



THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY  
of COLORADO COLLEGE

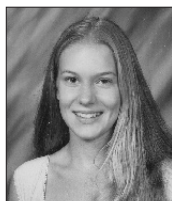
# Newsfocus

FALL 2003

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 \$3,000 grant awarded to you for the 2003-2004 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 \$760 in your name at the Colorado College Bookstore.... This organization of over 450 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.



**Bethany Brady** was born in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. She attended the Waldorf School from preschool through eighth grade. In the fifth grade she moved with her family to Maui, Hawaii. While in high school at Seabury Hall, she participated in many sports including track, volleyball, soccer and outrigger paddling. Bethany was a member of the Rotary Interact Club, philosophy club, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Cum Laude Society. After school she coached gymnastics at a gym near her house. Bethany has chosen to be a Winter Start, so she will be arriving in January to explore and find new interests, while keeping a focus on health and the environment. She plans to spend the time off from school before arriving at CC working and volunteering in Australia.



**Brenda de Luna** was born in Aguascalientes, Mexico, moving to Denver when she was one and a half. Ranked fifth in her class, she graduated from Adams City High School in Commerce City. Brenda participated in the Marine Corps Junior ROTC, achieving the rank of Cadet Major. Through ROTC she donated hundreds of hours of community service at a local recreation center, a home for the elderly and at elementary and middle schools. Brenda was also a volunteer at Our Lady Mother of the Church as a lector and decorator during the holidays. She participated in college-prep programs, the Pre-Collegiate Development Program at CU Boulder and the Daniels Fund. Also a Daniels scholar, Brenda would like to become one of their mentors and to one day establish a scholarship fund of her own. Brenda comes from a very close family and hopes that her educational experience will have a positive influence on her two younger sisters. She plans to follow a pre-med program while at Colorado College.



**Thanh Nguyen** was born in Vietnam and came to America in 1991 when she was six years old. She was raised in Denver, Colorado, graduating from Kennedy High School in the top 5% of her class. She participated in numerous activities including the National Honor Society, dance, gymnastics, choir, Model UN and President's Council. A great passion of Thanh's is the cello which she has played for eight years, supporting her school's musicals by playing in the pit since her freshman year. She excelled in tennis, playing number one doubles her senior year. Among the many awards Thanh received in high school, the most significant was the Renaissance Award which is presented to the individual who not only achieves academic excellence but also excels in the arts, in sports and in service to the community and to the school. Some of her community work included Neighborhood Partners, the Women's Bean Project, soup kitchen and the homeless shelters. She hopes to continue her community service at CC. While small in size, she claims to make up for it with her extroverted personality and positive energy. Unsure of a major right now, she is interested in international business and hopes to study abroad.



**Sara Rubin** is from Tenafly, New Jersey, and is incredibly excited about becoming a Colorado College student this fall. She is looking forward to living in this beautiful area so close to great hiking, one of her passions. Sara graduated with honors from Tenafly High School where she was a producer of the One-Act Play Festival in which she also used her creativity to work as a director, playwright, actress and "techie." In addition to theater, she has also been involved with environmental awareness and was the president of the school Earth Club and volunteered at the local Nature Center. She has performed in the orchestra, chamber groups and as a soloist on the cello. Sara ran cross-country and hopes to continue running in local 5Ks in Colorado. She also loves writing and has been published in several local anthologies. Sara plans to study anthropology, creative writing or environmental science at CC.



**Lyria Shaffer-Bauck** was born in Mount Vernon, Washington, and has lived within the small Orcas Island community all her life. Lyria graduated from Orcas Island High School second in her class. As a student at Orcas Island High School, Lyria played varsity soccer all four years, varsity basketball and also varsity softball. Enhancing her four years of studying Spanish, Lyria traveled both to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, and Playa del Carmen, Mexico, as part of a study abroad Spanish Club experience. In addition, Lyria was also a member of both the Ecology and Key Clubs as well as the National Honor Society. During her junior year, Lyria served as Assembled Student Body secretary and in her senior year as class president. She has aspirations of studying the visual and written arts and hopes that she may further herself in both the study of Spanish and design at Colorado College.

— Scholarship Chair, Nancy Hochman

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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.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

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## Message From The President



The 115<sup>th</sup> year of the Woman's Educational Society is underway! I encourage you to read our Upcoming Program Highlights on Page 3 of this *Newsfocus*, mark your calendars, attend as many WES functions as you can, and bring a friend with you. WES will benefit from your participation and so will you. I am proud and honored to be a part of the continuing WES tradition of awarding 21 scholarships annually to deserving CC students, bringing the Colorado College and Colorado Springs communities together and undertaking projects and programs that benefit the college.

