



THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY
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FOUNDED IN 1889 TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE STUDENTS OF COLORADO COLLEGE

Introducing Our New WES Scholars



A **Amairani Alamillo** was born in Los Angeles, but she practically grew up in Fountain, Colorado. She is the oldest of three siblings; her sister is thirteen and her brother is ten years old. She attended Fountain-Ft. Carson High School, where she took college courses and Advanced Placement (AP) classes. She was involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Student to Student (assisting new military kids in the district), LINK (upperclassmen helping freshmen transition to high school), and Key Club (community service and fundraising). She started the program Soul Mate which teaches teenagers how to be healthy and safe in a relationship and encourages students to be abstinent. She graduated as one of the valedictorians and will become the first in her family to attend college. Her passion is to assist the less fortunate; for example, she tutors students at a nearby elementary school. In church, she started a youth group and encouraged teenagers to set up car washes, coat drives, and soup kitchens to help the elderly and needy people in her community. Last year she became a Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America Scholar and took a 7-week intensive course at Princeton University. She plans on double majoring in biology and Spanish at CC and then attending medical school to become a pediatrician. She also has interest in biomedical sciences and hopes to study HIV and cancer.



T **Tessa Allen de Oliveira** was born in Colorado Springs as a first-generation Portuguese-American. She graduated summa cum laude from Cheyenne Mountain High School in 2011 after four years of developing her passion for foreign language, classic literature and volunteerism. During her high school career, she was a member of the National Honor Society, served as a peer counselor, and took many AP courses. In her free time, she reads zealously, explores the Colorado outdoors, and finds beauty in old and run-down items by creating handicrafts. Although unsure about her major, she is enthusiastic about taking part in the vast array of academic and extracurricular opportunities CC offers. After a year away from school, she is thrilled to continue her intellectual journey at Colorado College. Tessa is very grateful to WES for their generosity and commitment to education and considers herself exceedingly fortunate to have been chosen for this scholarship.



C **Chloe Edeal** was born and raised in the desert suburbs of Rio Rancho, New Mexico with her loving parents, Valerie and Dennis, and her younger brother Connor. She performed very well in her schools' gifted programs, eventually graduating seventh out of a class of over 400 at V. Sue Cleveland High School. She served as the vice-president of Boy Scout Venturing Crew 17, and was a National Honor Society member, math tutor, Homecoming duchess, and president of her school's Key Club, logging many hours of volunteer work for her community. Following her passion for writing and design, Chloe worked on the yearbook staff for five years, carrying her middle school obsession into high school. She ultimately became the editor-in-chief for both junior and senior year, leading a staff of peers to produce a sold-out, nationally-acclaimed publication. In her spare time Chloe enjoys studying Spanish, practicing piano, and antagonizing her cat, and would like to continue her studies at Colorado College in anthropology and physics.

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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, 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



As this academic year unfolds, we applaud our talented WES freshmen scholars. Reading their accomplishments and aspirations was humbling; they will be going places! Last spring two of our seniors, Emily Conway and Emily Moore, received Phi Beta Kappa honors.

We've said farewell to long-serving Board members (still welcoming their wisdom and input) and gained new members as well. Consider joining us to help outstanding students. See the membership page in



this issue for information about becoming a part of the WES Board.

Our Scholarship and Program Committees have created innovative activities for the coming year and we invite you to attend. Fundraising and Publicity Committees are working on another Van Briggles tour coming up September 15th. With help from George Eckhardt and Dan Crosse at CC, our tours get better each year, and our Van Briggles note cards and bookmarks remain in demand.

Our popular WES trips, begun by Dr. Marianne Stoller, continue to raise scholarship funds with help from Dr. Sharon Rice—they visited Bent's Old Fort last June. Marianne has more ideas for future trips so stay tuned.

We honor the rich traditions organized by Mary Slocum in 1889. In less than a year and a half, WES will be 125 years old. We continue with plans to supplement *A Quiet Work*, the booklet that originally commemorated our 100th anniversary, and was edited by Barbara Arnest.

