



WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY
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Busy and Talented Scholars Appreciate WES



WES Scholars enjoy the Fall Scholars Tea.

Seven Woman's Educational Society scholars responded to our annual information survey and updated us on their personal and academic lives. These busy students connect the college to the broader community as they tutor in elementary schools, deliver meals to senior citizens, volunteer at Memorial Hospital and serve as translators. They are part of Volunteer Action, ALERT, local peace and justice efforts and Delta Gamma Sorority's blindness prevention projects.

WES scholars live an active lifestyle. Many of the women list hiking, traveling, tennis and dancing among their hobbies. They also mentioned creative and poetry writing, drawing, sculpting, photography, live music, learning languages and even the unusual hobby of mining.

Extracurricular activities for two of the women highlight their avid interest in other cultures. They participate in events involving dance, art, seminars, lectures, music and foods of other nations. Namrita Singh is a member of Amnesty International, South Asian Students Alliance, Asian American Student Union and MOSAIC, an international student group.

WES scholars are also involved in campus life through the Student-Alumni Association and intramural sports. Caitlin Dufault is a resident assistant in Mathias Hall.

Eang Man belongs to an investment club, Elma Kreso is in the pre-med club and Namrita Singh co-founded VIVA, a political discussion group.

Most of our featured WES scholars are zeroing in on a major. They are interested in psychology, art, economics, biology, neuroscience and philosophy with math, religion and anthropology thrown into the mix. Attending CC has reinforced and expanded their career goals. Carol Mascarenhas has long wanted to be a child psychiatrist, but art classes have rekindled her love for art. Now she wants to consider art therapy as a way to merge her interest in the two fields.

This summer these energetic and ambitious women are hoping to do things that will move them forward in their future career plans. They will be applying to law school, taking the M-CATS, serving in internships in their fields and working

to pay for travel. Mindy McNeil wants to study in India, and Namrita Singh wants to study in Russia.

Namrita Singh and Caitlin Dufault have been recognized for their academic success. They both made the Dean's List and Eang Man received three different awards last spring (the Christian Hilliard Award for Independent Research, a Venture grant and a WES scholarship) which she used to travel to Cambodia and do research for her senior thesis.

The WES scholars love CC! When asked if Colorado College has fulfilled their expectations, they answered enthusiastically, "Yes!" "Definitely!" "It has surpassed expectations!" Carol Mascarenhas added, "Educationally, socially, emotionally." Eang Man said she has enjoyed the variation in classes, friendships and the opportunities presented at the school. Mindy McNeil spoke of her appreciation for what she called "CC's liberal approach in education and in leisure."

The classes and the people, professors as individuals and professors as a group, a sister and friends have influenced the WES students while at CC. The scholars describe themselves as having become much more independent and self-sufficient, having grown in intellectual capacity, social ability and awareness of the world's affairs and other cultures. Doors are opening, and their circle of friends has widened. Talents have been discovered and reawakened. Jennifer Pizzicara feels she has become more daring in both her academic and social environments. Eang Man says she looks at everything with a new fascination.

Mindy McNeil summed up the experience of receiving a WES scholarship when she talked of being proud to be a WES scholar and relieved not to carry financial debt. Grateful to be able to attend CC, these women value the educational opportunity and the friendships fostered among the scholars. They appreciate all they have been given by their mentors and the other women of the WES organization. Indeed, Elma Kreso said that it is "the enormous amount of encouragement and support" from the women of WES that has been the most "wonderful and memorable."

—Linda Crissey

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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

Happy New Year to all! As the WES board members look forward to this academic semester and our winter and spring events, we are excited by the upcoming programs and speakers: Colorado College's President Richard

Celeste on March 5th; Visiting Professor Beauty Bragg, formerly Minority Scholar in Residence in Southwest Studies at CC, on April 2nd; and the annual meeting and program on April 26th. In June, WES may also present a series of special events focusing on women in India. If everything comes together as the Fund Raising/Project Committee and the board hope, you will receive special notices and invitations.

