



THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY
of COLORADO COLLEGE

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

Introducing the New WES Scholars

"You have been selected to be named a WES Scholar, and a \$3,300 grant awarded to you for the 2004-2005 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 \$825 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.



Krissy Rutledge has lived all her life in Oregon, and as a true Oregonian she enjoys backpacking, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding and other outdoor activities, all passions she hopes to continue in Colorado Springs. Krissy enjoys traveling as well, and in addition to trips to Alaska, Mexico, France and Italy, she spent her junior year of high school as an exchange student in Costa Rica. At Sprague High School in Salem, Oregon, Krissy participated in a wide variety of activities including marching and concert band, language clubs, AP programs and tutoring. Outside activities ranged from volunteering at Salem Hospital to participating in the Salem Youth Symphony. She worked nearly full-time at the local theater during her senior year. Krissy was co-valedictorian of her graduating class and was recognized as a National Merit Scholar. She is excited to explore anthropology and cultural studies at CC.



Rachel Shaffer was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, attending Albuquerque High School and graduating in the top 5% of her class. Rachel earned a Bilingual Seal on her diploma, was president of the Spanish Club, a member of the Honor Society, a National Merit finalist and a varsity soccer player. Outside activities included being active with Amigos de las Americas, a program that promotes sustainable community development and youth leadership in Latin America. She spent the summer of 2003 volunteering in Honduras. In addition, Rachel volunteered in the operating room area of a local hospital for two summers, tutored bilingual elementary students and worked with Habitat for Humanity. Rachel is an enthusiastic person who loves traveling and the outdoors and hopes to take advantage of the many opportunities CC offers to enjoy both. At CC Rachel plans to pursue her passion for science, following a pre-med curriculum.



Amanda Shaub was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and has lived in Heber, Arizona, since 1996. She graduated valedictorian from Mogollon High School and participated in various activities including Academic Decathlon, drama, choir, Peer Leadership, National Honor Society and the Jazz Band/Music Club. Amanda has played the cornet and trumpet for eight years and made the Regional Honor Band all four years of high school. She loves to be a part of community service projects and to travel. Her travels have included all of the western United States and portions of Mexico and Japan. While at Colorado College, she hopes to double major in Asian studies and education so that someday she will be able to teach abroad in Japan.



Kamaile Taketa was born in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and moved to Bellevue, Washington, when she was twelve years old. Kamaile graduated from Sammamish High School where she was a founding member of her high school's chapter of the National Art Honor Society and was Link Crew Commissioner. During her senior year, she also assumed the role as one of the yearbook editors, was an officer in the National Honor Society and graduated in the top 3% of her class. In addition to school activities, Kamaile holds a great passion for photography and has participated in several private art shows and competitions. Kamaile volunteers each year at the Bellevue Art Fair's Kids Fair to do art with young children. Though still officially undecided as to a major, she is interested in psychology, art and communications and is very excited about participating in Colorado College's study abroad program.



Brittany Wheeler was born in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, and grew up in nearby Golden Valley, Minnesota. She attended Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, graduating in the top 5% of her class. In high school, Brittany was involved in many activities, including National Honor Society, Service Leadership, Spanish Honor Society, the alpine ski team, the lacrosse team, the soccer team and many drama productions. Brittany is also an accomplished singer, pianist and violinist. She feels her greatest achievement in high school was being named a National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing winner. This is a competitive national writing competition. As a result of this award, Brittany found her name among the greatest young writers in the United States. While at CC, Brittany is planning on double majoring in English-creative writing and biology and making lots of new friends.

—Nancy Hochman, *Scholarship Chairman*

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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 **tax-deductible**. *Newsfocus* is published twice a year as a service to members and friends of WES.

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Message From The President



It is my privilege to be the president of such an enduring organization that has, since its inception in 1889, never lost sight of its mission to provide financial support for women students of Colorado College and to support campus projects that benefit both the students and the community. With the help of members like you, we continue to give twenty-one women approximately 11% of the total cost for tuition, room, board and fees each year.