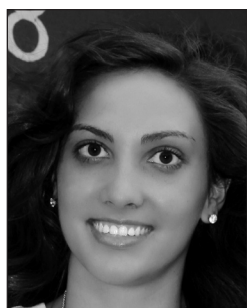
Finally, none of our activities will succeed without a solid membership base. Whether you are part of The Colorado College or the Colorado Springs community at large, spread the word about joining WES. We make a difference. Contact us at WES@coloradocollege.edu or (719) 389-7699.

—Caroline Vulgamore and Shirley Woolley

New WES Scholars, continued



Kayla Fratt was born in Steamboat Springs, Colorado but raised in northern Wisconsin. She and her family live on 40 acres of forest with four ponds and a creek, fostering her love for the outdoors. Cross-country skiing, biking, kayaking, hiking, camping, Latin Dance, photography, writing, and swimming fill her time. Vegetarian and animal-loving, she is an animal rescuer and homing pigeon trainer. Every year, she hatches out chickens to raise funds for the charity Heifer International. While at Ashland High, Kayla challenged herself with a full course load, taking many advanced and AP classes. She also traveled to Central America several times and participated in a three-week exchange program to Spain. During her junior year, Kayla spent a semester at Conserve School, an environmental boarding school. There, she blossomed into an environmental activist while sharpening her outdoor skills. She then spent six months in Panama as an exchange student. With a machete in hand, she learned agricultural practices of the Ngobe people at a school for indigenous farmers' children. She has worked as a lifeguard and farm hand, and is currently employed with the National Park Service as a kayak outfitter, leading trips to the islands and sea caves of Lake Superior. Kayla plans to continue adventuring and learning at Colorado College by creating her own major involving in education, culture, environmental issues, and media. After college, she plans on participating in the Peace Corps.



Devon Lucero was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado. She grew up in a small family with her older brother as her guide. At a young age she learned to play volleyball and fell in love with the sport. Her love and practice earned her a spot on Pueblo County High School's varsity team all four years. She served as captain for both her high school team and her club team during her senior year. She is excited to continue her volleyball career the next four years as a Colorado College Tiger. Volleyball came in second only to Devon's school work. She graduated this spring as class valedictorian. While she was in high school she participated in many clubs including the National Honor Society and Key Club, and she was the president of her high school's spirit club, the County Rowdies. Devon spends her summers working with children. She is a counselor at YMCA Camp Jackson, a summer resident camp in Rye, Colorado, where she is able to share some of her favorite outdoor hobbies such as rock climbing and canoeing with her campers. Devon also coaches volleyball camps so that she can instill her love of volleyball in the children she coaches. Devon thinks that she is a great fit for Colorado College and she can't wait to begin her adventure there and discover what she wants to major in and spend her life doing. Devon would like to extend a big thank you to WES for this opportunity and her parents and brother for being such a huge support system in her life.



Because WES Scholar Christa Carroll graduated a year early, the WES Board voted to extend a one year scholarship to Brianna Traxinger for her senior year at CC. We are delighted to welcome her to the WES family!

Brianna Traxinger is a senior biology major from Anchorage, Alaska. Over the past three years she has been an active Outdoor Recreation Committee trip leader and backcountry enthusiast, a trumpet player in the Tiger Jazz Ensemble, a member of the Club Soccer team, and the manager of the on-campus Fair Trade Coffee Co-op. In addition to her science major, she also studies Spanish and English and enjoys traveling to Latin America, writing, and dabbling in journalism. After CC, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue health-related research and eventually combine her love of science and Spanish in order to become a bilingual researcher in the field of human disease.



Don't Miss This Year's Van Briggie Pottery Tour!

Our annual Van Briggie Pottery tour is your opportunity to enjoy the beauty and history of the Van Briggie building, on the National Register of Historic Places, while directly supporting our scholars. Come see what's new this year. Enjoy the tour and reconnect with old friends.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO ENJOY...

THE VAN BRIGGLE POTTERY TOUR



ONE DAY ONLY!

