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## Farewell and Best Wishes to Graduating Seniors



### Cinea Jenkins

I've truly enjoyed my four years here at CC; I am sad to see them go, but I am also ready for the next chapter in my life. While at CC, I majored in both Mathematics and Romance Languages, and WES has helped me to excel in both these fields. The summer after my junior year, WES awarded me with a grant that helped pay for housing while I conducted math research with a professor at CC, which I then presented at the SCoRe Symposium at CC. This experience greatly prepared me to complete the research for my Senior Thesis where I studied the gaps between prime numbers. WES helped me advance in my Romance Language major as well by financially helping me to study abroad in France the spring semester of my Freshman year. This semester abroad greatly changed my outlook on life and is the reason I am a Romance Language major today. It sparked a love for travel and a desire to see the world; the following summer I studied abroad in Spain, the January after that I traveled to London with the Career Center, and the summer after that I visited Iceland with the Outdoor Education Center—and this all started with that first trip to France that WES helped me with.

Now, I plan to attend grad school for Mathematics. Next year though, I will be the Math Paraprof here at CC while I apply for grad schools. I also look to travel to Italy so I can immerse myself and improve my Italian, which I started to learn here at CC. WES has greatly improved my experience here at CC. Because of them, many of the opportunities I took advantage of at CC would not have been available to me without WES. I have also always felt supported by these great ladies. When I first moved into my dorm at CC, there was a meet-and-greet with WES and even though I was in a new environment where I didn't know anyone, that meet-and-greet made me feel welcomed and safe. Without WES, I wouldn't be where I am today, so thank you :)

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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, to give assistance to students of the college, and to 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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## Farewell Graduating Seniors



### Jessica Ramos (pictured above)

I am Jessica Ramos and I am graduating this May with a Bachelor's in Psychology and a minor in Luso-Brazilian Studies. I began my undergraduate experience in the Bridge Scholars Program in early August and made everlasting friendships and mentor/mentee relationships. During my first year I took a course, "Portuguese for Spanish-Speakers," that would motivate me to study abroad in Brazil my full fall semester of my sophomore year. I spent that fall with my host family in Rio de Janeiro and would return to CC for the spring semester. The next year, my junior year, I studied abroad for a block with the sociology department in Oaxaca, Mexico. During the following summer, I was fortunate enough to do two very special programs/projects. I first did a two-week intensive program with the sociology department where I was working alongside attorneys in immigration detention centers. Following that experience, I conducted a Davis Projects for Peace in Ecuador. During my senior year, I was so grateful to still be able to carry out two different off-campus courses including a sociology class that goes to the U.S.-Mexico Border and another in the psychology department that went to Florence, Italy. WES Scholarships have supported me throughout my four years