While we are all familiar with the scholarship program, the projects funded by WES are often overlooked, and they are worthy of a review. In 1889-92 Montgomery Hall was built as the first women's residence with \$15,000 raised by WES. Some other highlights include the salary of the first college nurse, 1892-93; endowment of the Marie Sahn Memorial Art Lecture Fund, 1919-49; purchase of the former home of Dr. W.H. Swan for the college infirmary, 1935-44 (\$8,500). WES also remodeled and renovated the Perkins Fine Arts Building to make it a true theatre, 1949-54 (\$30,730) and in 1954-55 purchased a Steinway concert grand piano (\$3,500); furnished and equipped the WES room in the Rastall Student Center, 1957-59, (\$5,000); furnished and equipped a wellness clinic at the Boettcher

Health Center, 1982-85, (\$32,000); endowed the WES Lectureship: "Women of the West," 1989 (\$50,000); and last year we provided \$2,500 for exercise equipment. WES has also funded dozens of smaller projects, but even this brief overview of major projects shows how much we have accomplished.

This year the Board of Managers has elected to raise basic dues from \$20 to \$25. This is the first increase in six years and was necessary if we were to continue to run the organization without using the principal of our endowment fund. Other steps we have taken to insure our financial security are to offer three Southwest study trips that will each provide \$3,000 for the scholarship fund, and we will offer the fourth annual tour of the Van Briggle Art Pottery building. You can read about these projects in this issue of *Newsfocus*.

Recent attendance at our luncheons and annual meetings has been low; so we have made some changes this year that we hope will make it easier for you, your friends, and our scholars to attend. We will start all luncheons at noon instead of 11:30 a.m. and the Annual Meeting has been moved from Saturday to a Wednesday. No luncheons have been scheduled during block breaks. We will also have a lower luncheon price for WES members than for guests. Please come and meet some of our extraordinary scholars.

On behalf of our scholars, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We can all be proud of the work done by the Woman's Educational Society.

—Linda Hall

Preview 2004-2005 Programs Today

As noted in years past WES members expect a season of informative and innovative programs. Here is what we look forward to in the coming months. As always invitations to these events will be mailed to members with specific information several weeks before the event. Also, please note that our October meeting is on a Friday instead of a Wednesday.

Saturday, September 11, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Van Briggie Memorial Pottery Building Tour
(Located on the corner of Glen and West Uintah)
\$5.00 tickets available at the door

Wednesday, September 15, 2004 – 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WES Scholars' Tea – Gaylord Hall, Worner Student Center
Welcome our new and continuing scholars
Renew our memberships

Friday, October 22, 2004 – noon to 2:00 p.m.

Fall Luncheon with Laurie Haeffner, free-lance urban geographer
Title: "The Right Place at the Right Time"
Slocum Hall Commons Room

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 – noon to 2:00 p.m.

Winter Luncheon with Claire Garcia, professor of English and a WES member
Title: TBD
Gaylord Hall, Worner Student Center

Wednesday, April 27, 2005 – noon to 2:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon with Linda Seger, CC class of 1967
Title: "What Makes a Good Movie?"
Recognition of Graduating Scholars
Report of the Nominating Committee
Gaylord Hall, Worner Student Center

One of our themes for 2004-2005 is "Come with a friend."
Why not "come with a friend" to each of these events? See you there.

—Phyllis Hurley

The Right Place at the Right Time

Why does development occur where it does? Colorado Springs was exactly the right place for four very different kinds of industry during four very different periods in its history: the 1870s and General Palmer, early 1900s and the Modern Woodmen of America tuberculosis sanatorium, the founding of the Air Force Academy in the 1950s and "industrial parks" in the 1960s. What factors made this so?

