

Board of Managers 2018 – 2019

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The Woman’s Educational Society Scholars 2018 – 2019

Seniors, Class of 2019

Jessianne Blake	Burien, Washington
Valerie Maravilla	Glendale, Arizona
Emily Sussman	Gilbert, Arizona
Katie Timzen	Gresham, Oregon
Natalie Waltrous	Seattle, Washington

Juniors, Class of 2020

Cinea Jenkins	Ft. Lupton, Colorado
Valeria Peralta	Miami, Florida
Jessica Ramos	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Kristie Shirley	Lake Worth, Florida
Madeline Tucker	Missoula, Montana

Sophomores, Class of 2021

Melissa Manuel	Homestead, Florida
Laila Marshall	Seattle, Washington
Maeve O’Meara	Norman, Oklahoma
Grace Pantalone	Peoria, Arizona
Emileigh Grace Rafidi	Fullerton, California

Freshman, Class of 2022

Sakina Bhatti	Kansas City, Missouri
Dylan Hall	Buffalo, New York
Allya John	Brooklyn, New York
Jennifer Lam	Aurora, Colorado
Tiffany McBride	Snellville, Georgia

**THE WOMAN’S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY (WES)
 of Colorado College
 2018 – 2019**

Annual Report of the President

**130th Annual Meeting
 April 24, 2019**

To all members and friends:

This report summarizes the activities of the committees and officers of the WES Board of Managers.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Membership statistics as of December 31, 2018

Regular members.....	239
Life and Silver Special members.....	60
Ex-officio and Honorary members	5
Total.....	304

Board of Managers accounts as of December 31, 2018

Operating Fund.....	\$20,318.07
Scholarships – Fundraising.....	\$19,104.55
Dorothy P. Bryson Special Student Assistance Fund.....	\$3,150.00
Sponsorship Fund	\$3,000.00
Gifts to Colorado College Fund.....	\$14,600.00
Marianne Stoller Gift Fund	\$14,500.00

Market Value of the Endowment as of December 31, 2018

Composed of the WES Irrevocable Trust and the WES Revocable Trust the Cook, Hinch, Campbell,Stone, and the General funds	\$4,685,762
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2018-2019 Scholarship funds allocated to 20 scholars \$160,000

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

- August 29, 2018 New Scholar Meet & Greet
- September 15, 2018 Van Briggie Pottery Festival
- September 25, 2018 Scholar Tea at Stewart House
- November 4, 2018 Fall Lunch & Program
Deborah Froeb Gardner
Nature Conservancy
- December 13, 2018 Scholar Event: Cookie Exchange
- February 2019 Winter *Newsfocus* mailing
- January 15, 2019 Book Event: Weather Woman, Cai Emmons
- February 28, 2019 Winter Lunch & Program – Kay Esmiol
*Everybody Welcome: A Memoir of Fannie
Mae Duncan and The Cotton Club*
- April 3, 2019 Women of the West Luncheon
Dr. Fawn-Amber Montoya
“Ghosts of the Past”
- April 24, 2019 WES Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Please read the committee reports for more details.

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Scholarship Committee

Chair: Brittany Almeida

Members: Sharon Grady, Judy DeGroot, Helen Knight, Amy Dounay, Roz Knepell, and Crystal Bryant

Following are some details of a productive year for the committee:

- Selection of and notification to five (5) new WES Scholars, as well as the recruitment and assignment of mentors, was the initial focus of committee efforts;
- Provided photos and biographical info for each scholar for the *NewsFocus*. Additional photos and narratives were provided to the *NewsFocus* following other activities involving the scholars;
- Planned, organized and hosted the August Meet and Greet activity to welcome the scholars, meet their parents, and introduce scholar mentors and WES Board members;
- WES Scholars' Tea held at the Stewart House in September. New scholars were introduced to their mentors and to the broader Colorado College community. Framed certificates and small mementos were also presented to them;
- All scholars were expected to attend the September Van Briggie Tour and Festival and fill one volunteer slot for at least 2 hours. This was a change from previous years and really added to the event – scholars were able to share their WES experience with the larger community;
- Goodie bags were prepared and distributed to the scholars during each semester. Additionally, the December holiday Cookie Exchange was planned, executed and well-attended by scholars and mentors;
- Encouraged WES Scholars to attend the Fall and Winter luncheon programs and the CC sponsored Annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon;
- Disseminated WES Special Grant Application information to the scholars each semester. Accepted applications, reviewed and selected grant recipients;
- Advised WES Scholars of the April WES Annual Meeting and Luncheon and encouraged their attendance. Notified graduating seniors of the luncheon presentation requirement, and assisted them with preparation for this activity;
- As a note: WES held a diversity and inclusion session with the Butler Center (Colorado College's hub of diversity, inclusion, and equity) earlier in the year. In keeping with the College's and WES's initiatives to be as inclusive as possible, the Scholarship Committee will be incorporating these ideas into our processes, including scholar selection, mentor pairing, event planning/programming, and our interactions with the scholars at CC. The Scholarship committee also holds itself to the following statement (similar to CC's anti-discrimination statement): We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, gender identity or expression, disability, or sexual orientation in our scholar programs and activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Crystal Bryant