Since 1994 the John W. Bristol and Company of New York has competently managed our WES funds so that in the 2003-04 academic year each scholar receives \$3,000 for tuition and \$760 for a book allowance. Our total scholarship commitment this year is \$78,960. The money for scholarships and projects comes from the interest earned on our endowment funds. WES is grateful to those of you who contribute more than the \$20 annual membership dues. These generous, tax-deductible gifts over \$20 go directly into our scholarship fund, strengthen our organization in these uncertain financial times and help us maintain and eventually increase our scholarships as costs escalate.

To assist in our fund-raising efforts and to enjoy a delightful evening, CC President Dick Celeste, his wife, Jacqueline Lundquist, and WES hosted an Evening in Magical India on June 14<sup>th</sup> in the gracious surroundings of Stewart House, the presidential home. The evening included delicious Indian

cuisine, live sitar and tabla music, and the showing and sale of handicrafts from India made by village women and presented by Shamlu Dudeja, Director of the Calcutta Foundation. Ending the evening Ranjanaa Devi and her student and WES scholar Namrita Singh performed beautifully choreographed dances of India. A wonderful time was had by all who attended this successful fundraiser with all proceeds going to our scholarship fund. Many thanks to President Celeste, Jacqueline Lundquist and Judy Pickle, chair of the event, for making the event possible and profitable. If you were not able to attend this benefit, please join us for our next fundraiser on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, for our informative Van Briggie Memorial Pottery Building tour on the SE corner of Glen Avenue and Uintah.

Remember that if you have questions about WES or our events, you can call our message-only phone number 389-7699 or you can e-mail us at [WES@ColoradoCollege.edu](mailto:WES@ColoradoCollege.edu), and one of our board members will get back to you. Check out our Web site to learn about the history of the Woman's Educational Society; read about our scholars, our scholarship program and our projects which have benefited CC from as far back as 1889 when WES was founded; find information about our educational and stimulating lecture-luncheons; and see how easy it is to become a WES member. I hope these additions of the phone number and web site will improve our communication with you and your involvement in WES. I look forward to meeting you at the Scholars' Tea on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Come and meet these bright young women and talk with them about their collegiate goals, diverse interests and involvement in campus, volunteer and extracurricular activities. Each year our scholars inspire us to work diligently to achieve our goals!

— Helen Richardson

## Preview of Program Events for 2003-2004

WES members and their guests expect a season of informative and innovative programs. Invitations will be mailed to members with specific information several weeks before the event.

**Saturday, September 13, 2003 — 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

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

**Wednesday, September 17, 2003 — 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

WES Scholars' Tea – Slocum Commons  
Come welcome our new scholars and continuing scholars.  
Renew your membership and encourage a friend to join WES

**Wednesday, October 22, 2003 — 11:30 a.m.**

Fall Luncheon and a Special Program  
Slocum Commons

**Wednesday, February 25, 2004 — 12:00 noon**

Women of the West Lecture and Lunch – Gaylord Room, Worner Center  
Speaker: Beverly Stoeltje

**Wednesday, March 10, 2004 — 11:30 a.m.**

Winter Luncheon and a Guest Speaker  
Gaylord Hall, Worner Center

**Saturday, April 24, 2004 — 11:30 a.m.**

Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting  
Report of the Nominating Committee  
Recognition of Graduating Scholars  
A Special Program  
Gaylord Hall, Worner Center

## Congratulations to WES Scholar Award Winners!

WES scholars scored at the Colorado College Academic Honors Convocation on May 6, 2003, with awards and honors presented to Gina Rodriguez, Maren True, Caitlin Dufault, Ashleigh Martin and Diana Tapay. Senior Gina Rodriguez, a sociology major, was named a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the National Academic Honor Society for Social Science.

Senior Maren True received the Josephine Van Fleet McLaughlin Award named for a 1928 honors graduate whose interest in economics and public affairs led to a career in public service. Recipients of this award are selected on the basis of academic excellence, a strong interest in current affairs and public issues and participation in activities related to these issues. Maren has a keen interest in current affairs, particularly women's issues, and has demonstrated her commitments in many organizational affiliations on campus. As a Women's Studies Intern, she was actively involved in programming for such events as Take Back the Night and the Women's Arts Festival. She was a member of Shove Council, Blue Key Honor Society, Campus Planned Parenthood, Volunteer Action, the Leadership Series and other groups.

She is an energetic young woman who works to maintain these organizations as lively additions to the community, yet manages to excel academically, as evidenced by another honor—membership in Psi Chi, the National Honorary for Psychology Students.