Lori Nicholson Haefner, "free-lance urban geographer" and speaker at the WES October luncheon, is well qualified to explore this topic. Indeed, it seems that her entire background has been building toward this expertise. She holds degrees in anthropology and real estate finance from the University of Wisconsin

at Madison and in geography from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. During her fifteen years in Colorado Springs she has come to know the local scene by working first in commercial real estate appraisal and at the Economic Development Corporation in the early 1990s. Later as the company representative for an aerial photography firm, Lori was intrigued by the city's ever changing shape and texture as seen from the air, especially by comparing current views to older photos. Slides of historic photos and aerial views will illustrate her presentation on Friday, October 22, at noon in Slocum Commons on the Colorado College campus.



Lori Nicholson Haefner

—Judy Pickle

Pack Your Suitcase to Support WES Scholarship

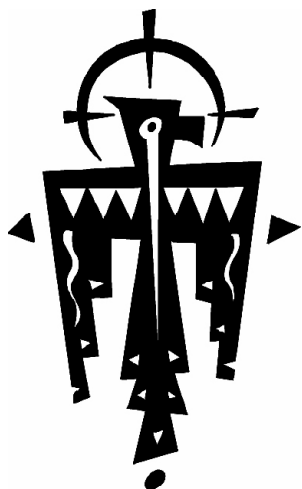


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Ready for the tour, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, AZ

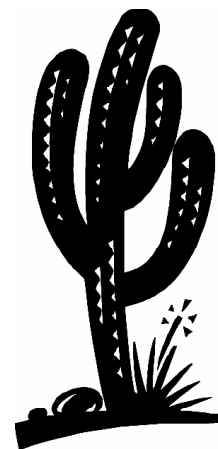
It's really no surprise that a scholarship organization whose name includes the word "educational" would come up with a way to have fun learning and raise money at the same time. The WES Fundraising Committee is offering a truly exciting and unique opportunity to learn while traveling. Three informative tours of the southwest, guided by Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Marianne Stoller, will take to the road during the upcoming academic year.

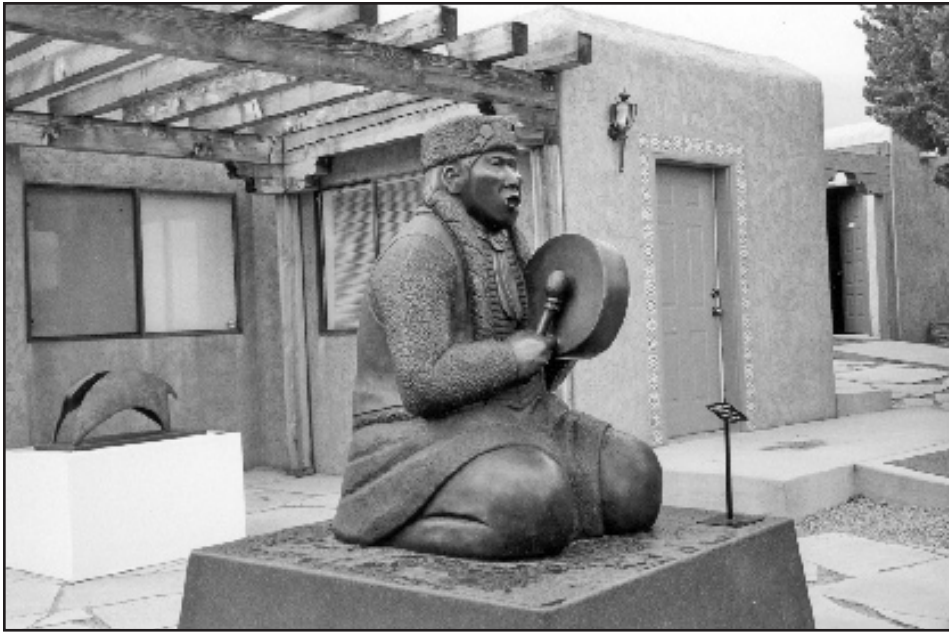
The fee for each tour includes a tax deductible \$100 contribution to the WES Scholarship Fund. This money augments the account from which twenty-one scholarships are presented to Colorado College women annually. For over one hundred years, WES Scholars have infused the academic setting at CC with strength.

