholars on campus, support scholar events and assemble scholar care packages. Other WES committees include Finance, Fundraising/Projects, Future Planning (ad hoc), Membership, Nominating, Program and Publicity. Please indicate your interest by selecting a committee on the Membership Information form below.



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WES membership is open to all and is renewable annually. Please select one of the following membership categories. Make your membership check payable to WES.

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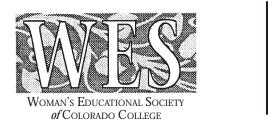
I am interested in serving as a WES volunteer. Please call me to help with:

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Thank you for your kind contribution to WES. All contributions are used directly for scholarships, programs, and projects of WES to benefit students of Colorado College.



Introducing the New WES Scholars

"You have been selected to be named a WES Scholar, and a \$2,900 grant awarded to you for the 2002-2003 academic year will be paid from funds made available to the college by the Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College. In addition, WES will establish an account of \$760 in your name at the Colorado College Bookstore.... This organization of over 650 members exists to assist the college and its women students in every way possible.... We are pleased to welcome you as a WES Scholar and look forward to meeting you in September." Five young women received letters in early spring from WES and the Financial Aid Office bearing this good news.



Laura Fischer was born and raised in Wayzata, Minnesota. She follows a long line of Fischers in attending Colorado College. She is the granddaughter of William A. Fischer, CC Professor Emeritus, and both of her parents graduated from Colorado College, along with her two older brothers. Her older sister will graduate this coming spring. Laura graduated with honors from the Perpich

Center for the Arts in Minneapolis where she majored in visual arts. She worked summers as a gardener and also taught art through the Orono Public Schools. Laura was a contributor for AIDS research and awareness with the Minnesota AIDS Project and The Claire House of Minneapolis. She plans to seek out similar activities in the Colorado Springs area. Her plans are to major in studio art and also explore Latin American studies. Laura also looks forward to taking advantage of the study and travel opportunities offered by Colorado College.



Courtney Giles was born and raised in planning on becoming either a high school teacher or a Schenectady, New York. In high school, pediatrician. she played on the school volleyball and track teams. She continues to run track Natalie Veres was born in the and is now training for her first 15K race. Philippines and lives in Security, Courtney also participated in many fine Colorado. She graduated from Widefield arts and theater productions either by High School as salutatorian for her helping backstage or playing first chair in graduating class. Each year the Colorado the reed section, playing flute in the Wind Springs Gazette selects twenty-five Ensemble, singing in the Women's Choir graduating high school seniors from the or performing with the Chamber Ensemble for community events. Colorado Springs area who represent the She has participated in the Skidmore College Institute for two Best and the Brightest. Natalie was summers where she learned to deal with the pressure of being a selected as one of the Best and the musical performer. She has played the flute and piccolo for eight Brightest for 2002. In high school, she was president of the years and hopes to continue playing in musical groups at CC. Spanish Club and a member of the National Honor Society. In Courtney loves to improvise jazz on her flute and to write poetry. Her passion is rock climbing and hiking. She goes to the addition, she was president of CTG, a Catholic church group. Adirondacks or the Shawagunk climbing area as often as possible. Natalie participated in many community outreach opportunities, Her love for the mountains along with the opportunity to see her including Beehive Homes for the elderly. Natalie was a member of her high school varsity volleyball and tennis teams. She plans brother living in Colorado Springs make her very excited about moving to Colorado. Courtney hopes to major in sociology and eventually to a double major in political science and Spanish at CC. serve in the Peace Corps when she is finished with college. -Nancy Hochman



FOUNDED IN 1889 TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE STUDENTS OF COLORADO COLLEGE



Ashleigh Martin is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ashleigh graduated from La Cueva High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. She has participated in a variety of activities ranging from crosscountry and mountain biking to black and white photography and drama. She has held a position at the local Natural Foods

Cooperative for the past two years and is an outdoor enthusiast. Ashleigh has worked at the University of New Mexico's Molecular Genetics laboratory and was nominated to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in 2001. Ashleigh looks forward to studying the sciences at Colorado College and plans to pursue a major in neuroscience.



