

**Board of Managers 2014 – 2015**

Co-Presidents – Lana Coffman, Beth Zautke  
 First Vice President – Diane Benninghoff  
 Second Vice President – Monique Michaud  
 Recording Secretary – Diane Benninghoff  
 Corresponding Secretary – Meg Chojnacki  
 Treasurer – Barbara Mitchell  
 Assistant Treasurer – Elaine Derbenwick  
 Immediate Past Co-Presidents – Shirley Woolley, Caroline Vulgamore  
 Nancy Baxter                      Emily Dean                      Barbara May  
 Michelle Beckmann              Elaine Derbenwick              Monique Michaud  
 Diane Benninghoff              Sue Graham                      Barbara Mitchell  
 Ann Burek                          Sarah Healy                      Candace Santa Maria  
 Judith Casey                      Karen Henderson              Beth Zautke  
 Meg Chojnacki                      Rosalyn Knepell  
 Lana Coffman                      Helen Knight

**The Woman’s Educational Society Scholars 2014 – 2015**

**Seniors, Class of 2015**

Justine Camacho	Aurora, Colorado
Anna Kiskan	Fairbanks, Alaska
Anna (Da) Lee	Apple Valley, Minnesota
Mackenzie Mulligan-Buckmiller	Manitou Springs, Colorado
Florita Villigrana	Denver, Colorado

**Juniors, Class of 2016**

Amairani Alamillo	Fountain, Colorado
Tessa Allen de Oliveira	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Chloe Edeal	Corrales, New Mexico
Kayla Fratt	Ashland, Wisconsin
Devon Lucero	Pueblo, Colorado

**Sophomores, Class of 2017**

Stephanie Bui	New Orleans, Louisiana
Anastassia Doktorova	Pueblo, Colorado
Madeleine Garcia	Denver, Colorado
Grace Guryan	Hailey, Idaho
Natasha Riveron	Toledo, Ohio

**Freshmen, Class of 2018**

Olivia Berlin	Bellevue, Washington
Isabelle Nathanson	Boulder, Colorado
Caley Nicholson	Brunswick, Maine
Emma Wilson	Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Kendra Wuerth	Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Anniversary Scholar**

Anna Skrabacz	Denver, Colorado
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**THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY  
 OF COLORADO COLLEGE  
 2014-2015**

**Annual Report of the Presidents**

**126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
 April 21, 2015**

To all members and friends:

This report summarizes the activities of the committees and officers of the WES Board of Managers for the year May 1, 2014-April 30, 2015.

**STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Membership statistics as of December 31, 2014

Regular members .....	121
Life and Silver Special members .....	100
Ex-officio and Honorary members .....	9
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>230</b>

Board of Managers accounts as of March 31, 2015

Administrative Fund .....	\$781
Dorothy P. Bryson Special Student Assistance Fund .....	\$6,096
Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund .....	\$2,750
Scholarships – Fundraising .....	\$22,650
Fundraising – Trip Account .....	\$5,659
Fundraising – Gifts to Colorado College .....	\$14,600

Market Value of the Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2014

Composed of the WES Irrevocable Trust and the WES Revocable Trust with funds from Cook, Hinch, Campbell, General Fund, and The Anniversary Fund	\$3,959,552
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2014-2015 Scholarship funds allocated to 21 scholars .....	\$136,500
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

August 23, 2014	Scholar Reception     Cornerstone
August 24-Sept 1	WES/PILLAR Tour: Tetons/Yellowstone/Mt. Rushmore/Crazy Horse
September 2014	Fall <i>Newsfocus</i> mailing
September 18, 2014	Scholar Tea at Stewart House
September 20, 2014	Van Briggle Pottery Tour
October 30, 2014	Fall Luncheon with program presented by CC Professor George Butte
December 5-7, 2014	CC Craft Fair Fundraiser
December 9, 2014	Scholar Event: Cookie Exchange
January 2015	Winter <i>Newsfocus</i> mailing
February 4, 2015	Winter Luncheon with program presented by CC Professor Christine Siddoway
February 24, 2015	Scholar Event: Creative Night on Folkloric Puppetry
April 21 2015	WES Annual Meeting and Luncheon
April 27-May 5	WES/PILLAR Tour: Tribal Trails

Please read the committee reports for more details.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

**Lana Coffman and Beth Zautke**

We want to thank the hard-working board members who are responsible for another successful year for WES. Our programs and scholar events have been fun and worthwhile! We again sponsored a very successful Van Briggle Pottery tour in September and we continue to collaborate with PILLAR Institute of Lifelong Learning as we plan and organize our third trip together at the end of April. Our membership base remains solid and our endowment is approaching \$4,000,000. The WES website has been updated and messages left on voicemail and at our email address have been monitored. We also encourage you to ‘like us’ on Facebook!

We couldn’t meet our goals without a strong Finance Committee who continues to evaluate the operating budget and to monitor the endowment as we are consistently able to increase the total amount of the scholarships as tuition and book allowances continue to climb. We also appreciate the continued support from the Finance Office at Colorado College.