As a Colorado College professor, Marianne Stoller taught courses such as *Arts of the Southwest* and field study on *Ethnohistory of the Southwest* through the anthropology department and the Southwest Studies program, which she helped establish. Marianne focused much of her career on ethnohistory, researching such topics as Hispanic and Native American religions, arts and land tenure systems.

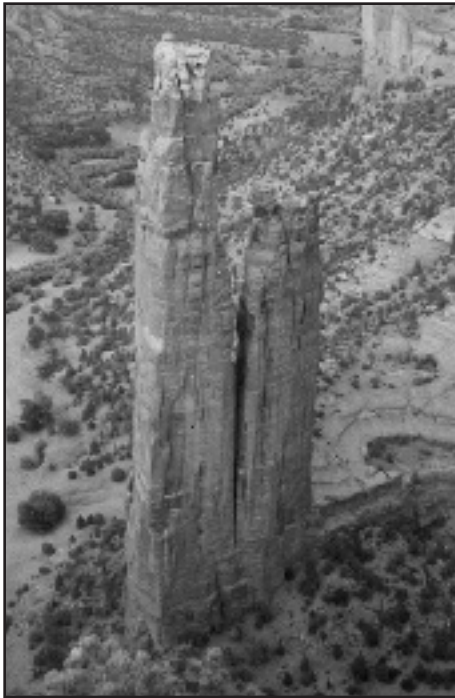


Abó Mission Church and Convento, Salinas National Monument, NM





Allan Houser Compound, Sante Fe, NM



Spider Rock, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, AZ

In offering to lead the tours, Marianne says she “will not be responsible for any temptations to purchase Native Arts!” However, she has offered to provide free (and expert) advice. WES members are encouraged to reserve their spaces early. Tours will travel by commercial highway bus. The tour price is based on double occupancy and does not include most meals.

To find out more, contact Marianne Stoller at (719) 634-4278, mstoller@coloradocollege.edu or Linda Crissey at (719) 630-7999, mlcrissey@aol.com.

—Linda Madden

The Tours

Salinas National Monument, Acoma Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo and Pecos National Monument

September 17–20, 2004

Cost: \$525

This tour is full with a waiting list.

Santa Fe and Taos

November 11–14, 2004

Cost: \$550; deposit of \$150 due September 24

This tour will include Ft. Union National Monument, El Rancho de Las Golindrinas, San Diego Feast Day Dance at Tesuque Pueblo, Santuario de Chimayo, Spanish Colonial Arts Museum, San Francisco de Asis Church, Taos Pueblo, Millicent Rogers Museum and Allan Houser Compound. Participants will spend two nights in Santa Fe and one in Taos.

Four Corners

May 5–10, 2005

Cost: \$750; deposit of \$250 due February 25

This tour will include Chaco Culture National Historic Park, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site (where you may shop for Navajo weavings), Hopiland (First Mesa and possible Kachina dance) and Anasazi Heritage Center. Participants will spend two nights in Farmington, NM, one in Chinle, AZ, one in Second Mesa, AZ, and one in Cortez, CO.

Walk Through Van Briggles History

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual WES tour of the Van Briggles Memorial Pottery building. This architectural treasure, located on the southeast corner of Uintah and Glen, will be open for public tours on Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The building was designed as a working ceramic pottery and tile plant by the Dutch architect from New York, Nicholas Van den Arend, and was built in memory of Artus Van Briggles in 1907 by his widow, Anne. Van Briggles was known for his Art Nouveau style of pottery and his perfection of "matte glaze."



The exterior of the building has changed very little over time. There are many original decorative clay tiles on the twin curved chimneys and on gables, walls and doorways. The sundial and rooster in the photograph on the left are on a south wall.

The interior was modified in 1968 when Colorado College purchased the property for facilities services. Because of the college's careful restoration and maintenance, the original tile floors and fireplaces still exist.

Member guided tours will take place, rain or shine, every fifteen minutes and will last approximately thirty minutes. Because most of the tour is outside, please dress appropriately. Enjoy refreshments at the end of the tour.