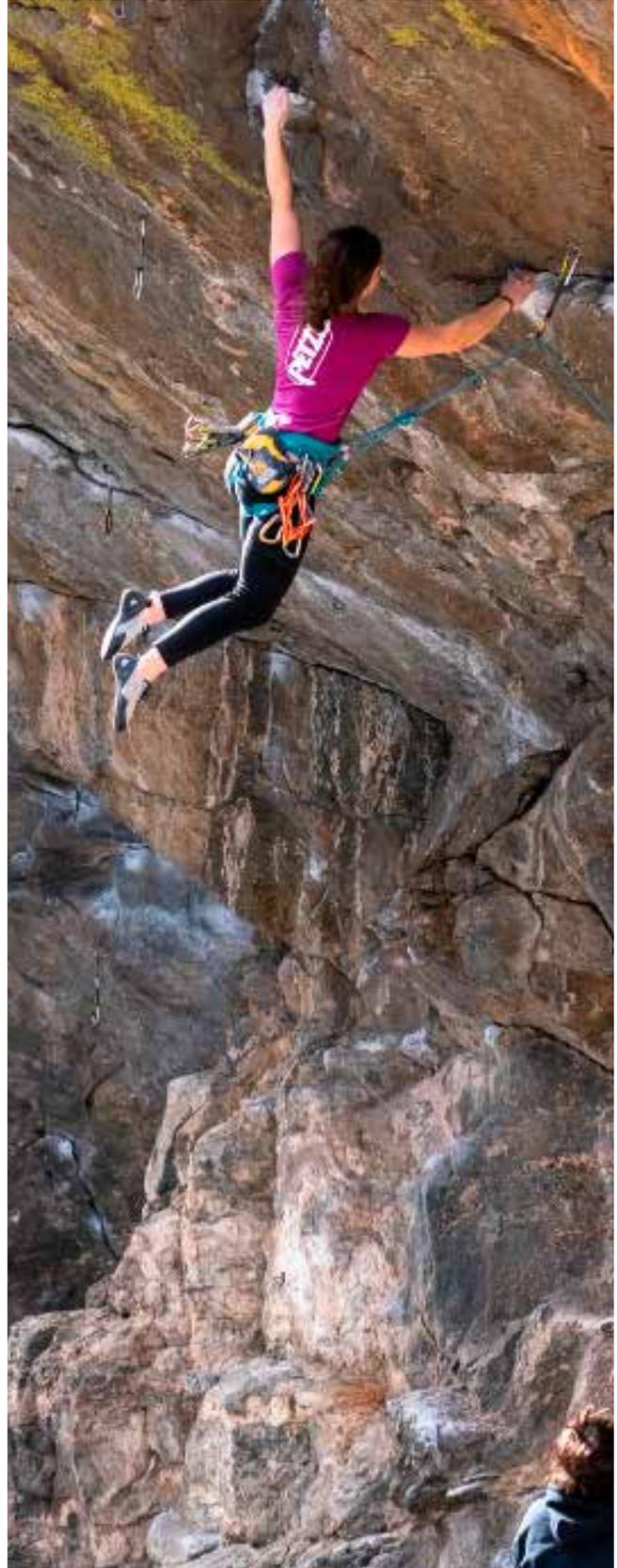
at CC by allowing me to take advantage of all the opportunities that CC has to offer without worrying about their financing. Further, my mentor/mentee relationship in WES was a crucial piece of my own motivation for pursuing various mentor positions at the college (Bridge Scholars Mentor and FYE Mentor). I am honored to have been a part of a wonderful group of women during my time at CC. In early June, I will begin a fellowship at Towards Justice, a nonprofit law firm in Denver, that works for advocacy and litigation to advance economic justice. I am excited to take all that I have learned from these wonderful opportunities and only continue to grow in the future.

**Madeleine Tucker** (pictured to right)

My years at Colorado College have been some of the best of my life. It has been a time of growth and self-discovery for me, and I am going to miss this place and these people dearly. This institution has allowed me endless opportunities to explore, both physically and intellectually. I have been challenged by my courses, and in the liberal arts tradition I have taken courses in a variety of different departments and disciplines - from art to chemistry. The college's proximity to mountains has allowed me to continue to trail run and mountain bike on a daily basis and to head out for longer backpacking and climbing trips on our longer breaks. Being a part of the Women's Educational Society has been a huge honor and help to me in these final years of my education.

The scholarship came at a crucial time for me, as one of my parents experienced a work-related injury early in my junior year and wasn't able to work for a couple years. It has also been extremely special for me to be included in the warm, loving WES community. I have enjoyed attending the fundraisers, luncheons, and other events WES has provided for us, and it has been lovely to get to know my sponsor over the last couple of years. Most recently, WES provided funds for me to take guitar lessons from a local fingerstyle guitarist, which has been an amazing experience. I've played guitar for many years but had never had formal instruction. It's been a great opportunity for me to improve on my skills and build new ones! WES has brightened my time at Colorado College, and I am extremely grateful to the community for all of the amazing work they do for students, and for having allowed me to be a part of it!

This May I will be graduating with a degree in Organismal Biology and Ecology. When the national situation allows, I will be moving to Alaska to begin working for the BLM as a field biologist. I will be on a crew of about five people, based out of Anchorage and traveling to remote



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## Farewell Graduating Seniors

areas around the state to do ecological site surveys. I am extremely excited for this opportunity, and I know it wouldn't have been possible without the amazing education and skills I was able to build at CC!



### Kristie Shirley (pictured above)

My CC experience has definitely left a lasting impact on me. From taking a comparative literature class on the contrast between the nature and the city in Chicago to doing ecological research on carpenter bees in Greece, I have experienced worlds, places, and spaces of thought I would have never touched upon at any other school. There is definitely a duality to going to CC though. While we get to enjoy opportunities and resources that many schools do not have, there is also a lot of work to be done to ensure that low-income and people of color not only come to CC but can survive there, happily and healthily. I am grateful for the financial support WES has given me and absolutely feel that without your support, I wouldn't have been able to afford to stay at CC. While a few thousand dollars may seem like chump-change to many of my peers and even to some of my donors, it means the world to me that someone believes in me enough to put forth that money and invest in my future. I am truly and honestly grateful to the committee and all of those who have contributed to it in some way, shape, or form.