Caitlin Dufault, Class of 2005, was the recipient of the Ann Rice Memorial Award, established in 1950 by Ann's parents after their daughter died suddenly of a rare blood disease. Caitlin joins a group of fifty-three junior class women selected over the years for their personal contributions to the college through dedication to the goals of a liberal arts education.

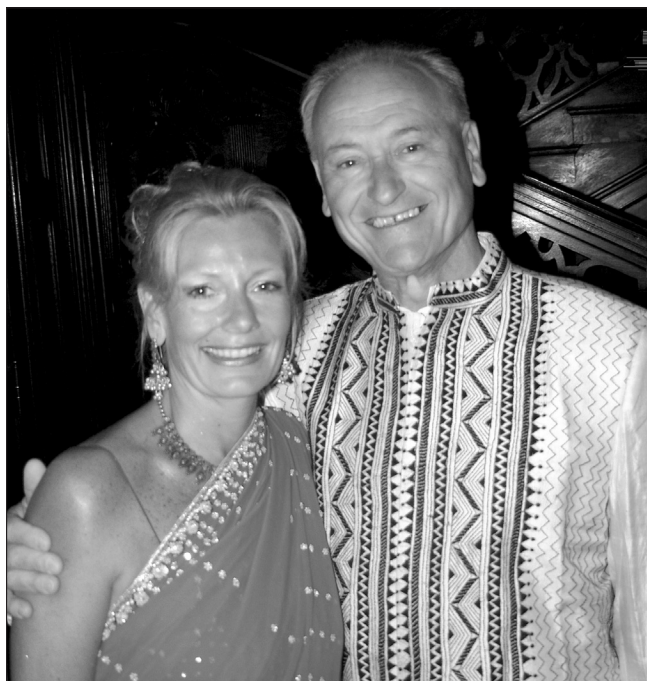
Ashleigh Martin and Diana Tapay were honored with membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, a National Academic Honor Society for First-Year Students. In addition, Diana was given the First-Year Chemistry Award for the most outstanding first-year student in chemistry, regardless of major. She received the latest edition of the *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*. This is the fifty-sixth presentation by the publisher CRC Press.

— Past WES President, Judy Pickle



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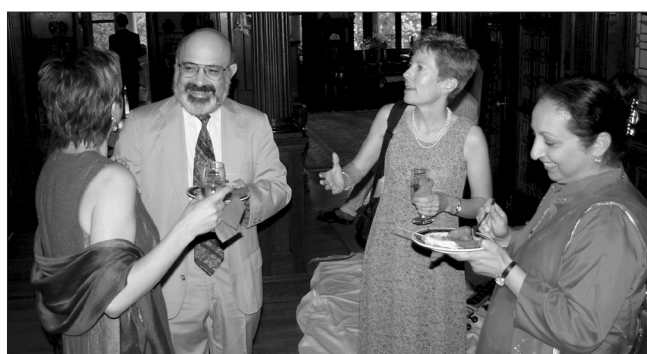
# *An Evening in Magical India*



Hosts Jacqueline Lundquist and CC President Richard Celeste



Rachelle Latimer, event coordinator Judy Pickle, CC President Richard Celeste, and Lisa Ellis



A group of festive guests



Musicians playing the sitar and the tabla

Guests from as far away as Denver, as well as from Colorado Springs, enjoyed the warm hospitality of President Richard Celeste and his wife, Jacqueline Lundquist, on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The first fund-raising event of this type to be sponsored by WES in many years took place at the Celestes' home, Stewart House, which reflects the influence of their four years living in India.

The mood was set by two musicians stationed near the front door seated on the floor playing the sitar and the tabla. They provided background music through the evening. As visitors enjoyed drinks, they were given tours of the home by WES Board members. There was also an opportunity to view and purchase a number of splendid Indian textiles. Dinner consisted of a sumptuous buffet featuring the exotic cuisine of India.

Because of the threat of inclement weather, guests were shuttled to Bemis Hall for the dancing that was the evening's climax. World-renowned Indian dancer and teacher, Ranjanaa Devi, was joined in her performance by Namrita Singh, a Colorado College student and a WES Scholar. Devi, who teaches at The University of Massachusetts in Amherst, has been Namrita's teacher for the past thirteen years.

The two women performed dances in the classical tradition, one of which, Odissi, dates from the Twelfth Century and was originally performed in the temples. Devi describes her choreography of the dance, which is now secular, as the embodiment of both rhythmic and expressive form.

Grateful thanks go to both the Celestes for their generosity in sponsoring this fascinating event and to Judy Pickle, who organized it.