Saturday, September 15, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

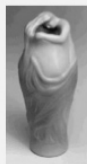
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TICKETS \$10 AT THE DOOR

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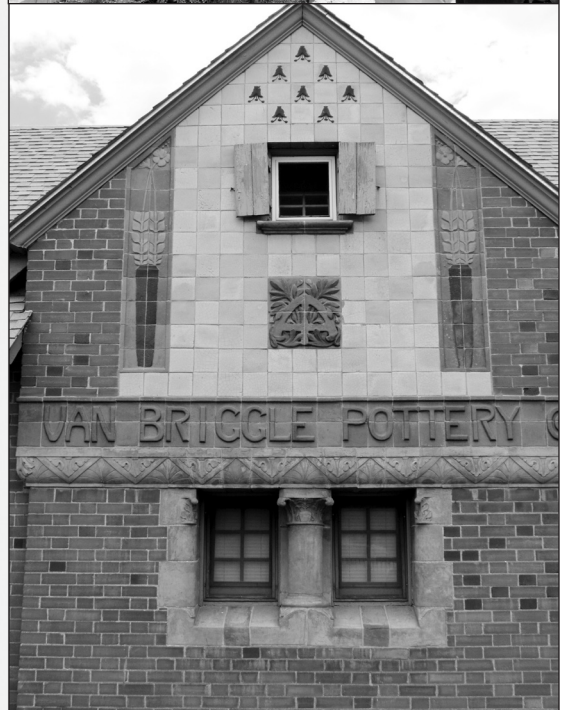
- LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE AND WORK OF ARTUS VAN BRIGGLE
- TOUR THE BUILDING — FEATURED ON ANTIQUES ROADSHOW!
- COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS



Sponsored by the Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College, a non-profit organization.

Tour proceeds benefit scholarships for students at Colorado College.

For more information, please visit: www.coloradocollege.edu/other/wes/



Upcoming Events



Tea Time

Please join us for the 2012 Scholars Tea on Thursday, September 13th at Stewart House, 1228 N. Wood Avenue, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. All members are invited to meet our scholars in this beautiful setting. RSVP to Sharon Rice at (719) 278-0981.

Fall Luncheon

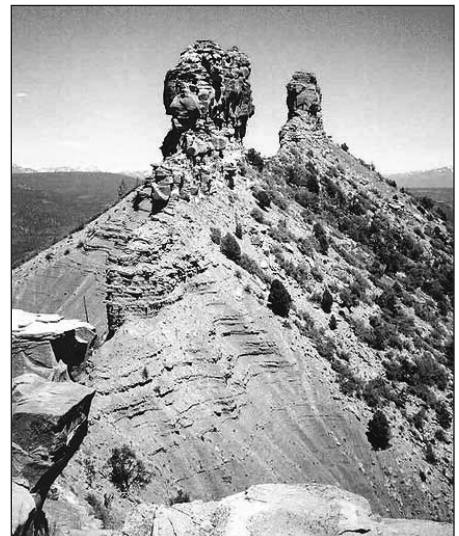
Save the date for the fall luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 30th in the Worner Center at noon. Colorado College Professor Scott Krzych will demonstrate how the media influences how people vote. This will be a timely topic with the elections the following week!

Don't Miss the Fall WES Trip along the Old Spanish Trail



Climb aboard the bus on September 27th for our next travel adventure “Autumn Splendors in the San Luis Valley and Southern San Juan Mountains”. Join us as we venture into Penitente Canyon to view Native American and Hispanic Rock Art in the La Garita Mountains, visit the newly opened Southern Ute Cultural Center in Ignacio, travel into New Mexico on the historic Cumbres & Toltec train, and experience the rising of the Harvest Moon over ancient ancestral Pueblo ruins at Chimney Rock while listening to Native American flute music. Spectacular fall foliage? Sandhill Cranes? Potato harvest? Alligators? Yes, all this and more awaits on our once-in-a-lifetime trip, September 27 through September 30, into the spectacular southern Colorado mountains. Join us for this amazing 4-day, 3-night journey!

