

Board of Managers 2013 - 2014

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The Woman’s Educational Society Scholars 2013 - 2014

Seniors, Class of 2014

Penuel Bickley Santa Fe, New Mexico
 Tiffany Cardenas Aurora, Colorado
 Erin Conner Englewood, Colorado
 Claire McNellan Boulder, Colorado
 Dominique Saks Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Juniors, 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

Sophomores, 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

Freshmen, Class of 2017

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

Anniversary Scholar

Anna Skrabacz Denver, Colorado

**THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY
 OF COLORADO COLLEGE
 2013 - 2014**

Annual Report of the Presidents

**125th Annual Meeting
 Anniversary Celebration, April 26, 2014**

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, 2013-April 30, 2014.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Membership statistics as of December 31, 2013

Regular members137
 Life and Silver Special members105
 Ex-officio and Honorary members.....9
Total251

Board of Managers accounts as of March 31, 2014

Administrative Fund\$6,407.47
 Dorothy P. Bryson Special Student Assistance Fund\$3,600.00
 Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund.....\$2,500.00
 Fundraising and Special Projects\$24,972.83
 WES Trip Account\$14,559.04

Market Value of the Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2013

Composed of the WES Irrevocable Trust and the WES Revocable Trust with funds from Cook, Hinch, Campbell, General Fund, and The Anniversary Fund.....\$3,897,668.00

2013-2014 Scholarship funds allocated to 21 scholars\$129,234.00

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014

June 10-14, 2013	WES Tour: “Ranches, Foundries, Peaks, and Science”
August 24, 2013	New Scholar/Parent Reception at the Cornerstone Arts Center
August 27, 2013	Fall <i>Newsfocus</i> mailing
September 19, 2013	Scholar Tea at Stewart House
October 11, 2013	Scholar Appreciation Luncheon
October 17, 2013	Fall program: “ Vision and Pedagogy: Interface between Colorado College interns and The Fine Arts Center” by Michael Howell
December 6-8, 2013	CC Craft Fair Fundraiser
December 11, 2013	Scholar Cookie Exchange at Morreale Carriage House
January 30, 2014	Winter program: “ The Behavior and Misbehavior Of Snowflakes” with CC Professor Ted Lindeman
January 31, 2014	Winter <i>Newsfocus</i> mailing
February 27, 2014	Scholar Program: Dr. Amulu Stewart – “Interview Skills Helpful for Entrance to Medical School and other Graduate programs” at Morreale Carriage House
April 26, 2014	WES 125 th Anniversary Celebration, Annual Meeting, and Farewell Luncheon for Senior Scholars
April 27-May 4, 2014	WES/Pillar Tour: “From Atoms to the Cosmos: Explore Science in New Mexico”
April 30, 2014	“Women of the West” Luncheon

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Lana Coffman and Beth Zautke

We thank the hard-working board members who created a most successful year for WES. Our programs and scholar events have been fun and worthwhile and in December 2013, WES entered into a partnership with the PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning to plan and present trips together. Our Membership base is solid and our endowment is well over \$3,000,000. The WES website has been updated regularly and messages left on voice mail and at our email address were being monitored.

We look forward to the 125th Anniversary celebration on April 26, 2014. A unique publication, *A Quiet Work Continues: WES in Its Second Century. 1989-2014*, is taking shape with photos and articles chronicling our accomplishments. We want to extend a special thank you to the Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee who have worked so diligently over the past two years toward this fun celebration!

We couldn't meet our goals without a strong Finance Committee and support from members connected to Colorado College as well as those in the Colorado Springs community.

Our focus remains on scholars and we continue to sponsor activities that are meaningful and fun. In the fall of 2012, the Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund in honor of our 125th anniversary was created to supplement the Dorothy P. Bryson Fund helping scholars with additional moneys for off-campus opportunities.

As this year comes to a close, we again want to thank the entire WES Board, all of the committees for their hard work this past year, and all the members-at-large. Finally, we would like to thank the members who are going off the board: Shirley Woolley, Rhonda Heschel, and Laura Hagler. We will miss seeing you at our board meetings but look forward to seeing you at our functions!

Contact us at WES@coloradocollege.edu
or by calling (719) 389-7699.

Please read the committee reports for more details.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Committee: *A Quiet Work Continues: WES in Its Second Century. 1989-2014*

Board Contact: Chair Sue Dilloway

Board Member: Diane Benninghoff

Members-at-Large: Barbara Arnest, Andrea Corley, Marianna McJimsey, Jeanne Stiles, Caroline Vulgamore

WES's 125th anniversary is to be celebrated April 26, 2014. *A Quiet Work* was published on our 100th anniversary and has been updated in a separate booklet available at the annual meeting and celebration for a \$10 donation. The committee spent the year researching, writing articles and gathering photos. This year the booklet was prepared for publication: Caroline Vulgamore edited, Helen Richardson proofread, and Marianna McJimsey and Stormy Burns took the project through publication. Barbara Arnest, editor of the original volume, wrote the foreword.