— Publicity Committee Co-chair, Stuart Peckham

— Photographs courtesy of Bill Hochman

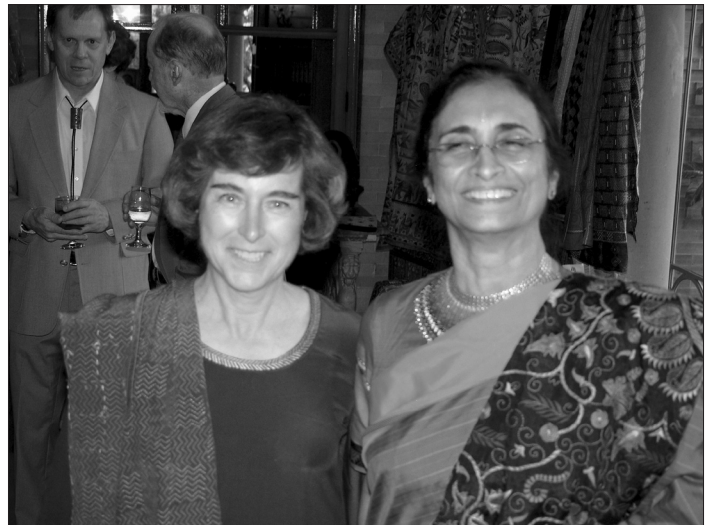




Dancer and WES scholar Namrita Singh



Professor Charlotte Mendoza and her daughter Jennifer looking at textiles



Lynn Lindbloom with Shamlu Dudeja who brought textiles from India



Namrita Singh wearing traditional Indian headdress



Ranjanaa Devi dances with her student Namrita Singh



The Woman's Educational Society's annual meeting was held in Bemis Hall on April 26th with approximately 100 members and scholarship recipients in attendance. After lunch and awards to graduating scholars, a slide lecture of notable landscapes worldwide, "Gardens East and West," by Ruth Kolarik of the Colorado College Art Department included some of the sites experienced on a trip to Japan in 2002. In preparation for the construction of a Japanese garden on campus, Kolarik, who teaches a History of Gardens course, organized the "Landscape and Built Environment" series last spring. She also visited Japan last summer with other faculty and staff members, supported by the ACM Japan Study Fund. Pictured with the speaker are Helen Richardson (l.), incoming WES Board President, and Judy Pickle (r.), retiring WES Board President.

## In Memoriam

We regret to inform our members of the recent deaths of the following WES members:

*Elizabeth Foster Lennox*  
*Dorothy Osborn Campbell*  
*Myrtle Telleen Collins*

### WES BY PHONE



Our message-only phone number, **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](http://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](mailto:WES@ColoradoCollege.edu). We love to get your questions or comments, and you'll always get a reply from a WES Board member.



## Historic Van Briggle Memorial Pottery Building Tours



Historic Van Briggle Building

This event, in its third year, will take place on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to visit and learn about the history of this distinctive building located on the corner of West Uintah and Glen Avenue. Built in 1908, it originally housed the Van Briggle Pottery works and showroom. The guided tours are open to the public and tickets are available at the door for \$5.00 each.

This is a fund-raising event for the Woman's Educational Society supporting scholarships for outstanding women students at Colorado College. For further information you may call 471-8167.

— WES Board 1st Vice-President,  
Artie Kensinger

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## Scholars and Board Members Gather for Spring Picnic

It has become the custom each May for WES Board members to host an informal potluck picnic for WES scholars. On May 8th board members and scholars gathered at the home of Nancy Wenzlau to enjoy a sumptuous lunch and good conversation. Scholars reminisced about experiences during the school year, shared concerns about exams and final papers and discussed plans for the summer months. In addition, those in attendance bid farewell to WES scholars who were graduating. Board members always enjoy spending this time visiting with our scholars.



Helen Richardson with WES scholars

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

WES extends an invitation to and encourages the WES general membership to serve on the WES standing and ad hoc committees. For example, the Scholarship Committee can use volunteers who are willing to mentor new and current scholars on campus, support scholar events, and assemble scholars' care packages. Other WES committees include Finance, Fund Raising/Projects, 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 **by October 31**. Please select one of the following membership categories, and make your membership check payable to WES.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Cum Laude \$50-\$99

\_\_\_\_\_ Baccalaureate \$21-\$49

\_\_\_\_\_ Magna cum Laude \$100-\$499

\_\_\_\_\_ Summa cum Laude \$500 and above

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:** The 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 the WES message number, 389-7699, and someone from the Membership Committee will respond to your inquiry.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Finance

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity

\_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raising/Project

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominating

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Future Planning

\_\_\_\_\_ Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on bequests to WES.

Thank you for your kind contribution to WES. All contributions above the \$20 membership dues are used directly for scholarships, programs and projects of WES to benefit students of Colorado College and are **tax deductible**.