Our focus remains on our scholars and we continue to sponsor programs and events that are meaningful and fun. Additional funds for off-campus educational opportunities continue to be available through the Dorothy P. Bryson Fund and the Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund.

Collaborating as co-presidents these past two years has been fun and productive and as this year comes to a close, we again want to thank all of the WES board for their support and friendships, all loyal WES members, and all of the committees for their hard work toward making our term successful!

Finally, we would like to thank Candace Santa-Maria who will be going off the board and Michelle Beckmann who recently left the board. We will miss you at our board meetings but look forward to seeing you at future events and programs!

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**www.coloradocollege.edu/other/wes**  
**Like us on Facebook**

## Finance Committee

Chair: Barbara Mitchell

Members: Elaine Derbenwick, Rosalyn Knepell, Barbara May, Candace Santa Maria, Beth Zautke

The Finance Committee evaluates the operating budget, monitors the endowment and determines funding available for scholarships. The Board of Managers' goal is to provide scholars for no less than 10% of the total cost of attending Colorado College. The value of the WES scholarship for academic year 2015-2016 will be raised by 8%. Each scholarship will increase from \$6,500 to \$7,000. This amount is 11.6% of CC's cost of attendance. The total annual scholarship commitment for 21 students will be \$147,000.

Since the 1990s, John W. Bristol and Company has managed the WES endowment. As of December 31, 2014, it was valued at \$3,959,552.

We will again support five incoming freshmen, an Anniversary Scholar, and fifteen returning scholars for academic year 2015-2016. This would be impossible without our Fundraising Committee and the loyal support of members and friends. We congratulate the entire WES community on its efforts to maintain the value of WES scholarships. All memberships are greatly appreciated and funds paid above the \$25 dues level are deposited in directly into the Scholarship Fund.

## Fundraising and Special Projects Committee

Chair: Lana Coffman

Board Members: Sarah Healy, Ann Burek, Meg Chojnacki, Barbara May, Karen Henderson

Member-at-Large: Sharon Rice

### **Van Briggie Products Chair: Barbara May**

This year WES continued to have Van Briggie themed products - notecards, bookmarks, tour book, as well as The Quiet Work and The Quiet Work Continues available at all luncheons, December Craft Fair, and September Van Briggie Tour. We had \$1502 in proceeds for the Scholarship Fund from 354 cards, 105 bookmarks, 50 tour booklets, and 2 Quiet Work books. We continue to work with Linda Crissey to replenish product supplies and create alternate designs. Jeanne and Randy Stiles continue to donate cards of Randy's watercolors for WES fundraising events. The Van Briggie products may be obtained year around in the office of the Facilities Building at Glen and Uintah during normal business hours.

### **WES/PILLAR Trip Chair: Sharon Rice**

During the 2014 year, WES, in conjunction with PILLAR, hosted two trips. *Explore Science in New Mexico April 27 – May 4*, led by Dr. Henry Gertzman, provided 25 participants wonderful educational experiences into the history of Los Alamos, and numerous other opportunities to learn about space, astronomy, history and science. A second trip in the fall offered 27 people memorable explorations during the trip entitled, *Tetons/Yellowstone/Mt. Rushmore/Crazy Horse*, August 24 – September 1. Kent Taylor, a retired Park Ranger, provided history, and opportunities to witness scenes not typically available to the regular visitor. Both trips were organized and led by co-leaders, Sharon Rice and Cathy O'Donnell, with \$100 of each participant's fee donated to the WES Scholarship fund.

### **Van Briggie Tour Co-Chairs: Sarah Healy and Ann Burek**

The WES Tour of the Van Briggie Pottery was once again successful. Receipts from this event came to \$4,130.60 (does not include \$1,100.00 for VB cards). This popular community event will be held again on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

## Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Mitchell, Helen Knight  
Members: Judith Casey, Candace Santa Maria, Beth Zautke

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### Activities and initiatives of the committee:

The WES database was submitted for certification twice in 2014, thus insuring that labels generated for all mailings would be updated and current. Candace Santa Maria provided regular updates to the WES database.

The committee continued to reply to pertinent email messages and to all WES voicemail messages.

Letters were mailed in November to members who had not paid dues or made contributions in 2014.

Tax acknowledgment letters were mailed in January 2015.

## Nominating Committee

Co-chairs: Diane Benninghoff, Judith Casey  
Board Members: Meg Chojnacki, Sue Graham  
Members-at-Large: Caroline Vulgamore, Janet Strouss

Several potential new WES Board of Managers members were invited to visit with the board and its officers in 2014-15. Of those, three have become new board members: Nancy Baxter, Emily Dean, and Caitlin Apigian.

Board members beginning a second term in 2015-16 are:  
Elaine Derbenwick and Sue Graham.

Two members of the board found it necessary to resign in 2014-15: Michelle Beckmann and Crystal White. Candace Santa Maria will also retire from the board at the end of this academic year.