Ad Hoc Committee: 125th Anniversary Celebration

Board Contact: Sally Metzger

Members: Liz Aiken, Judy Jones, Jean Keeley, Katy Lapp, Pam Marsh, Jeanne Stiles

The committee met in the fall to review questionnaire responses from former scholars regarding their lives since leaving Colorado College and their possible return to the campus for activities leading up to the April 26 celebration. Ideas were discussed about how to feature them in our programs.

The committee decided to put off any details until after the first of the year; then they hit the ground running. The agenda for the day was created; a tasty menu was chosen for the buffet luncheon; plans were set in motion for a photo collage of scholars entailing many hours in the library archives; invitations and matching name tags were designed, printed and mailed; and decorations were finalized.

The printing of *A Quiet Work Continues; WES in its Second Century. 1989-2014* was timed to coincide with the anniversary celebration. Copies will be available for a donation and will be at a table beside the original *Quiet Work* for all to enjoy.

Every member of this remarkable committee gave generously of her time and talent—they all deserve a huge round of applause for making this special day such a grand event!!

Finance Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Mitchell, Shirley Woolley

Members: Lana Coffman, 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 with no less than 10% of the total cost of attending Colorado College. The value of the WES scholarship for academic year 2014-2015 will be raised by 6%. Each scholarship will increase from \$6,154 to \$6,500. This amount is 11.4% of CC's cost of attendance. The total annual scholarship commitment for 21 students will be \$136,500.

Since the 1990s, John W. Bristol and Company has managed the WES endowment. As of December 31, 2013, it was valued at \$3,897,668.00, an increase of more than 12% over last year.

We will again support five incoming freshmen, an Anniversary Scholar, and fifteen returning scholars for academic year 2014-2015. 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 the Scholarship Fund.

Fundraising and Special Projects Committee

Chair: Lana Coffman

Board Members: Ann Burek, Sarah Healy, Karen Henderson, Barbara May, Shirley Woolley

Members-at-Large: Sharon Rice, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell

Van Briggie Products: Barbara May, Shirley Woolley

Van Briggie cards and other products were promoted at all WES luncheons and at the Colorado College Craft Fair. Four new bookmarks were created and displayed. A special card featuring a photo of the Van Briggie Pottery was produced for the WES 125th Anniversary. Proceeds for the year amounted to \$967 and will be deposited in the Scholarship Fund.

WES Fundraising Trips: Sharon Rice: Chair

Sharon Rice, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell and Lana Coffman led a very successful four-day trip entitled "Ranches, Foundries, Peaks, and Science" in June, 2013. This fundraising trip added \$2650.00 to the WES Scholarship Fund.

In December 2013, WES entered into a partnership with the PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning to plan and present trips together. WES members Sharon Rice and Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell represented WES in these discussions with PILLAR, and continue to work with PILLAR to plan future jointly-sponsored trips.

The first WES/PILLAR trip "From Atoms to the Cosmos: Explore Science in New Mexico", which takes place April 27 to May 4, is expected to add about \$2800.00 to the Scholarship Fund. Another WES/PILLAR partnership trip to the Tetons, Yellowstone and the Black Hills is planned for late August 2014.

The ending balance of the Fundraising and Special Projects Fund on March 31, 2014 was \$24,317.83.

Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Mitchell, Shirley Woolley

Members: Judith Casey, Helen Knight, Candace Santa Maria, Beth Zautke

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Activities and initiatives of the committee:

The WES database was submitted for certification throughout the year, thus insuring that labels generated for all mailings would be updated and current.

Candace Santa Maria provided regular updates to the WES database.

The database contains 305 former scholars, 35 of whom are contributing or Life Members.

Revising the "Former Board Members" information in the database will be completed by June, 2014.

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 2013. Tax acknowledgment letters were mailed in January 2014.

Nominating Committee

Chair: Shirley Woolley

Board Members: Meg Chojnacki, Sue Graham

Members-at-Large: Janet Strouss, Caroline Vulgamore

The WES Board of Managers fell to an all time low of eleven members in June of 2013. The 2013-2014 Nominating Committee successfully recruited ten new members for the board which were presented to the WES members at the Annual Meeting and 125th Anniversary Celebration on April 26, 2014. We truly had much to celebrate especially the sound future of WES. The following announcements were made:

Nominating Committee for 2014-2015

Co-Chairs: Diane Benninghoff and Judith Casey

Board Members: Meg Chojnacki and Sue Graham

Members-at-Large: Janet Strouss and Caroline Vulgamore

Slate of Officers to be approved at the WES Board Meeting on May 8, 2014

Co-Presidents: Lana Coffman and Beth Zautke

1st Vice President: Diane Benninghoff

2nd Vice President: Monique Michaud

Corresponding Secretary: Meg Chojnacki

Treasurer: Barbara Mitchell

Assistant Treasurer: Elaine Derbenwick

Recording Secretary: Diane Benninghoff

Board members whose first term will expire in 2016 are Michelle Beckmann, Ann Burek, Judith Casey, Sarah Healy, Rosalyn Knepell, Helen Knight, Barbara May and Crystal White. Board members whose first term will expire in 2017 are Karen Henderson and Monique Michaud.