The Finance Committee members are grateful for the advice and counsel of Stacy Lutz in CC's business office. Bob Coviello of John W. Bristol & Company, which manages the WES endowment as well as most of CC's endowment, meets with the Finance Committee once or twice a year to advise us on changes in market trends, our holdings and interest income. Due to the excellent management of Bristol, gifts and bequests to WES, a conservative approach to spending our interest income and great market years, our endowment has increased from \$982,000 in 1996,

when the WES account was transferred to Bristol, to just under \$2 million at the end of 2002. This allows us to meet our present commitments to WES scholars. Mr. Coviello has told us that his work with WES has been one of the most satisfying things he has done in his career – to take, through sound investment, a small organization and enable it to continue its good work into the future. WES is a very good place to make your charitable gifts if you want your donation to grow and to have maximum impact on the futures of outstanding young women at CC.

The present board is grateful for the foresight of preceding boards. Now it is up to us to continue to increase financial assistance to young scholars by encouraging donations and by reaching out to the community through our newsletters, programs and events. Please see the "Program Highlights" in this newsletter.

Each year we look for volunteers to serve a three-year term on our Board of Managers. If you are interested and have the time to join this energetic, interesting and dedicated group of women, please tell a current board member or call the WES message phone line at 719-389-7699. This is an exciting time to be on the board!

—Judy Pickle

Upcoming Program Highlights for 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. Please note the program meetings are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. with a light lunch so our working members can join us.

Wednesday, March 5, 2003 - 11:30-1:00

Winter Program and Lunch - Gaylord Room, Worner Center

Speaker: Colorado College President, Richard Celeste

Topic: From Roosevelt House to Stewart House: Reflections of a New College President

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 - 11:30-1:00

Spring Lunch and Annual Meeting - Bemis Hall Dining Room

Speaker to be announced

Watch for an announcement of a special WES fund-raiser
in late spring or early June of 2003 to support our WES scholarships.

Meet The President

President Richard Celeste actually arrived on campus and assumed his duties in July 2002. His inauguration took place in October on the occasion of Homecoming and Parents Weekend, providing the opportunity for more alumni to be present and to greet him. October 13th was one of those sparkling fall days of which Colorado Springs can be proud. It seemed an auspicious omen for the success of his presidency.

Close to 1000 people observed the ceremony in front of Cutler Hall. President Celeste's inaugural was honored by the attendance of 100 dignitaries in caps and gowns from other academic institutions. As an indication of his broad background of experience in politics, business, international affairs and charitable institutions, the inauguration was also witnessed by local and state officials.

President Celeste has a resumé which is truly astonishing in its breadth. After graduating magna cum laude from Yale University and becoming a Rhodes scholar, he had a long career in Ohio politics, eventually serving two terms as its governor from 1982-1990. He was Director of the Peace Corps. He has been a visiting fellow in public policy at Case Western Reserve University, chair of the National Governors Association Committee on Science and Technology, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and chair of the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable. He has served on numerous corporate and non-profit boards, including Habitat for Humanity International. From 1991-97 he was a managing partner of Celeste and Sabety Ltd., an economic consultancy, after which he became the United States Ambassador to India.



Richard F. Celeste is officially installed as Colorado College President by Board of Trustees chair Bill Ward. Nathaniel Washington (back left), president of the junior class, was the bearer of the college seal.

What does the new President bring to Colorado College? He seems to abound with energy, both physical and mental. He is seen striding, often loping across campus to keep his many appointments. Yet he apparently is calm, unhurried and attentive to those with whom he meets. He has an almost uncanny knack for remembering the names and details about the many individuals he encounters. His mental energy is evidenced in the way he is able to energize a meeting, infusing new ideas from his vast experience in working with people. One can imagine a wave of excitement traveling through various departments as he suggests recruiting top high school students, much as hockey players are recruited.

In addition to the above, President Celeste is accessible. He keeps open office hours in Worner Center each week to hear the concerns and suggestions of students who meet with him. He and his wife, Jacqueline Lundquist, have chosen Stewart House as their home with the intention that they will entertain members of the Colorado College community on a large scale, as well as the Colorado Springs community.

At President Celeste's inauguration, the overall theme was "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future." To quote from his own address, he said, "We have much to celebrate about our past beyond simply having endured long enough to enjoy Slocum's trees in full growth. And virtually all of what we celebrate is people: our teachers, our students, our friends. That is as it should be, especially if you heed the motto on our college seal. *Scientia et disciplina*, or as Professor Carol Neel put it to me in a helpful contemporary rendering, 'Acquiring knowledge and living it.' And living it! It is in the spirit of 'living it' that I trust we will embrace the future."

