Join Us as the Woman’s Educational Society Celebrates 125 Years!
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, to give assistance to students of the college, and to 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 Co-Presidents

Peace, happiness, and good health to all in 2014!!

The year is speeding by! We have added new board members and have had successful events for scholars, members, and guests.

Thanks to Sue Graham and the Program Committee for the wonderful Scholar Tea in September, the Fall Luncheon with Michael Howell’s presentation about the internship program that the Fine Arts Center offers to CC students, and the January Luncheon with program by CC chemistry professor, Ted Lindeman, on “The Behavior and Misbehavior of Snowflakes.”

Thanks also to Meg Chojnacki and Laura Hagler, co-chairs of the Scholarship Committee, for organizing the “Meet and Greet” for the new scholars and their parents in August, support with the Scholar Tea in September, and a yummy cookie exchange for scholars in December. There will be a scholar program with pizza on February 27.

Kudos to Sally Metzger and Sue Dilloway for chairing the Ad Hoc Committee, completing the supplement A Quiet Work Continues: WES in Its Second Century, 1989-2014 and organizing events for our 125th Anniversary celebration to be held on Saturday, April 26, in Bemis Hall – SAVE THE DATE!

Behind the scenes, board members and members-at-large worked on finance, membership, publicity, and fundraising, and developing a partnership between WES and the Pillar Institute for future trips.

Thank you to all loyal WES members with the reminder that our membership remains a key factor in the financial support of our scholars. Please renew your dues, spread the word to your friends, and continue to check our website and contact us at WES@coloradocollege.edu or (719) 389-7699.

— Lana Coffman
Beth Zautke
WES Celebrates 125 Years

WES is having a party! Along with the usual annual meeting, WES will hold a celebration on April 26 involving past scholars and members from across the country getting together and chronicling the history of our amazing organization. When Mary Slocum founded WES in 1889 to support the growth of the College and female students in need of “physical, intellectual and spiritual aid,” who would have guessed we’d still be here today? By 1891, WES had raised funds to build Montgomery Hall, the first women’s dormitory on campus, and with a host of volunteers and contributors over the years, continues as the oldest women’s advocacy group at CC. Today our constitution specifies that we “bring women of the community and Colorado College together, give assistance to the students of Colorado College and undertake programs and projects that will benefit Colorado College.” WES has carefully monitored finances, held a variety of informative programs, and worked on fundraising, especially the Van Briggle tours, note cards and educational trips of recent years. Our focus continues to be our amazing scholars as we provide scholarships, sponsor activities for them and mentor them one on one. The ad hoc anniversary committee has also developed a publication, A Quiet Work Continues: WES in Its Second Century, with color photos and articles covering events of the last 25 years, tributes to special members and a list of scholars from 1989-2014. Barbara Arnest, former president and editor of the 100th anniversary publication, A Quiet Work, has written the foreword. Copies of the book will be available in the spring. Former Co-President Sally Metzger is in charge of the anniversary committee and Sue Dilloway organized the book committee with Marianna McJimsey supervising production details.

For later details about the April celebration, check the WES website at www.coloradocollege.edu/wes.

PILLAR LECTURE SERIES BRINGS PEARLS OF WIT AND WISDOM

The Woman’s Educational Society is now partnering with PILLAR to plan our educational and fundraising trips. PILLAR is featuring the following women in a notable series of three lectures, one per month, called Pearls of Wit and Wisdom.

February 12, Sister Nadine Heimann, Provincial/President of the Sisters of St. Francis of Colorado Springs located at Mt. St. Francis.

March 12, Susan Edmondson, President and CEO of Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs.

April 9, Barbara Yalich, Retired Vice President of Colorado College and former WES Board Member, who most recently launched Innovations in Aging in Colorado Springs.