Laura Hagler resigned after completing her first three-year term. Rhonda Heschel and Shirley Woolley will leave the board in June 2014 after completing six years of service.

Program Committee

Chair: Sue Graham

Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Ann Burek, Judith Casey, Lana Coffman, Helen Knight, Monique Michaud

Member-at-Large: Sally Metzger (125th Anniversary Celebration Contact)

Scholar Tea - September 19, 2013

The Scholar Tea was held in the beautiful ambiance of Stewart House. Meg Chojnacki presented certificates to four freshmen and our anniversary scholar, a sophomore. Grace Guryan was named the Marianne Stoller Scholar and Meg delivered the centerpiece to Dr. Stoller who was delighted and most appreciative.

Fall Luncheon and Program - October 17, 2013

The presentation in Gaylord Hall, given by Michael Howell, MFA, Collections Manager at the Colorado Fine Arts Center was "Vision and Pedagogy: The Interface Between Colorado College Interns and the Fine Arts Center". The audience was both surprised and impressed with the growing relationship between Colorado College and the FAC as well as the responsibility given to the Colorado College interns.

Winter Luncheon Program - January 30, 2014

CC Chemistry professor, Ted Lindeman, presented "The Behavior and Misbehavior of Snowflakes" in Gaylord Hall. Snowflakes and snow crystals have been of keen interest to Dr. Lindeman since high school and he had many fun and fascinating facts to share. The information was also quite timely for our Colorado winter, making all more aware of nature's special gifts!

WES 125th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting - April 26, 2014

The 125th anniversary celebration of WES will be held in Bemis Hall. This should be a wonderful event: valuable information at the annual meeting, delicious food, previous scholars being recognized, and wonderful camaraderie throughout the day. Senior scholars will also be recognized and will share future plans.

Publicity Committee

Chair and *Newsfocus* Editor: Rhonda Heschel
Board Members: Michelle Beckmann, Sarah Healy
Member-at-Large: Yolanda Lyons

The Publicity Committee, comprised of Michelle Beckmann, Sarah Healy and Rhonda Heschel, has recently focused on publicity for the WES 125th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on April 26th, 2014. We have created a publicity poster to hang in local businesses, published an article by past co-President Caroline Vulgamore in both the print version of *The Gazette* and in *The Gazette's* Fresh Ink online. An article advertising the celebration will be in two upcoming editions of *The Catalyst*, the Colorado College Newspaper. Past co-President Shirley Woolley made a list of members to call personally following mailing of the invitations by the Anniversary Committee. Shirley and Co-Presidents Beth Zautke and Lana Coffman made those calls encouraging members to attend. The event has been submitted as a PSA to KRCC and KCME, to several online community calendars and information is available on the WES website. Thank you to everyone who has participated in making our 125th Anniversary Celebration a success!

We have been regularly updating the WES website with information. Yolanda Lyons, member-at-large, has been making these updates. Yolanda has recently transitioned this responsibility to Michelle Beckmann. Thanks to Yolanda for all of her assistance with the WES website.

The *Newsfocus*, was published in September 2013 and January 2014. Graphic artist Keith Emmons is a wonderful asset to our newsletter production team.

The publicity committee greatly appreciates help in photographing our events. Volunteer photographers include B. Fox, Sue Dilloway, Caroline Vulgamore and Barbara Mitchell.

WES is on Facebook and our events, photos, and editions of the *Newsfocus* are posted for members and friends.

Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairs: Meg Chojnacki, Laura Hagler
Members: Diane Benninghoff, Elaine Derbenwick, Sue Graham, Rhonda Heschel, Beth Zautke

Details about a productive year for the committee:

Selected and notified 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.

Attended 13th Annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon with scholars in October.

Encouraged scholars to attend both fall and winter luncheon programs.

Sponsored December Cookie Exchange at Morreale Carriage House.

Disseminated information, accepted applications, and selected grant recipients for spring and summer programs.

Distributed goodie bags to scholars at start of each semester.

Held February Program/Pizza Night with guest speaker, Dr. Amilu Stewart, at Morreale Carriage House.

Invited scholars to the April 26th Anniversary Luncheon. Graduating seniors gave brief statements.

Will present scholars elected to Phi Beta Kappa with a key from WES.