Each \$700 tour fee includes a \$100.00 donation to the WES scholarship fund. For more information contact Sharon Rice (719) 278-0981, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell (719) 635-9740 or Lana Coffman (719) 291-0120.



Congratulations To Our 2012 WES Scholars



Emily Conway and Emily Moore at the Phi Beta Kappa event

ALL of our graduating WES scholars were recognized at the Scholarship Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. The dinner was hosted by Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler, President of Colorado College.

Christa Carroll graduated with Distinction in Art: Art History, cum laude.

Emily Conway graduated with Distinction in Anthropology and Distinction in Economics, magna cum laude. She also received the H. Marie Wormington Award in Anthropology and the Kenneth J. and Elizabeth Hare Curran Award in Economics.

Ann Evankow graduated with Distinction in Biology, cum laude. She also received the Enderson Award in Conservation Biology.

Theresa Galli graduated with Distinction in Economics, cum laude.

Emily Moore graduated with Distinction in Sociology, magna cum laude.

Emily Conway and **Emily Moore** were also inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Congratulations to all! We are so proud of you!



Scholars and Board Members at the Scholarship Appreciation Dinner

WES extends a very warm welcome to our newest Board Members!

Elaine Derbenwick has a B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut where she majored in music. She earned her Masters degree at Stanford majoring in education. She moved to Colorado Springs in 1980 when her husband took a position with Inmos Corporation. She worked for 14 years in school administration in Academy District 20. Her volunteer work includes being a docent at the Fine Arts Center, working with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. She is currently working half time as a consultant to the Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Children's Unit, Gifted Education. She has three daughters and seven grandchildren.



Sue Graham moved to Colorado in 1971. After graduating summa cum laude from Adams State with a degree in medical technology, she had a 32 year career with Centura Health. She and her husband, John, are long time residents of Manitou Springs. Sue has been very active in that community and is presently serving on the Mineral Springs Board. Both of her sons are pursuing degrees in nuclear engineering. Her hobbies include gardening, skiing, and hiking. Sue was the first woman member of the AdAmAn Club.

Andrea Pacheco grew up in Colorado Springs where she attended District 2 schools. She graduated from Smith College in 2002 with a BA in sociology. Since 2005 she has worked in Annual Giving at Colorado College. Andrea is continually grateful for the liberal arts education she received and the scholarships and financial aid that made her education possible. This sense of gratitude is at the core of her passion for higher education fundraising. In her spare time, Andrea enjoys volunteering, hiking and photography.



The Joys of Being a WES Mentor

by B. Fox

A little over a year ago, I spoke on the phone for a brief time with the mother of Anna Kisken. Anna was about to leave her home in Fairbanks, Alaska and become a first year student at CC and a WES Scholar. After speaking with her mother, it became very clear to me that I might be the best suited mentor for this bright young lady. I was living in Alaska when it became a state; I love animals and love sports as does Anna.



B. Fox

The evening of the welcome event for the first year scholars, I walked right past Anna going into the building and didn't know it was her. Finally we connected at the gathering. Anna was very shy and somewhat reserved, but pleasantly forthcoming with conversation. Actual bonding, being several generations removed, comes slowly, but it did come and it is beyond special.

Last fall I was able to shop with Anna and attend her soccer games and cheer her on. As the year progressed, when time allowed, we visited and shared food together, and I so enjoy her company. Anna is a very self-reliant

young lady. She adjusted to college life without hesitation or reservation, but there were a few times that I was able to give her a bit of assistance. It was good for her and good for me.