After graduation, I am planning on preparing to apply to graduate school by working in different labs. My main

goal is to be accepted into an NIH-funded preparatory program but I won't hear from those until May. My dream program would be to attend the University of Washington at Seattle and to work closely with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in order to work on the frontlines of cancer research and treatment. ✨

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## Message from CC President Jill Tiefenthaler

Dear WES Scholars and Members,

As my nine-year tenure at Colorado College comes to a close, and I prepare to join the National Geographic Society as Chief Executive Officer, I want to take a moment to recognize the valuable impact the Women's Education Society has had at CC and beyond.

I write to you during a global pandemic and heightened awareness of and protest against tragic racial injustice. While this is a challenging time, it is also one when we are especially grateful for those who do good in the world. I have the utmost appreciation for the generosity of WES members — for your commitment of time and resources to supporting women's education.

I know firsthand the importance of female mentorship, and the connections you make in WES are important. The bonds between WES scholars and their mentors are critical to our students' academic success and personal development. I encourage you all — scholars and members — to stay engaged with WES and Colorado College in the years to come, as we work together to build more compassionate communities.

Thank you for your service and for all you do for Colorado College. I wish you peace, rejuvenation, and connection.

Sincerely,

Jill Tiefenthaler  
Colorado College President

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## Karen Rubin: WES 2020 – 2021 President

Hello, my name is Karen Rubin and I will be the incoming WES President beginning July 1, 2020. I have been in WES and a Board Member for 3 1/2 years, serving on several committees and have been Vice President for the last year.



I am excited to lead this amazing, one-of-a-kind Colorado College-based organization! We were founded in 1889 and after 131 years I am honored to continue the legacy of our founder, Mary Slocum. I look forward to a year of innovation, collaboration and reaching out to increase membership and awareness of our group here in the Colorado Springs community. 🌸

## Message From Our Outgoing WES President Judy De Groot

It certainly has been an unusual time for all of us over the past several months as we learn ways to protect ourselves, family and friends with hand washing, social distancing, face masks and then more hand washing. I hope this note finds all of you staying safe and healthy during these most unusual times.



Even though WES has not met face to face since early March, the work of WES has continued through emails, phone calls and ZOOM meetings. With the assistance from the CC Financial Aid Department, we have chosen six amazing young women to become the 2020-2021 WES Scholars. Four of the freshman WES Scholars hail from Colorado, one from California and one from Minnesota. All six students have been leaders at their high schools and volunteered extensively in their communities. The WES Board of Managers are excited to have the opportunity to meet these young women and to support them throughout their four years at CC.

The five WES senior scholars have successfully graduated this spring from CC. The graduating scholars include Cinea Jenkins, Valeria Peralta, Jessica Ramos,

Kristie Shirley and Madeleine Tucker. The plan is to have a commencement in spring of 2021. Within this *Newsfocus*, you will be able to read about these amazing scholars as they talk about their CC experiences and what their future plans are.

We are unsure what the WES activities will look like this fall. We have scheduled WES Scholar Meet and Great, the WES Tea event, the Holiday Cookie Exchange and a fall evening education program, however, these may not occur or occur in a different format based on State, City and CC policies to protect the health and welfare of CC campus and everyone that would normally participate in WES sponsored activities.

It has been a privilege for me to serve WES as President this past year. I have been so grateful and impressed with the dedication, creativity, enthusiasm, and support from all of the WES Board of Managers members. WES remains a successful and strong organization because of the talented and dedicated Board of Managers. Thank you!

Do welcome Karen Rubin as President of WES this coming fiscal year. Karen will be a strong President to help guide WES through these strange and uncertain times. Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as President this past year.

Judy De Groot 🌸

## Grateful WES Recognizes the Contributions of Our Outgoing WES President Judy DeGroot

With the beginning of a new year, we express our appreciation for Judy De Groot for her leadership as WES Board President. Her calm approach to the changes over the last 12 months has set the path forward to respond to ever challenging events.

A major change is the transition of Bemis School of Art to new quarters at Van Briggles Pottery thus ending the annual September tour event which has been the primary fundraiser for WES. Judy called for a planning meeting to address this change and other opportunities for WES to consider re-energizing the organization with many new Board members.

We thank Judy for her energy and good cheer.