All lectures are at East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd., 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. To assure a seat make reservations by calling PILLAR at 633-4991, or walk-ins are welcome and you can pay at the door. Cost is $10.
Join us for the next WES trip...
FROM ATOMS TO THE COSMOS
EXPLORE
SCIENCE IN NEW MEXICO

Highlights:
* Los Alamos: Bradbury Science Museum, Los Alamos labs, and science centers and walking tour of the Los Alamos Historic District
* Albuquerque: National Museum of Nuclear Science and History and other museums
* White Sands Missile Range: Trinity Site (where the first atomic bomb was tested), McDonald Ranch
* Alamogordo: Sunspot National Solar Observatory, Apache Point Observatory; New Mexico Museum of Space History, Three Rivers Petroglyph Site
* Magdalena: National Radio Astronomy Observatory Very Large Array
* Santa Fe: Art history and cultural museums

**Dates:** April 27—May 4  
**Cost:** $1550 per person  
**Contact:** Sharon Rice, 719-278-0981

The WES Scholarship Fund benefited from our 2013 trip “Ranches, Foundries, Peaks and Science.” We greatly appreciate the contributions made in 2013 by the people listed below:

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We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Sharon Rice, Cathy Wilson O’Donnell and Lana Coffman for their great teamwork in planning and organizing the 2013 WES trip.

Join us for the annual Women of the West WES Luncheon and Aficionado’s Lecture on February 26th. The speaker will be Cindy Willard, Vice President for Community Initiatives and Investments for The Woman’s Foundation of Colorado. The mission of the Woman’s Foundation of Colorado is to build resources and lead change so that every woman and girl in Colorado achieves her full potential.

**When:** Wednesday, February 26th at noon  
**Where:** Gaylord Hall of the Worner Student Center  
**Reservations are required. Please watch for your invitation!**
Focus on Kenzie: About Being a Twin

Junior WES scholar Mackenzie (“Kenzie”) Mulligan Buckmiller claims a unique distinction. According to DNA testing—by way of a cheek swab—she and her sister Maria, also a CC junior, are 99.8% identical. So what’s it like being an identical twin?

“I can’t answer that. Just like an only child can’t say what it’s like being only. But it’s very fun. I have a best friend, a sounding board, a partner in crime. We have our own private communication system. I’ve always had support. Being a twin makes it so I have deeper relationships.”

Although they took different courses, Kenzie and Maria graduated from Manitou Springs High with the same grade point average, “down to the last hundredth” and both were named salutatorians. Maria received a Margaret Tyson Barnes Natural Science Scholarship. Kenzie says they complement each other because Maria is the logical one and she is more emotional. Maria plans to attend medical school and Kenzie is considering nursing school or perhaps becoming a full time paramedic. She is a Feminist and Gender Studies major but may add Environmental Science with a concentration on chemistry.

As freshmen, they lived on different floors at Loomis, but since then they’ve lived in separate buildings at CC—this year Kenzie is in McGregor and Maria in Montgomery. They wanted to have their own experiences and make their own friends, even though—as Kenzie put it—they’ll always have their history of being “womb-mates.”

“We walk the same and talk the same. I love annoying her, but we can’t stand to be mad at each other. That happens if one of us is really stressed out.” They’ve never been apart more than four days and “that was hard.” Kenzie says they’ll probably end up living in the same state. For now Maria is on CC’s Honor Council and Kenzie is co-chair of SOSS, the Student Organization for Sexual Safety.

Last August the girls and their parents attended the annual Twins Days Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio, a town halfway between Akron and Cleveland. They saw 4,096 twins and other multiples ranging in age from three months to 98 years. Besides being subjects of research, activities included a Double Take Parade through town, twins’ contests, twins’ talent shows and other fun entertainment. Kenzie hopes to go again another year.

“It was so cool being around that many twins and talking to them. They understood.” She smiles remembering the experience.

Later in August Kenzie dislocated her shoulder learning to roll a kayak. She had surgery last fall and has spent long hours in physical therapy.