Tickets are \$5.00 each at the door. The proceeds will benefit our WES scholarship program at Colorado College. Please call the Woman's Educational Society at 389-7699 for further information.

—Jan Fairchild



Palmer Hall Discovers Its Past and Assures Its Future

Members of the Colorado College graduating Class of 2004 congregated, amid cheers, on the steps of Palmer Hall on Commencement morning in May for their class picture. They had more tentatively gathered at the same spot, as first year students, in September 2000. Above them, carved in stone over the main portico, were the familiar words, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

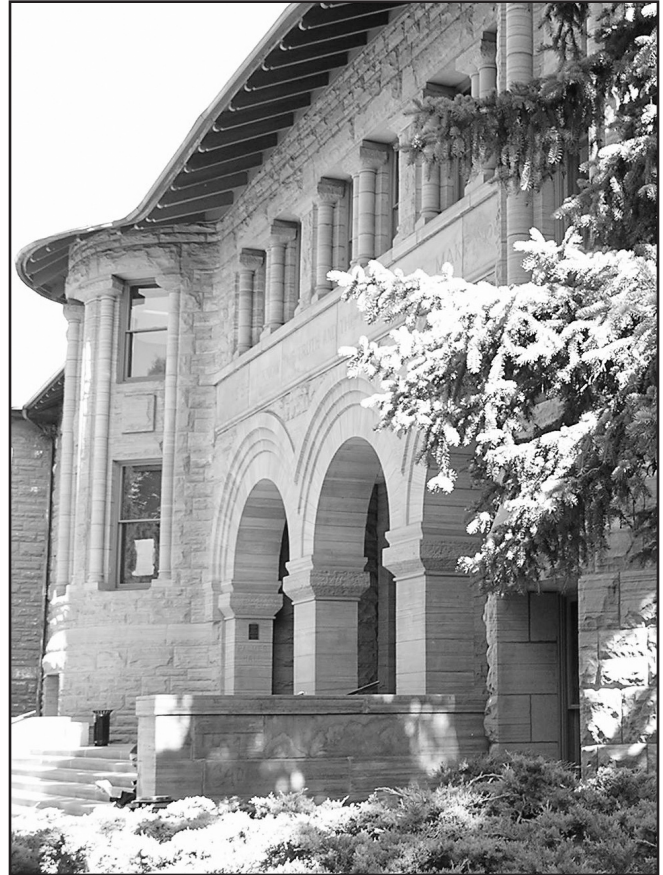
Palmer Hall has traditionally served as the site for the class pictures. Although the faces in the pictures differ each year, the exterior of peachblow sandstone Palmer Hall, built in 1903, has remained unchanged, an enduring architectural and communal symbol of Colorado College, second only to Cutler Hall.

But what is happening inside Palmer Hall? Today, one hundred years later, restoration and change are driving the architects and general contractor and their painters, plumbers, carpenters and electricians who stream into Palmer Hall each day. The interior of Palmer is being restored and preserved “to save the past for the future,” notes Carol Neel, a member of the history department, who serves on the Building Committee. Carl Brandenburg, campus architect, points out that the restoration includes changes reflecting the technology of the twenty-first century.

In 1986, Palmer Hall was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Brandenburg reminds us that Palmer, built and equipped at the cost of \$330,000, could never be replaced. LKA Partners, the architectural firm overseeing the restoration, which will cost about \$3.3 million, used the historic blueprints to reveal what a century of interior remodeling efforts had camouflaged and hidden. Neel points out, for example, that the windows have been restored so that natural light will once again, through reflected light, illuminate the classrooms and their splendid high ceilings. Natural ventilation, i.e. opening and closing windows, will characterize Palmer with one exception, and that is the “smart classrooms.”

Twenty-first century technology will be featured in ten of the building’s twenty-eight classrooms. These “smart classrooms” are learning and collaborative spaces. They allow students and faculty access to technology, such as digital equipment and interactive computers, in interdisciplinary and collaborative environments. The instruments of technology require climate control to avoid dust damage, for example, and the “smart classrooms” will be air-conditioned.