# Welcome to WES' 2019



**Sarah Higgins** (pictured above)

My name is Sarah Higgins and I am originally from Honolulu, Hawaii; however, I grew up for most of my life in Columbia, Missouri. Moving to the mainland was a big shock however, because of my love of travel stemming from my parents' love for travel. I am grateful to have had so many opportunities to explore the U.S. because of moving to the Missouri. Throughout my middle school and high school experience I fell in love with playing volleyball, acting, dancing, singing and advocating for diversity and inclusion in my school and community. My major at Colorado College is undeclared but I hope to pursue studies in media and film. I also strive to continue pursuing my hobbies in the fine arts and advocating for diversity and inclusion at Colorado College within the next 4 years. I could not be more excited for my journey ahead at CC as a WES Scholar!



**Tamar Crump** (pictured above)

My name is Tamar Crump and I grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. For 12 years I was homeschooled by my mother until middle school. Throughout middle school and high school, I was heavily involved in my schools' local food pantry, a nonprofit organization run by students called Weekend on Wheels, that boxed meals for families within the district every week. I'm usually very quiet and tend to keep to myself but I will come out of my shell with a good conversation. I'm obsessed with traveling and learning new languages and plan to seize every study abroad opportunity I can. My hobbies include painting, sewing, and dance. I also enjoy hiking and would love to learn how to kayak!

**Clara Sato** (pictured next page)

I was born in Tokyo, Japan, and moved to Madison, Wisconsin when I was two years old. Growing up with my mom and my brother, I spent a lot of time outside, enjoying the warm summers and snowy winters of the Midwest. In addition to being a competitive swimmer for 13 years, I have always had a strong passion for science and math as well as social justice and helping others in my community. Throughout high school, I was involved in volunteering for a Down Syndrome Achievement Center as a program leader, and a Biomedical Genomic Research Group studying the effects of the diet on the gastrointestinal tract. I will major in neuroscience with hopes of medical school in the future. Colorado College's strong science programs, the swim team, and the Women's Educational Society, along with everything

# New Freshman Scholars



Above: Clara Sato

else CC has to offer will provide me with a wonderful opportunity to explore all of my passions. I am so honored and grateful to have been chosen as a WES Scholar, and I am looking forward to what this year has in store!

**Rikki Held** (pictured to right)

My name is Rikki Held. I grew up on a Montana cattle ranch outside of Broadus, MT and lived three hours from home to graduate as valedictorian from Billings Senior High School. Pursuing a higher education is of great importance to me as I know that knowledge can change the world by creating understanding, opportunity, and equality.

I wish to pursue Environmental Science at Colorado College while living in a community of open-minded people willing to face the world's challenges.

I greatly appreciate this generous scholarship and look forward to participating in WES!

I am so honored to have been chosen as a WES Scholar. Thank you so much to you and to the rest of the scholarship committee for giving me such an amazing opportunity as being a part of this incredibly generous and supportive community.

Thank you for the incredible opportunity of being chosen as a WES Scholar!



**Gabriella Morales** (pictured on next page)

I was born and raised in the small coastal town of Beaufort, South Carolina where I graduated from Battery Creek High School. In my free time I love to read, play soccer, and go to the beach. Growing up listening to my paternal grandmother's stories about her life in her hometown of Pueblo, Colorado first instilled my pride in my Hispanic roots and fostered a desire in me to travel more often. Although my grandmother's later struggles with dementia were heartbreaking to watch,

it sparked my interest in the human brain and psyche. At CC, I plan to further these interests by studying

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## Welcome Freshman Scholar Gabriella



Above: Gabriella Morales

psychology and Spanish. Adjusting to the colder climate will be difficult, but nonetheless, I am looking forward to attending CC this fall. I'm so grateful for the generous financial aid that has allowed me to embark on this exciting adventure.

Thank you so much for this honor! Receiving this award has relieved so much stress about paying for college already. I'm so grateful! 🦋

### Member Email Addresses Needed

If you have never provided an email address to WES or it has changed, please notify Carolyn Dickerson at [dickersondesign@gmail.com](mailto:dickersondesign@gmail.com).



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*(by The Women Board of Managers, WES Retreat of 2020)*

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Your donations allow WES to increase the financial aid given to WES scholars to help keep pace with the rising costs of a four-year education at Colorado College.

## Welcome New WES Board of Managers Members!

### Kelly Riggs

My name is Kelley Riggs, and I am a new member of the WES Board. I graduated from Colorado College, and was honored to be a WES scholar during my four years there. I have always looked forward to coming back to Colorado and being able to participate in WES from the other side of the equation.



I majored in Psychology, and after CC I went to nursing school and became a psychiatric nurse. I have also worked as a school nurse, and I especially enjoy working with children and teenagers. I am currently finishing a BS in nursing so that I can return to school nursing here in Colorado.