Diana Tapay was born in Stanford, California, and lived in Cupertino, California, through the eighth grade. She then moved to Fort Collins. Colorado, and graduated from Fort Collins High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and Students Against Dangerous Decisions (SADD). Diana was named a National Merit Scholar in the spring of

2002 and received the American Chemical Society award in May 2002 for outstanding performance in chemistry. Diana is the eleventh person of her extended family to attend Colorado College. Her principal interests are in chemistry and women's studies. Although she is not yet sure of her major, Diana is





The WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY (WES) is an autonomous community organization founded on April 20, 1889 to foster support of Colorado College. Its purposes are to bring community and college together, give assistance to students of the college and undertake programs and projects to benefit the college, particularly women of the college. Gifts to WES are taxdeductible. *Newsfocus* is published twice a year as a service to members and friends of WES.

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Message from the President

Woman's Educational Society support of Colorado College has been and still is the scholarship program. In 1992 the president, Barbara Arnest, did some research on the history of WES scholarships

and found that in the 1890s a WES loan of \$2.50 paid a student's room and board for at least a week. In 1960 a \$450 WES scholarship paid half of a student's tuition. In 1992 the \$2,300 scholarship helped a student with CC's annual cost of \$20,200. WES now provides twenty-one women with \$3,660 each--about 11% of \$33,248, the 2002-2003 cost of tuition, room, board and books at CC. This academic year we will contribute a total of \$76,860 for women scholars.

In the future we would like to increase the amount of our financial assistance to cover a higher percentage of the cost. This would require an increase in our endowment. During the past year WES has received donations in memory of former members and been the beneficiary of a generous bequest from the will of a man who was given a loan in the 1930s to continue his education at Colorado College. These gifts were added to the endowment. As most of you know, the money for

The centerpiece of the scholarships and projects comes from the interest earned on our endowment funds. Contributions to WES in any amount are greatly appreciated, especially by the students whom we assist.

What else has WES been doing? We now have a telephone number through the college switchboard, (719) 389-7699, where callers may leave messages. Those who have internet access and need to know about WES right away may visit our website at www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES for information about the society's history, projects, scheduled events and news. For more on the website, see the article in this Newsfocus.

Did you know that there is a small auditorium named the WES Room in the basement of Worner Center? It was furnished by WES several years ago and is used for lectures, meetings for on-campus groups, slide shows and movies. The audiovisual equipment needed updating-a DVD player, a VCR capable of showing all video systems, and two new slide projectors-for a total of \$1,825, donated by WES. The college is paying for other updates in the WES Room so that everything will work well and be user-friendly.

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of this year's events, beginning with the Scholars' Tea in September.

—Judy Pickle

THE COLORADO COLLEGE PRESIDENCY **Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future A New President**

Colorado College and the Woman's Educational Society Western Reserve University, was a member of the Council welcome Ambassador Richard Celeste as the 12th president on Foreign Relations and chair of the National Governors of the college. In an introductory mailing about the college Association Committee on Science and Technology. He also presidency, trustee chair Bill Ward '64 was quoted, "We are chaired the Government-University-Industry Roundtable honored that Ambassador Celeste has agreed to take the reins and has been a board member of Habitat for Humanity

of presidential leadership at Colorado College. His life of personal achievement and public service epitomizes our aspirations for every student who graduates from our college of liberal arts and sciences. His vision and rich experience will bring Colorado College to new levels of educational excellence."

Although he is the first Colorado College president selected outside the halls of academia, President Celeste brings an impressive résumé of leadership experience to his new post. A magna cum laude graduate of Yale University and a Rhodes Scholar, he was later Director of the Peace Corps. From his political career, including Ohio State Representative, Lieutenant Governor and Governor for two terms, he is expected



to bring valuable fund-raising experience to his role as college priorities. I applaud the work of WES and am eager to do president. whatever I can to support your continued progress." Celeste was appointed U.S. Ambassador to India in 1997, serving until 2001, was visiting fellow in public policy at Case -Judy Burdick

Generous Bequests Support WES Scholars

The Woman's Educational Society was founded in 1889 and Margaret Reid graduated from Colorado College in 1931. since then has partnered with Colorado College to provide a She was a member of the Board of Directors of WES and was variety of projects that enhance the educational experience of the always interested and involved in the college community. students. The society has financed the building of campus Margaret Reid was proud of the commitment of the board to housing, provided furnishings and renovations in several foster scholarships for all students. Mrs. Reid enjoyed meeting buildings and funded special programs and lecture series. In the and talking with the students and especially liked attending the 1890s, the society became involved in the financial assistance of teas and luncheons. students. Currently WES is providing scholarships for twenty-Cynthia Haymes Johnson was a 1953 graduate of one women. Over the years this assistance has been in the form of Colorado College. After graduation, Mrs. Johnson and her loans, grants and scholarships. Members and friends of WES family moved away from Colorado Springs. She and her continue to support the organization through membership and husband returned upon his retirement, and she once again contributions. In addition, generous bequests and memorial enjoyed the college community. Mrs. Johnson was very donations, as noted in the following paragraphs, further the quiet supportive of the Anniversary Scholarship which is awarded work of WES. to a nontraditional transfer student.