Technology will also make Palmer a safer building with the installation of a sprinkler system and upgrading of fire alarms. The new elevator is wheelchair accessible,



The exterior of Palmer Hall remains unchanged while the interior undergoes a \$3.3 million restoration.

and overall handicap access and egress will be much improved. A new bathroom will be added.

The new elevator and facilities upgrades will be useful, not only for the denizens of Palmer Hall (the geology, political science, economics and business, sociology, history and education departments) but for the Colorado Springs community members who enjoy the programs in the third floor Gates Common Room, a popular venue for lectures, dinners and conferences.

Indeed, President Richard Celeste is promoting an integrated Colorado College campus aesthetic, inside and outside of the buildings and in the landscaping. Such an aesthetic demonstrates excellence in its educational support and is beautiful, sustainable, inviting and welcoming to all. The Palmer Hall interior reconstruction is a model of President Celeste’s vision.

The formal re-dedication ceremony recognizing both the Palmer Hall centennial and the renovation project will take place during the Colorado College Homecoming, Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. And of course, the ceremony will take place on the front steps of Palmer.

—Marianna McJimsey

Class of 2004 WES Scholars Earn Degrees and Academic Honors

On a beautiful spring day on May 17 at Armstrong Quad, Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded to 524 students at Commencement ceremonies. Four of our very own WES scholars were among them. Commencement marked the end of years of hard work by seniors Carrie Aldridge, Malia Arenth, Mindy McNeil and Jessica Rivas.

Our Class of 2004 WES scholars, chosen for their achievement and academic and personal promise, represented a diverse range of interests and study. Malia Arenth of Fall City, Washington, earned a degree in English—creative writing. Mindy McNeil of Ardmore, Oklahoma, earned a degree in religion, while Jessica Rivas of Denver earned a degree in physics. Carrie Aldridge of Gurnee, Illinois, graduated *cum laude* with distinction in biology.

Carrie Aldridge earned two additional academic honors

including the Mary Alice Hamilton Award in biology which she accepted during Honors Convocation on May 4. The biology department award recognizes the top graduating biology student, based on academic performance within the biology department, undergraduate research and prospects for a successful career in biology. She was also inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa society during a ceremony on May 16 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. Inductees are chosen based on their grade point average and high academic achievement.

Congratulations to the Class of 2004 WES scholars for their accomplishments and hard work at Colorado College. We are thankful that we had the opportunity to know these four young women and wish them the best of luck.

—Courtney Arnstein

Consider Helping Future CC Students

Did you know that a charitable bequest to WES will make the difference in the lives of future CC students? If you would like more information on how to benefit future students, please contact Rachelle Latimer, a WES member in the CC development office, at (719) 389-6226 or rlatimer@coloradocollege.edu.



Spring Luncheon: Marianne Martin, President Helen Richardson, speaker Mary Helsaple, Gwen Barron, Lesley Flaks

WES BY PHONE



Our message-only phone number, (719) 389-7699, is always ready to receive your call. You might have comments about WES scholarships for CC women, questions about the annual lecture-luncheon programs or suggestions for projects to benefit the CC community. Maybe you do your best thinking at midnight...dial the message-line any time! Be sure to call if you or a friend would like to inquire about WES membership. A WES Board member checks the line often, and you'll get a quick response.

WES ON THE WEB



Our web site is located at www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES. A visit there is a great way to keep up with WES activities. You'll read fascinating articles about the 1889 founding of the Woman's Educational Society, the twenty-one scholars in our current scholarship program and over one hundred years of special projects. Find out about the remarkable speakers who will present the lecture-luncheon programs, peruse the latest copy of the WES newsletter *Newsfocus*, or download a membership application. The site is your information station about WES. Our e-mail address is WES@ColoradoCollege.edu. We love to get your questions or comments, and you'll always get a reply from a WES Board member.