—Stuart Peckham

WES Funds Summer Research and Study Abroad



Eang Man visits Angkor Wat.

As Eang Man, senior WES scholar, flew to Cambodia last summer, she worried that her aunt, whom she had never seen, would not identify her at the Phnom Penh airport. Eang was born in a refugee camp in Thailand following her parents' escape in 1980 from Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime, and this was her first trip to her home country. However, there was no recognition problem, for Eang's aunt has Eang's mother's smile, her grandmother's nose and her older sister's eyes. It was shocking, however, to meet a stranger who was so familiar, and Eang struggled to hold back her tears. During her travels, she was welcomed by dozens of cousins, aunts and uncles.

Senior WES scholar Maren True's first trip abroad in the summer of 2002 was a different exploration of her family origins. She calls herself a "United Kingdom mongrel" with roots in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and within 24 hours of her arrival at Heathrow Airport, she felt at home. Maren enrolled in a Colorado College Summer Session course, "The Age of Newton," taught in London by Robert McJimsey, professor of history, and Robin Wilson, visiting professor of mathematics. Maren took advantage of every spare moment to explore the Cotswolds and the Scottish countryside and to meander through castles, cathedrals, markets and museums. She observed, "To do the opportunity of studying abroad justice, one must savor the experience at whatever pace it comes. However, ultimately it is more a question of focus than pace. It is an attitude of both attentiveness and open receptivity to the totality of the experience."

Eang was not only reunited with her relatives in Cambodia, she conducted research in Cambodia and Vietnam for her senior thesis, "Attitudes Towards a Free Market Economy: Cambodia and Vietnam Compared." During her research, Eang distributed 100 questionnaires in Vietnam and 100 in Cambodia asking about economic incentives and income distribution. She is an economics major and an Asian studies minor, and plans to enter law school. She observed that the infrastructures in Cambodia are not nearly as well developed as those in Vietnam. Vietnam is bolstered by a strong tourist economy that pays for the roads, hotels and museums that attract visitors largely from Japan, Australia and France. In contrast, Cambodia, a country with the largest population of one-legged men, has a legacy of dangerous land mines that discourages tourists. However, Eang did visit Cambodia's most famous site, Angkor Wat, as well as the beaches and the waterfall near Sihanoukville.

Maren is a psychology major whose graduate work will focus on social psychology with an emphasis on women's issues. Her interest in science coincided with the study of Isaac Newton in the Summer Session course. Newton is well known for his work on gravity, optics, the reflecting telescope and calculus. With his publication of *Principia*, Britain was placed in the center of the 17th century scientific world. The students in the course visited important scientific sites such as the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, Trinity College, Cambridge and the Wren Library as well as Newton's birthplace, Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire. However, Maren was also immersed in the 21st century, joining thousands attending the Queen's Jubilee Rock Concert at Buckingham Palace, wearing a sari to a performance of A.R. Rahman's new musical, *Bombay Dreams*, and maintaining a supply of Carr's digestive biscuits.

Eang and Maren received additional WES funding to help support their trips abroad. Each is grateful for the opportunities of the summer. Maren is more aware of the responsibilities of being a part of the global community. She noted, "I cannot take London and the places I have been back across the sea, but the changes they have made in me will remain indelibly beneath my skin." Eang appreciates the importance of free K-12 education in the United States, a value she holds in a new light after learning that a cousin in Cambodia, who earns \$2.50 a day, spends half his income to send three sons to school. When she prepared to return to her home in Longmont, Colorado, Eang re-evaluated the importance of her material possessions and gave her relatives her pencils, hairbrush, CD player and most everything that she had in her luggage. The gratitude on their faces was a lasting memory of her trip.



Maren True studies in London.

—Marianna McJimsey

William Hybl Discusses the U.S. Role in the U.N. General Assembly



William Hybl, WES President Judy Pickle and Dean of Students Mike Edmonds.

Mr. William Hybl, Chairman and CEO of the El Pomar Foundation and U.S. Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations, spoke at the WES fall lunch held on October 23rd on the Colorado College campus. Mr. Hybl spoke to his audience of 130 people to explain the United States' role in the United Nations General Assembly.