Mr. Alious Rockett was a 1931 graduate of Colorado College. Elizabeth Cresup applauded the quality of the women in During his junior year he received a loan from WES. Because of WES and their commitment of time and energy to the purpose of the financial support of Mr. Rockett by WES, he bequeathed a the organization. Mrs. Cresup felt that WES supported education portion of his estate to the society. In the spring of 2001, the for all women through its scholarship structure for incoming society was pleasantly surprised to receive the generous gift of students. \$29,500 from the estate of Alious Rockett. This money was added Due to the generosity of people such as Alious Rockett, to the principle of the funds whose interest supports the current Margaret Reid, Cynthia Johnson and Elizabeth Cresup, WES is able to increase the amount of financial aid given to WES scholarships. During the past few years several families have given scholars to help keep pace with the rising costs of a four-year memorial donations to WES to honor a loved one. Memorial education at Colorado College.

donations have been received to honor the memory of:

CC President Richard Celeste

International, the Leadership Institute at the University of Southern California, and numerous other not-for-profit organizations, as well as corporate boards.

President Celeste, his wife Jacqueline Lundquist, and five-year-old son Sam took up residence in Stewart House in July; his inauguration is to be on October 13, 2002. The Board and membership of WES look forward to our association with him and his family. Upon his arrival on campus and learning about our good works, he responded, "As I take the helm at CC, I am excited about our partnership with WES – a long-standing one that has enriched the lives of so many young women for over a century. Student financial assistance is among our highest

-Lesley Flaks and Lynn Lindbloom



Dr. Robert Lee with WES Scholars

Annual Meeting's Focus Was Multifaceted Islam

Dr. Robert Lee, professor of history at Colorado College, was the featured speaker at WES's annual meeting on April 27. His topic was "Imagining Islam." The fact and the effect of the multifaceted nature of Islam was Dr. Lee's main insight about the growing Islamic faith in which many Americans and other Westerners are newly interested.

Dr. Lee contended that different Muslims are influenced by many different vantage points when they imagine Islam. The way they imagine Islam does have an effect on Westerners. Recognition is needed on the part of both Muslims and Westerners of the considerable similarity between the multifaceted nature of Islam and the considerable conflict and evolutionary thought that took place in the development of liberal democratic states.

Dr. Lee pointed out that Islam changed significantly in its first two hundred years when its two main branches, Sunni and Shiite, established their roots. At that time, Qur'anic law and a scholarly tradition were established in the midst of differing views of whether there should be primary allegiance to Muhammad's descendants or to the Koran and the perceived practices of Muhammad's original community. Important to today's imaginings of Islam is the fact that it also changed significantly in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Dr. Lee presented many of those changes.

Because the politics of Muslim countries is complex, there often is violent conflict, revolution and repression. For instance, Khomeni in Iran came to power in a wave of repressive fundamentalism; dissenters in Egypt have historically been regularly jailed; Saudi Arabia allies itself with an extremely conservative faction at the same time that it indulges in some of the West's freedoms. Here is the conflict. Human rights advocates and secularists despair of repression, and extreme radicals like Bin Laden seek to rule and control, even in exile. There is also plurality and conversation shoring up civil society, social services, study groups and debate. Iran is a good example of the presence of these elements. However, it is hard for many Muslims to accept that many versions of the truth can be legitimately entertained - a rock solid principle of Western democratic tradition.

Dr. Lee contended that Islam, like Christianity, is currently experiencing dynamic changes through conflict. There is no such thing as monolithic Islamic civilization in the present era. There are individual Muslims and a large set of Muslim states, all of them different. Each state is wrestling with a problem of balance between religion and politics just as we in the West wrestle with conflict and change.