Technology has encouraged us to communicate to our hearts' content this summer, from the land of the northern lights to the base of the Rocky Mountains and back. This has been a great summer for Anna. She is a master adjuster, given the near 24 hours of daylight and climate differences. Anna worked all summer in a horse/dog kennel; exhausting work, but she loved it. The delight of her summer was her family, her job and her horse, Hoss. She rode, she cared for and she loved Hoss. Anna's mother took on a huge challenge this summer by trekking the famous Chilkoot Trail. While she was away, Anna took over the chores of the home and their massive picturesque garden. In Alaska everything grows bigger and faster. Anna's mother is a gifted gardener and Anna felt the pressure of keeping it all growing in her mother's absence. Along with playing in Ultimate Frisbee tournaments, gardening, riding, and working, she acquired a position working with disabled children for next summer. Leaving Alaska was a tiny bit traumatic for Anna, but she was anxious to return to CC to get started on her sophomore year.

Personally, I am happy to have her back at CC. I missed her and I am excited with the onset of the women's club soccer season at CC.

In the beginning of my board membership with WES, I had another mentee, Cayla Schreiber, whose friendship I deeply treasure to this day, several years later. The joys of being a WES mentor are heartwarming now and will be for years to come.



Anna Loves the Out-of-Doors



B. with Rhonda Heschel and her mentee Emily Conway

What's WES Been Up To?

Along The Santa Fe Trail: "Trappin' & Tradin' At Bent's Old Fort" June 1-3, 2012

Thirty-four adventurers journeyed to La Junta and experienced what it was like to live at Bent's Old Fort around the 1840-time period. The first evening began with a delicious dinner on the patio of Mexico City Café. A special birthday cake was prepared by one of the waitresses to honor Jim Keene's birthday. What a surprise he had. The group immensely enjoyed the later part of the evening with songs and early instruments from the Santa Fe Trail period, with Mark's son Vance, accompanying Mark on his violin and jawbones.

Volunteers at the fort were dressed as members of various Indian tribes, traders, trappers, shop keepers, and families of that era with shops, tools, food, tepees, homes, and live events that would have been in practice at the time. Mark Gardner, historian, author, and musician of the Southwest accompanied the group. He and his wife, Katy, provided guided tours with history that enriched our trip and minds. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at a scenic site by the fort.

Visits to the Koshare Kiva and Museum with its



world-class collections of Native American art, artifacts and Taos Artists' displays was most interesting, as was the memorable Koshare evening event with dances, singing and authentic Native American apparel delivered by the La Junta Boy Scouts.

The newly renovated old court house in Las Animas opened its doors exclusively for our group on Sunday, providing us with information and a tour of this beautiful building, followed by a picnic lunch specially prepared for our group with homemade bread and cookies. A visit to Boggsville was informative as this was the site of the first permanent U.S., non-military settlement in southern Colorado, also the home of Kit Carson and his wife. On our return trip through Las Animas, personnel from the newly remodeled historic museum in Las Animas contacted us and opened their museum for our tour group only for that day.

Submitted by Committee Members: Sharon Rice, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell, and Lana Coffman.



WES Luncheons

Thank you to everyone who attended our winter luncheon! We had a wonderful group together to hear Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler talk about the value of a liberal arts education in the world today. At our spring luncheon and annual meeting, we heard from our senior WES scholars, who gave excellent presentations on their experiences at CC, allowing us to see in living color the benefits of a liberal arts education. Each of our scholars had experiences and achievements that were enriching and unique, preparing her to be a better thinker and citizen. WES does make a difference.



CC president Jill Tiefenthaler spoke at our well-attended January luncheon about the value of a liberal arts education in today's world

Luncheon photos continued



Claire McNellan, Anna Kisken, Desirae Martinez, Christa Carroll and Tiffany Cadenas with board member Barbara Mitchell



Barbara Mitchell, Beth Zautke and Linda Boyles



Caroline Vulgamore and Spot Holmes



Lynn Peterson and Judy Finley

Remembering Connie Patterson



Connie Patterson at the WES winter luncheon

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The 123rd WES Annual Meeting began on a sad note last April as current board member Connie Patterson had died suddenly the day before. Our moment of silence in her honor seemed a small tribute to a large presence in our organization. Connie struggled with health issues for many years but inspired us with her ready smile and positive attitude. Her beautiful, well-attended funeral at Grace Episcopal Church included many past and present WES members.