With these changes, the Board of Managers stands at 17. The nominating committee will recommend additions to the board before the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

### Nominating Committee for 2015-16

Co-chairs: Judith Casey  
Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Beth Zautke  
Members-at-Large: Caroline Vulgamore, Shirley Woolley

### Slate of Officers to be approved at the WES Annual Meeting on April 21, 2015:

Co Presidents: Meg Chojnacki  
Ann Burek  
1st VP – Nancy Baxter  
2nd VP – Monique Michaud (second one-year term)  
Corresponding Secretary – Beth Zautke  
Recording Secretary – Emily Dean  
Treasurer – Barbara Mitchell  
Asst. Treasurer – Barbara May

## Program Committee

Chair: Monique Michaud

Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Judith Casey, Lana Coffman

### Scholar Tea-September 18, 2014

The Scholar Tea was held at the beautiful, historic Stewart House. Lana Coffman introduced Jim Swanson, Director of Financial Aid, who represented the college at the event. Elaine Derbenwick and Helen Knight introduced the scholars, who told us their class year and major. The girls were presented with framed certificates. Judy Casey accepted the Stoller Scholar Award on behalf of Kendra Wuerth, who was away on a field trip.

### Fall Luncheon and Program- October30, 2014

The Fall Luncheon Program was held in Gaylord Hall and followed a Halloween theme. The guest speaker was George Butte, CC Professor of English and Film Studies. His topic: "What Makes Thrillers Thrilling? A Halloween Movie Odessey." He showed clips from several classic thrillers. The audience thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and several people wished they could audit his course!

### Winter Luncheon Program-February 4, 2015

The Winter Program was held at Gaylord Hall. The weather complemented our program on Antarctica, which was presented by CC Professor of Geology, Christine Siddoway, who had just returned from her most recent trip to Antarctica. The program was fascinating and accompanied by slides of her follow travelers, scenery, and wildlife.

### WES Annual Meeting-April 21, 2015

The annual meeting will be held in Gaylord Hall. The President of CC will be there to welcome the attendees. WES members will be asked to vote on a change to our Bylaws and Constitution which would allow the Treasurer to serve additional terms and to remain a voting member. The change is needed because of the complexity of the position. Scholars will be recognized and Senior scholars will share with us their future plans.

## Publicity Committee

Chair: Sarah Healy

Former *Newsfocus* Editor: Michelle Beckman

Current *Newsfocus* Editor: Emily Dean

The Publicity Committee reluctantly said goodbye to two members of the *Newsfocus* production team. Editor, Michelle Beckman stepped down from the WES board to devote her attention to her new job as Executive Assistant to the President of Colorado College, and to her family. Michelle was editor of the Fall 2014 and Winter 2015 issues. Keith Emmons, the *Newsfocus* graphic layout artist for many years, is now pursuing other interests. The Winter 2015 issue was his last. We sincerely thank Michelle and Keith for all their hard work and wish them well in their new endeavors.

Michelle also created a lovely Van Briggles tour poster to help publicize the September 20, 2014 tour – an annual WES-sponsored event. The tour also was publicized via Facebook, local radio stations, online community calendars, the *Gazette*, *Cheyenne Edition*, *Woodman Edition*, *Colorado Springs Style Magazine*, and Fox 21 morning news with John Martin. The publicity (and a sunny day) helped the 2014 tour see record-setting attendance.

Current Publicity Committee members, Sarah Healy and Emily Dean, are pleased to announce that the Advancement Communications Office of Colorado College will update the WES website with the content they are fed by the Publicity Committee. Sarah and Emily are working to insure that the WES website is a reliable resource that provides current news and events and lets site visitors know how WES contributes not only to our scholars, but also to many Colorado College community-enhancing projects.

## Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairs: Elaine Derbenwick, Helen Knight

Members: Ann Burek, Sue Graham, Meg Chojnacki, Roz Knepell, Beth Zautke

### Details about a productive year for the committee:

- Selected and notified 5 new scholars, recruited and assigned mentors.
- Facilitated selection of the Marianne Stoller Scholar from among freshmen.
- Provided photos and stories on scholars for both issues of *Newsfocus*.
- Held Cornerstone Arts Center welcome event at New Student Orientation in August for new scholars and their families.
- Introduced new scholars and their mentors, announced the Stoller Scholar, and presented framed certificates at the Scholars' Tea at Stewart House in September.
- Distributed goodie bags to scholars at start of each semester.
- Attended 14th Annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon with scholars in October.
- Provided information, accepted scholars' applications and selected special purpose grant recipients for spring, summer and fall activities.
- Organized December Cookie Festival for scholars, mentors and WES Board at Tutt House.
- Held Creative Night program and baked potato bar dinner with puppeteer Patti Smithsonian at Tutt House in February.
- Invited scholars to the April annual meeting and luncheon. Graduating seniors presented brief statements of thanks and discussed their future plans.
- Will present scholars elected to Phi Beta Kappa with a key from WES.