Dr. Lee's closing thought was that we should encourage tolerance and liberalism in all the ways we can. Governments need the support of religion to lend them legitimacy. Also, religious groups need government to protect them, to give them freedom to worship and to express political opinions. There is reciprocal need, so complete separation is impossible. We tend to see the Middle East as ensconced in unchanging religion, and they see us corrupted by secularism. Both are myths, and we must move past them. There needs to be better understanding and recognition by each side of the complex issues of both worlds.

-Lynn Peterson

Upcoming Program Highlights for 2002-2003

WES members and their guests can look forward to another year of excellent programs. Watch for an invitation with specific information a few weeks before each event.

Saturday, September 14, 2002 — 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tour of Van Briggle Memorial Pottery Building Learn about this Art Nouveau-inspired architectural gem and view the pottery exhibit

Wednesday, September 18, 2002 — 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. WES Scholars' Tea — Slocum Commons Greet our new scholars and renew acquaintances with our continuing scholars

> Thursday, October 24, 2002 - 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Fall Program and Lunch - Gaylord Room, Worner Center Speaker to be announced

Wednesday, March 5, 2003 - 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Winter Program and Lunch - Gaylord Room, Worner Center Speaker: 12th Colorado College President, Richard Celeste

Wednesday, April 2, 2003 - 12:00 noon Women of the West Lecture and Lunch - Gaylord Room, Worner Center Beauty Bragg, Visiting Professor, The Hulbert Center for Southwestern Studies

> Saturday, April 26, 2003 - 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Spring Lunch and Annual Meeting - Bemis Hall Dining Room Speaker to be announced

WES members are welcome to attend these events at Colorado College and to invite their friends to participate in programs. The bookstore offers a 25% member discount when you are on campus for the fall program on October 24th.

NEW WES PHONE NUMBER



Thanks to David Lord, Colorado College business manager, WES has a message-only phone number. Please call us at **389-7699** and leave your name, phone number and message. Messages will be checked frequently by a WES board member. If you have questions or comments about our scholarships for CC women, the informative, annual lecture-luncheon series, projects which benefit the CC community, or how to become a member, we encourage you to call us, and we will be happy to answer your questions.

WES ON THE WEB



WES HAS A *NEW* WEBSITE! The address is *www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES*. Check it out to learn about the history of the Woman's Educational Society, founded in 1889; read about our 21 scholars, our scholarship program, and our projects which have benefited CC from as far back as 1889; sign up for our educational and enjoyable lecture-luncheon programs with highly interesting speakers; and see how easy it is to become a WES member. The articles on the site will be updated twice a year. A WES board member will regularly check our e-mail so feel free to contact us with any questions or comments at: <u>WES@ColoradoCollege.edu</u>. Stay current with WES and our activities by visiting our site.

Outstanding WES Seniors - Class of 2002

ERIN BAD HAND

After "discovering" Colorado College through her mother's good friend, Maria Varela, Director of Southwest Studies, Erin Bad Hand, a shy student from Taos, New Mexico, became one of our WES scholars four years ago and a self-confident CC graduate in 2002. During her CC career, she enjoyed her involvement in Dance Workshop, Southwest Studies, sports and photography, was chair of the Native American Student Union and considered her three years of living in the multicultural "Glass House" on campus her best CC experience.

Born in Denver, she grew up in Taos, the oldest of four children - her father from the Lakota Tribe (South Dakota) and her mother of Cherokee (North Carolina), Italian and Cuban descent. This unique ethnic mixture inspired her creativity and encouraged her to write poetry. She says, "My dad dreams in Lakota; I think in poetry. It's the first language for both of us. My poetic meter is the drum. Its structure is the ceremonial song."

Although just 21 years old, Erin is an accomplished poet. At the age of 10, she had her poem, *Colors*, about an imaginary color, published in the Taos newspaper. At CC she began her academic career studying Introduction to Poetry with Professor John Simons in Block 1. In her senior year, with a major in English/creative writing and a minor in ethnic studies with a Native American focus, she concluded her CC poetic experience when the Hulbert Center Press for Southwestern Studies published selected poems by Erin entitled And Then Everyone Can Rest....

Erin is also a sun dancer and singer in her family's drum group called Heart Beat. She says, "Because I grew up to my dad's ceremonial song - to my people's songs - I can't separate that beat, that tonality from my poetry. Now I understand that its repetition and rhythm is the drum, constant and beautiful: the heart beat."