Connie enjoyed husband George's "Pat's" career as an Air Force Officer which ultimately brought her to Colorado Springs where she taught history and social studies for District 11 at North, South and Russell Junior High Schools. She was especially proud of having all three of her grandsons attend Colorado College.

Connie's dedication to WES was extraordinary as she served two separate six-year terms on the Board of Managers. During her first term (1998 – 2004), she served on the Membership and Nominating Committees and was a Program Committee Co-chairman. Elected to the board again in 2006 for her second term, she was currently mentoring a WES scholar and serving on the Finance Committee. Those wishing to honor Connie may designate contributions to the WES Scholarship Fund in her memory. The mailing address is included on the Newsfocus membership page.

History of Van Briggle Note Cards



Cathy with her wares at the 2011 Van Briggle Pottery tour

In 2006, Linda Crissey was Co-chair of the WES Van Briggle Memorial Pottery Building Tour. On the day of the tour, Linda had the idea of taking pictures of the building which she would send to thank everyone who had helped with the event. She printed the photos at home, glued them to card stock and hence, the first note cards were made. Ultimately, the WES Board approved a plan for producing the cards we know and love today.

George Eckhardt of Facilities Services at CC gave permission for photographs and Linda's son-in-law, Alexander Heilner, came from New York City to take the pictures. Bill Hochman, Professor Emeritus of History, took additional photos and later Linda and Alexander took photos of the building in snow.

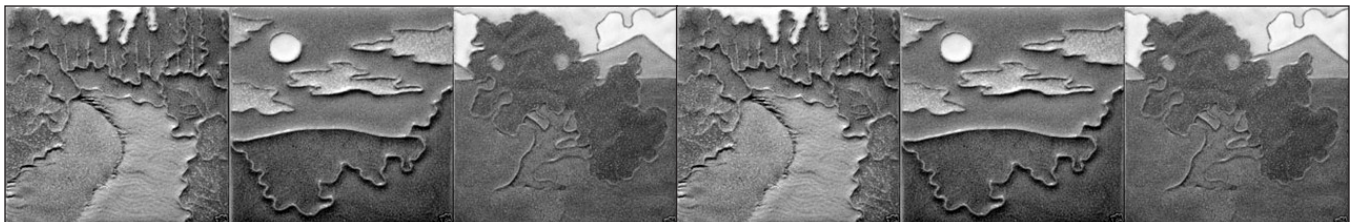
Many people helped behind the scenes by providing legal expertise about copyrights, editing photos and developing the layout and text for the back of the cards. After the first cards were printed (18 different images), board members met to score and fold them.

WES board member Cathy Lewis volunteered to market the cards. Over the years, Cathy created eye-catching signs, procured display holders, and spent hours promoting donations at a variety of events. Everyone involved with this venture should be proud of the contributions raised for scholarships from Van Briggle note cards.

Linda introduces new items each fall and has more images waiting to be turned into cards. She says that she has fallen in love with the charms of the unique, historic pottery building and with Anne Van Briggle's art tiles. "I hope WES continues to benefit from the project I have enjoyed so much."



Cathy Lewis and Linda Crissey



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 in 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.



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WES membership is open to all. Please select one of the following membership categories and make your check payable to WES. All contributions to WES are for scholarships, programs, and projects which benefit students of Colorado College and are tax deductible. **Payments and contributions for 2012 are due now.**

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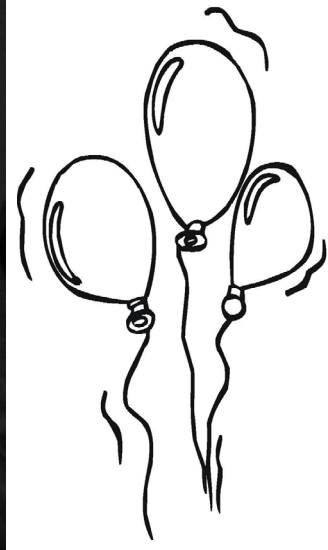
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