WES looks forward to learning about what’s ahead for this remarkable duo. This summer they’ll travel to Ireland, although visiting Spain and studying in Berlin are on Kenzie’s wish list as well.

REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEES

A Quiet Work Continues

This committee, composed of Barbara Arnest, Diane Benninghoff, Andrea Corley, Sue Dilloway, Marianna McJimsey, Jeanne Stiles and Caroline Vulgamore, met throughout the spring and summer with articles and updates for the booklet. Caroline and Helen Richardson agreed to proofread everything before submitting it; they have finished their editorial readings, and the final copy is at the publisher. It will be introduced and made available at the Anniversary Party (see below) in April.

125th Anniversary

Liz Aiken, Betty Enderson, Judy Jones, Jean Keeley, Katy Lapp, Pam Marsh and Jeanne Stiles sent over 350 letters to former scholars, asking them to update us about their lives since leaving Colorado College. We received over 70 replies, 47 of which indicated an interest in, or ability to, return to campus sometime during this academic year and hopefully for the April celebration. They were given the dates of our luncheons and, as their RSVP’s arrive, we will have a better idea of how to introduce them at the various functions and possibly feature them in the programs.

Please mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a glorious celebration of WES:

WES Annual Meeting and 125th Anniversary Party
Saturday, April 26, 2014 • Bemis Hall • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This Committee will be meeting soon to finalize plans for invitations, decorations, program and food in conjunction with the Program Committee and the rest of the WES Board. It has been suggested that we have a fundraiser or someone to underwrite the expense of the celebration—your feedback would be greatly appreciated. Please email me your ideas.

— Sally Metzger
WES2Sally@aol.com
New Board Members

Ann Burek comes from Erie, Pennsylvania. After she married “the boy next door” she began a life of travel as an Air Force wife. During that time she lived on the west coast, in Maine, Arizona and Iceland. During those years, she volunteered in several libraries and at the schools her son and daughter attended. She earned her BA from Northern Arizona University and later received her master’s degree in library science from the University of Arizona. After moving to Colorado Springs in 1989, she was hired at Pikes Peak Library District. She had a seventeen year career at PPLD in Technical Services and Special Collections. She has been a docent at the Fine Arts Center for six years and is a member of two garden clubs.

Judith Casey served as a classroom teacher, K-12 literacy director and elementary principal. Since retiring from COS District 20 in 2002, she has supervised student teachers and future principals at four local universities. She has a keen interest in supporting literacy development in South Africa and has traveled there since 2004 to provide training for staff in two family and school literacy projects in Cape Town and Durban. She also worked in rural villages in South Africa during 2010. For fun, she enjoys spending time at her cabin in Cuchar. She loves to read and explore new topics of interest through volunteer activities for the Pioneers Museum, the Women’s Foundation, Early Books Early Reading, the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame, Rotary, the Fine Arts Center, AAUW and Citizens Project.

Karen Henderson grew up on an Illinois farm with five other siblings. She attended business school in St. Louis and later took paralegal courses. She always wanted to snow ski and loved the mountains. While visiting friends in Colorado Springs in 1968, she was hired by the District Attorney. She was able to make a career out of a political office for the next seventeen years. She also served on the Colorado District Attorney’s Council Training Committee and planned conferences statewide. Part of her responsibility in the DA’s Office was to work with local high schools to hire and mentor students as interns. Currently she is a docent at the McAllister House Museum, volunteers for the Front Range Herb Society and is a member of the Women’s Ministry Team at First Lutheran Church. She enjoys travel to New Mexico and spending time at her condo in Vail.

Sarah Healy and her husband, Michael, moved from Vermont to Colorado Springs in June. Michael is the new Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Colorado College. Sarah grew up in Springfield, Ohio and graduated from Wittenberg University in 1979 as an English major. She has worked for Elsevier Science Publishing for the past thirty years in various roles – most recently project management. Her work responsibilities have included editing, reporting, budgeting and Six Sigma training. She has served on the boards of the Delta Gamma sorority alumnae chapter in New York City and the Burlington Tennis Club. Her son, a graduate of Saint Michael’s College, lives in Vermont and her daughter attends Prescott College in Arizona.