Now that she has graduated, she is working in the Title IX Indian Education Office in Denver, continuing to write poetry and focusing on her goal to become a professor of Native American literature someday. Erin's sister, Erika, is a junior music major at Colorado College and her brother, Jeremy, will be a first-year student at CC this fall. The Bad Hand beat goes on. - Helen Richardson



KAMI COLDIRON

In 2000, Kami Coldiron was the first recipient of the WES Anniversary Scholarship. That fall, she transferred to Colorado College to begin her junior year after completing coursework at Pikes Peak Community College. The Anniversary Scholarship was created specifically for a nontraditional student as transfer students often receive less financial assistance from the college.

This past May, with a major in art studio, Kami Coldiron graduated with Distinction in Art. In addition, she received a scholarship recognizing her as the outstanding senior art student in watercolor. When Kami transferred to Colorado College as a junior with a passion for art, the Block Plan offered her the opportunity to pursue this passion and to concentrate on her painting one class at a time. She also knew that the college's small class size would provide an ideal setting for her studies.

In March, 2002, Kami's senior art show featured lovely watercolor creations of familiar flowers. She described her art show as "... a wonderful experience. I didn't realize how much work goes into putting on your own show." Kami was pleased with the interest in and appreciation of her watercolors, and she sold half of her artwork that was on display.

Kami thrived during her two years as a student at Colorado College stating, "I was amazed at how friendly and generous the college was to me. I received so much more than I expected." Kami plans to continue with her watercolor painting. She also hopes to take additional art classes in design. — Priscilla Engeln

LAURA GOFORTH

Laura Goforth is just where she should be this summer of 2002, in Yellowstone National Park working as a park ranger and having a lot of fun. When Laura was younger, she had many pets and hoped to become a veterinary surgeon. She changed her mind when she realized that a career in wildlife biology would allow her to work with animals in an outdoor setting.

Laura spent eight years of her life growing up in Colorado Springs, and she pursued the idea of attending Colorado College. Her WES scholarship helped to make this goal possible. She found the biology department professors "great." This May 2002, she graduated with a degree in biology, as well as earning the distinction of membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She also found time to serve as a member of the South Asian Student Alliance. Last summer, she found exciting work as a park ranger in Yosemite, leading walking tours and helping at the visitor center.

Laura's hobbies neatly coincide with her career goals. She loves to hike (and finds Yellowstone a great place in which to do it), and she enjoys reading and photography. Some day she hopes to travel to Turkey and Bangladesh to visit with friends she made at Colorado College.

Laura's long-term goals include graduate study in entomology and biology. She hopes for a long career as a field biologist in the Park Service, preferably in the western United States. In the short term, she will complete the season at Yosemite in September and come back to Colorado Springs. She will attack GREs and college applications for graduate school, although she is not yet sure where she wishes to go.

What would Laura do if she were chief of the Park Service? She would provide more distance between people and wildlife, place more emphasis on protecting the environment and further educate people on how important preserving the natural world is for us all. - Gwen Weinert





2002 Anniversary Scholar



WES Scholar collecting the skull from the desiccated carcass of a yellow-bellied marmot last summer above 10,000 ft. near Ouray, CO

New Anniversary Scholar Selected

Rebecca Daly is our new Anniversary Scholar. Rebecca will begin her career at Colorado College as an incoming sophomore. The Anniversary Scholarship was designed for a nontraditional student, and Rebecca lives up to the billing. Although born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, she spent most of her childhood growing up in Northern California where her father taught math at a local college. In 1985, he took a position at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs where her family has lived ever since. Rebecca graduated from Saint Mary's High School and briefly attended UCCS. After spending six weeks traveling though the Middle East, she bought a house just west of downtown Colorado Springs, began working at The Chinook Bookshop Inc. and started her family of pets: an Alaskan Malamute named Hatchet and four cats. Since working at the bookshop, her eclectic library has grown to consume her living room walls from floor to ceiling. Her bookshelves reveal her constant pursuit of independent education - ancient rock art, forgotten English, endangered species, deserts of the world, scat, animal tracks, wilderness survival, car maintenance, fine art photography, bones and biology, dictionaries, fables, philosophy, every genre of fiction and, of course, books on the woodworking skills needed to build more bookcases every year. She has, however, reserved a few bookshelves for her skull collection, her other passion that has continued to grow since childhood. A persistent curiosity about bones and a penchant for problem solving have led her to seriously consider a career in the forensic sciences, majoring in biology and perhaps minoring in anthropology.

-Nancy Hochman