Once again, we've had a year full of wonderful activities focused on our dual mission of providing support to our scholars and bringing the college and community together. We had our most successful VanBriggie festival to date and continue to make improvements to that event fostering it as our primary fundraiser. This year we've introduced some new and different offerings, such as the book talk this winter and have plans to continue to evolve the events and programs we offer.

Our scholars continue to amaze me! We have such a talented and multifaceted group of scholars. Rest assured that our futures are in good hands with these amazing students!

As this is my final year (final few months actually) serving as president of the WES Board of Managers, I want to express my gratitude to the entire board and membership for all they continue to do for WES. As a board of managers, we are the “doers” not the directors of other “doers” and we are a fairly small group considering all that we accomplish each year. It has been an honor to serve as your president the last two years and to help facilitate all the hard and good work that goes into making this organization successful.

Finance Committee

Chair: Barbara Mitchell

Assistant Treasurer: Barbara May

Members: Ann Burek, Amy Dounay, Rosalyn Knepell, and Crystal Bryant

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 no less than 10% of the total cost of attending Colorado College. For academic year 2019-20, the scholarship will be \$8,500. This amount is 11.96% of Colorado College's cost of attendance. The total annual scholarship commitment for 20 students will be \$170,000.

Since the 1990s, John W. Bristol and Company has managed the WES endowment. As of December 31, 2018, it was valued at \$4,685,762.

In August 2018, WES enrolled in the King Soopers Neighborhood Reward program which generated income for WES. As of March 31, 2019, WES has received approximately \$600 thru this program. This was based on using a "gift" card which linked WES to King Soopers to receive credit toward a reward. As of April 1, the "gift card" was phased out and the new process ties a registered Kings loyalty card to WES so that when the card is swiped that purchase counts towards a quarterly reward for WES. To register your loyalty card go to www.kingsoopers.com or www.citymarket.com. Once logged into your King Soopers or City Market account go to "Community Rewards" and search for "Woman's Educational Society" either by name or WES ID number - QY233 - and click "Enroll". For questions contact Cindy Zenkert-Strange at 317-650-1005 or cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com. (New users will need to create a King Soopers account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.)

WES has an archive of hard copies of PILLAR/WES trips to include: Brochure, MOU, Participant list, Accounting, and News Focus article if available. Our most recent trip – "Wings Over The Platte" – will generate approximately \$2,600 toward our scholarship fund.

WES will again support five incoming freshmen and fifteen returning scholars for the 2019-20 academic year. 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 contributions are greatly appreciated.

Publicity Committee

Chair: Karen Henderson

Members: Brittany Almeida, Patsy Arnstein, Cindi Zenkert-Strange, Karen Rubin

Newsfocus Editor: Eileen Martin

Members of the WES Publicity Committee participated in a program for nonprofits sponsored by Leadership Pikes Peak at the Colorado College's Cornerstone Hall on April 23, 2018. This event was designed to promote membership, volunteering and/or being a board member for a nonprofit. Our table materials provided information about WES, our continuing goals to financially assist students, and our community programs. There was a tremendous amount of interest shown by the many attendees regarding our "quite work" since 1889.

WES was a community sponsor of the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival in November 2018. As a community sponsor, our logo was featured on screen prior to the showing of the forty-two films. Our name and logo as well as a half-page add also appeared in the brochure which was received by all attendees. WES' scholar Melissa Manuel was featured in the brochure ad. Ms. Manuel is a film and media studies major graduating in 2021.

The *Newsfocus* continues to be an integral part of our publicity, which features photos of our scholars, programs, fundraisers and articles by our scholars on their accomplishments. The current *Newsfocus* editor, Eileen Martin, is doing an amazing job.

Program Committee

Co-Chairs: Patsy Aronstein, Judy Casey

Members: Faye McQueen, Karen Rubin, Cindi Zenkert-Strange, Monique Michaud, Karen Henderson

Scholar Meet-up August 29, 2018

WES' opened the year with a scholar meet-up hosted by senior, Natalie Watrous, at her off campus house. It was an opportunity for the scholars to get to know one another in a casual setting, and to provide helpful tips to the incoming freshmen.

Scholars' Tea - September 25, 2018

The Scholars' Tea was held at the magnificent Stewart House. WES President Crystal Bryant made brief remarks about WES' work and introduced Colorado College President Jill Tiefenthaler, who spent time meeting the new scholars and greeting guests. Scholars were introduced and provided background about themselves and their study plans.