The events of September 11, 2001, precipitated a new direction for the United Nations. United States President George Bush issued an anti-terrorism Executive Resolution. The United Nations Security Council, in response, unanimously passed its own anti-terrorism resolution on September 28, 2001.

Mr. Hybl has sat on the legal committee of the General Assembly and explained that the responsibility of this committee is to oversee the international criminal code including treaties and terrorism issues. His comments illuminated the political and bureaucratic complexities of the current global climate, reminding the audience that the United States is one voice in the 190-vote membership of the U.N. General Assembly. He stated that it had been an honor and a thrill to represent the United States in the 56th General Assembly of the United Nations.

—Priscilla Engeln

WES Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is pleased that the Board of WES approved an increase in the value of this year's scholarship by \$230. For the 2002–2003 school year, each of the twenty-one WES scholars will receive an award of \$2,900 toward tuition and \$760 toward the purchase of textbooks, *for a total of \$3,660*. Every year it becomes more expensive to pursue a college degree. The following is an example of the basic costs to attend Colorado College for the 2002–2003 school year.

Tuition	\$25,968
Books	\$766
Room	\$3,704
Dorm rooms range from \$3,456 to \$3,704	
Apartments range from \$4,384 to \$5,000	
Board	\$3,480
Meal plans range from \$2,880 to \$3,480	
Approximate costs for a WES scholar	Total \$33,918

These estimated expenses are an increase of \$1,430, approximately 9.6%, over the estimated costs for the 2001–2002 school year. *It would be wonderful if WES could significantly increase the award to each scholar.* To do this we must increase our endowment. Members of WES can increase the level of their membership and make contributions specifically for scholarships and bequests to WES. It is the hope of the Finance Committee that through the generosity and commitment of our membership, WES can increase the level of financial support provided to our twenty-one scholars.

—Lynn Lindbloom

WES Is Inaugural Member of the Palmer Founders Society



Kathy Lindeman, Gwen Barron, Colorado College President Richard Celeste and Artie Kensinger attend the ceremony.



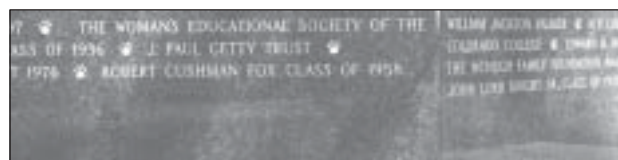
Earle Flagpole.

Colorado College trustees created the William Jackson Palmer Founders Society in 2001 to pay lasting tribute to Colorado College's great benefactors, past and present. William Jackson Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs, was the first such benefactor, donating much of the land on which the college stands. Members of the William Jackson Palmer Founders Society have followed in his footsteps, demonstrating extraordinary generosity through lifetime gifts totaling \$1 million or more. The Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College was included as an inaugural member of the Palmer Founders Society. In recognition of Colorado College's most generous donors, an inaugural induction ceremony was held on Saturday, October 12, 2002, on the Colorado College campus. Kathy Lindeman, Gwen Barron, and Artie Kensinger represented WES at this celebratory event to accept the official membership document. The document given to WES reads:

The William Jackson Palmer Founders Society

*Honoring those whose extraordinary leadership and generosity
have left a historic legacy for The Colorado College.*

*The Woman's Educational Society
of The Colorado College*



Colorado College honors society members by inscribing their names in the granite base of the campus' Earle Flagpole. In the summer of 2002, renovations added steps and a new granite face to the foundation. The new design is intended to attract students and visitors to the site and to provide a better venue for gatherings. In conjunction with the 2002 restoration, Colorado College has inscribed the names of the charter members of the William Jackson Palmer Founders Society on the flagpole's base, permanently honoring their remarkable generosity. The restored Earle Flagpole provides an opportunity to acknowledge those who have built the Colorado College of today and whose generous financial contributions have sustained and transformed Colorado College throughout its history.

—Development Office
and
—Priscilla Engeln

We Invite You 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, Fund Raising/Project, 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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Membership Information

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

Baccalaureate \$20-\$49

Cum Laude \$50-\$99

Magna cum Laude \$100-\$499

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Send to: Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College, 14 East Cache La Poudre Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. If there are any questions regarding membership, call Jane Johnson, chair of the Membership Committee, at 685-5571.

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

Finance Fund Raising/Project Future Planning Membership

Nominating Program Publicity Scholarship

Please send me information on bequests to WES.

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*.