Helen Knight grew up in the New York suburbs and attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. She did graduate work at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Helen and her husband, Glenn, have been married thirty nine years. Glenn’s career in the Foreign Service took them to Algeria, Turkey and Ottawa as well as a posting in Washington, D.C. Consequently Helen enjoyed a variety of careers including teaching music, working in the gifted program in COS District 20 and being the executive assistant to the CEO of Chef’s Catalog. Now retired, Helen enjoys reading, birding, hiking, classical music and travel. Her son, his wife and the Knight’s two grandchildren live in the Indianapolis area. Helen’s daughter is a graduate student in scenic design at the University of Connecticut.
Rosalyn Knepell. Roz was born into an Air Force family which eventually settled in Colorado Springs. She attended Wasson High School but did not graduate as she went to Goucher College in Baltimore after her junior year. After one year there, she “saw the light” and transferred to Colorado College where she majored in psychology and math. She and Peter, an Air Force Academy cadet, were married in 1967. While Peter enjoyed his Air Force career, Roz took as many premed courses as possible. In 1978 she started medical school at the University of Colorado and finished her residency in psychiatry in 1987. She was in private solo practice in Colorado Springs until she retired in 2005 because of MS. She volunteers with Susan G. Komen on the grant recipient selection committee and travels extensively with Peter. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Barbara May is a Colorado Springs native. She attended high school at St. Scholastica Academy in Canon City. Following two years at Seattle University, she transferred to the University of Colorado and earned a bachelor of science degree. With relatives in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, she moved to Milwaukee. Barbara lived there for thirty years and practiced physical therapy. The majority of her experience was for in-patient adult rehab programs. She was a member of the Milwaukee Choristers for many years and and sang with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus for three years. She returned to Colorado Springs in 1998 and enjoys reading, many of the needle arts and traveling. Barbara first learned about WES via an advertisement for the Bent’s Old Fort Tour.

Monique Michaud was raised in a French-Canadian community in Maine and earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Regis College in Weston, MA. After a three month hiatus in Puerto Rico, Monique joined the Air Force and served twenty years as a personnel officer. She has a master’s in counseling psychology from Ball State University. She met her husband when they both were stationed in Colorado Springs. They retired at the same time and spent a year traveling before settling in Monument. Monique has three stepdaughters who live in the Colorado Springs area. Her love of cooking inspired her to turn a hobby into a second career. She worked in professional kitchens for ten years. Her third career was with Edward Jones Investments until she retired in 2008. She loves to read, cook and travel. She and Richard walk two or three miles a day thanks to their dog, Leo.

Crystal White was born on Plattsburgh Air Force Base in upstate New York. Both of her parents were Air Force officers. She graduated from high school in Farmington, Minnesota in 1987 and then received an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. She attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Dayton Beach. She received a BS in engineering physics and minored in math. While on active duty, she was stationed at bases across the country as well as Kosovo, Germany and Iraq. She retired in 2012 and earned a master’s in human factors engineering from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She is currently using the VA Post 9/11 GI Bill to obtain a degree in procurement and program management. She volunteers at the ReStore, works part time at JCPenney and hopes to work as a contracting officer after finishing her degree.

The Many Ways WES Helps

Recently discovered: in 1948, WES helped CCC students with the expenses of producing "Arms and the Man," as this program suggests. Each current member of WES was listed in the program. WES has helped the college in so many ways through the years! It was provided to the college by Bill Murray, class of ’48.
Women’s Educational Society Membership List

The following list reflects the membership paid from January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013. All contributions above the $25 membership dues are used for scholarships, programs and projects of WES to benefit students of Colorado College. Please notify us of any additions or corrections at (719) 389-7699.