Fall Luncheon and Program - November 4, 2018

Taste restaurant in CC's Fine Arts Center was the setting for Deborah Froeb's (CC '78) talk about the evolution of her career and her current position with The Nature Conservancy guiding global initiatives and investment opportunities.

Book talk---January 15, 2019

Author, Cai Emmons discussed her novel, *Weather Woman*, at this event that took place in the beautiful Tutt Alumni House living room. Attendees enjoyed wine and cheese before the presentation. Ms. Emmons' spoke about the research she undertook to write a credible story about a woman who discovers she has the ability to change the weather. A lively Q and A followed.

Winter Luncheon and Program - February 28, 2019

Attendees were treated to a presentation by author, Kay Esmiol, speaking about Fannie Mae Duncan, African American community leader and owner of the famous jazz club, The Cotton Club in Colorado Springs. Attendees were able to purchase Ms. Esmiol's book at the event and guests learned about the Fannie Mae Duncan Statue Project that is on-going.

Women of the West Luncheon - April 3, 2019

This WES-Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies partnership event featured Dr. Fawn-Amber Montoya discussing "Ghosts of the Past". Her talk highlighted the people and spaces of south eastern Colorado that remind its residents and visitors of their historic pasts.

WES Annual Meeting - April 24, 2019

Once again the Annual Meeting will be held at the Taste Restaurant in the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. Senior Scholars will highlight their Colorado College experiences and future plans.

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Ann Burek

Co-Chairs: Faye McQueen and Karen Rubin

Members: Judy DeGroot, Sharon Grady, Crystal Bryant

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

Van Briggie Festival – Chair: Ann Burek; Co-Chairs Faye McQueen, Karen Rubin
The 2018 Van Briggie Festival in September was a success with all tickets for the tours that started at 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. sold out. In addition there was a special tour at 8:20 for 15 people.

Tours were led by WES members and Distinguished Docents from the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. Presentations included a short film that featured Van Briggie Memorial Pottery staff, talks by 'Anne Van Briggie', George Eckhardt, Dan Crossey and Larry Terrafranca. The tour ended with a display of pottery that illustrated the colors of nature in Van Briggie and a talk by Kathy Honea assisted by Linda Crissey. Several WES scholars were at the event and spoke with attendees waiting for their tours to start.

Attendees were able to visit with our community partners, old and new, that included the Horticultural Arts Society, Friends of Monument Valley Park, McAllister House, Historic Preservation Alliance, Manitou Springs Heritage Center and the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum.

WE are grateful for the Support of the Bemis School of Art in co-sponsoring the Festival and we look forward to their continuing support. Bemis staff and volunteers provided pottery demonstrations and an opportunity for attendees to try their hand at throwing a pot on the wheel.

The Festival would not be possible without WES Board members past and present and all the other volunteers.

WES/Pillar Trip – Chairs, Sharon Rice and Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell
Wings Over the Platte March 17 – 21, 2019. Twenty-eight participants traveled to Ogallala, Cozad, Kearney, Hastings, Red Cloud, and McCook, Nebraska. The main highlight was witnessing the migration of several hundred thousand sandhill cranes on the North Platte River, plus the Prairie Chicken Dance. The trip also included visits to Robert Henri Museum, the Archway, Harold Warp Pioneer Museum, and the Willa Cather Foundation. Good food, camaraderie, and memorable experiences were shared. WES/PILLAR will each receive \$2,600 in donations from this trip.

Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Mitchell, Helen Knight (Database Manager)

Members: Patsy Aronstein, Eileen Martin, Barbara May

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The WES database was submitted for certification in February 2019, thus ensuring that labels generated for all mailings would be updated and current.

Helen Knight did an incredible job maintaining the database. She added a couple new tabs in order to provide better organization to the 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 2018.

Tax acknowledgment letters were mailed in January 2019.

Nominating Committee

Chair: Karen Rubin

Board Members: Judy Casey, Karen Henderson, Monique Michaud

Members-at-Large: Diane Benninghoff, Caroline Vulgamore

The Nominating Committee is eagerly looking to add members to our membership as well as new members to our Board of Managers. We successfully added four new Board of Managers members in early 2018 and then 3 more in late 2018. We will hopefully be adding four more this June!

Please contact us if you want more information of WES and our mission at wes@coloradocollege.edu.

Slate of Officers to be approved at the WES Board Meeting on May 3, 2019

President: Judy DeGroot

Vice President: Karen Rubin

Recording Secretary: Sharon Grady

Corresponding Secretary: Judith Light

Treasurer: Lyrae Williams

Assistant Treasurer: Monique Michaud