*Designates current WES Board member

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Thank You to Our Mentors!

One of the many wonderful aspects of The Woman’s Educational Society of Colorado College is the mentoring program. We sponsor twenty-one college women, and each of these scholars has a mentor. Generally, new freshman scholars and their parents meet their mentors for the first time at the “Meet and Greet” in August. There are many additional opportunities for the scholars and their mentors to socialize such as the Scholar Tea in September, the WES Luncheon in October, and this year, the Cookie Exchange in December.

Ideally, the scholars and mentors stay together for four years. However, circumstances do change and if necessary, another WES member will step into the mentoring role. Typical of the group, everyone cooperates, and the program runs very smoothly.

Of course, each relationship is unique. Some pairings are happy with occasional phone calls and notes. Other pairings spend more time together such as lunches together, or in one particular case, several trips back and forth to Denver International Airport. Mentors are always available to answer questions and offer advice regarding WES programs such as grants. Additionally, they support their scholars by attending sporting events, concerts, plays, art shows, and the like.

One of our newest mentors, Cayla Schreibman, was a WES Scholar and wanted to be a mentor so that she could, in part, show her gratitude for her own wonderful mentor B Fox. Watching the mentors meet with their scholars at the Cookie Exchange was a wonderful experience. There were lots of hugs and non-stop chatting! Obviously, these relationships are truly a win-win and will last far longer than four years.

Spring Semester WES Grants

Through the Bryson and Slocum Funds, WES is able to offer our scholars grants to help with expenses associated with study abroad, off campus study, and special projects. Laura Hagler, one of the Scholarship Co-Chairs, sent application forms to all 21 scholars. The due date for spring semester requests was December 1, 2013. On December 5, the Scholarship Committee met and chose the following recipients:

- Kayla Fratt received $400.00 for the EMT adjunct course at The Colorado College. Kayla hopes that the EMT certification will make her more competitive for summer and post-college positions such as NPS Park Ranger, a member of the Peace Corps, and professional guiding.
- Anna Kisken received $500.00 for a study abroad program in Denmark for the spring semester of 2014. Anna says this will be an opportunity to continue to pursue her interest in psychology and religion. She hopes to experience more places, people, and ideas.
- Anna Dahyun Lee received $500.00 to assist in defraying application fees for dental school. Anna thanks WES for already supporting her education and for providing even more assistance for her future.

Grant requests for the summer and fall semester of 2014 are due on May 1, 2014.
MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues are payable anytime during the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. Dues for 2014 may be paid now. Life and Silver Special Members do not pay dues but are encouraged to make a donation to the WES Scholarship Fund. All contributions to WES are for scholarships, programs, and projects which benefit students of Colorado College and are tax deductible.

- Annual Dues $25
- Baccalaureate $26-$49
- Cum Laude $50-$99
- Magna Cum Laude $100-$499
- Summa Cum Laude $500 and above
- Life, Silver Special, Ex-officio, Honorary
- New Member
- Renewal
- Scholarship Fund
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Would you like to become more involved with WES? Whether you are part of Colorado College or from the Colorado Springs community at large, we invite you to join the WES Board and become involved with our activities which benefit outstanding students.

We meet the first Thursday of the month except January, July, and August. You may choose from a variety of committees: Finance, Fundraising, Membership, Nominating, Program, Publicity or Scholarship. Board members are also mentors to the WES scholars. Another way to participate is by serving as a Member-at-Large on one of our committees.

You CAN make a difference in a student’s life. If you would like to join our efforts or have questions, please leave a message for us at (719) 389-7699 or at WES@ColoradoCollege.edu.
December Cookie Exchange

What beats homemade cookies and hot cocoa on a cool winter evening?

Why, cookies and cocoa with WES Scholars, of course! Many thanks to Laura Hagler, who organized a wonderful event for our scholars.