I have two children: my son graduated from CSU, and my daughter is currently at UCCS (a house divided, as my son points out!). In spare time, I love to knit and also to spin my own yarn. I also like to garden, and to walk our dog in the snow after many years in hot places.

I have enjoyed meeting the wonderful women of the WES Board, and look forward to getting to know them better and expanding my renewed connection to CC!

### Judy Sonderrmann

My name is Judy Sonderrmann. I was born and raised here in Colorado Springs, going to Steele, North, Palmer and Colorado College. I earned both my BA in Psychology (1981) and my Master of Arts in Teaching (1993?) at CC. I actually was raised on the Colorado College campus, swimming at Schlessman Pool, sneaking into my father's office in Palmer Hall, participating in children's drama at Armstrong Hall, studying at Tutt Library or in the Fishbowl at Olin, playing soccer on Stewart and Washburn Fields, or attending gatherings at Shove. I also taught swimming lessons at CC and coached at the Colorado College youth soccer camps. While I vaguely remember Circle



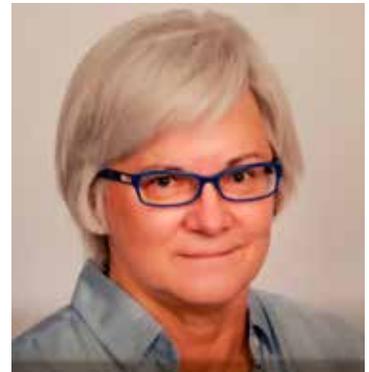
Drive being the eastern edge of Colorado Springs, I definitely remember when Academy Boulevard was the eastern border of our town! My, how the city has grown, yet I remained an Old North Ender despite our city's size.

I was a teacher in School District 11 for over 29 years, retiring about 5 years ago. About half of my teaching career was in elementary school, mostly at my elementary alma mater, Steele School. The other half of my career was at Holmes Middle School teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, ending my career as the gifted and talented resource teacher at Holmes. I still stay in touch with Holmes as a scorekeeper for basketball and volleyball. (I also keep score at Coronado High School.). Besides scorekeeping, I am a classroom volunteer for Junior Achievement, as well as a docent at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

I believe very much in a liberal arts education and am hoping to continue my association with Colorado College through the Women's Education Society.

### Catherine Senecal Tobin

My name is Catherine Senecal Tobin and I am glad to be a part of WES. Education, especially for women, has always meant a lot to me. I first ventured to college in 1974 and earned a Journalism degree in New York State. I spent 12 years as a reporter/copy editor beginning in Upstate New York (and even returned to the profession to work at my hometown weekly in 2014) and ended my career in Las Vegas, Nevada, where I returned to college to earn an accounting degree (graduating in May 1993).



Due to a wonderful program that allowed me to be employed while attending UNLV, I started work for the Internal Revenue Service in 1991. In 2013, I retired early from the service to move East and help family. At the time, my co-workers joked that I would be working at a college within six months. This proved true and I became

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Tax Manager at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont four months after the move.

Due to a change in administration, I decided to look for a new challenge and came to Colorado College in November 2018 as Tax & Compliance Manager.

I am happily divorced and have two daughters. My eldest (a graduate of Tulane University) lives and works in New Orleans, Louisiana. My youngest (a graduate of the University of Nebraska Omaha) lives in Corning, New York, with her fiancé.

I love jigsaw puzzles, reading, cooking and long walks.

Women, their roles in our society, their education and their recognition are extremely important to me. I have marched, I have mentored, and written letters to the editor and representatives. I hope I have served and will continue to serve as a role model. 🌸

## WES Member News

### WES Scholarship Chair Professor Amy Dounay Recognized for Research

Colorado College Associate Professor of Chemistry Amy Dounay '96 is the lead author of an article published in the Journal of Chemical Education.

[“Globally Distributed Drug Discovery of New Antibiotics: Design and Combinatorial Synthesis of Amino Acid Derivatives in the Organic Chemistry Laboratory”](#) describes various aspects of the “Distributed Drug Discovery” project, which students in Dounay’s organic chemistry course have participated in for the past several years.



Dounay joined the Colorado College faculty in 2012 and teaches courses in organic chemistry and medicinal chemistry.

Her current research at Colorado College focuses on the discovery of new medicines to treat African sleeping sickness. She also is developing new pedagogical approaches for organic chemistry education, including involving students in introductory courses in research toward new antibiotics. 🌸

## WES Board of Managers 2020 Winter Retreat

The WES winter retreat was held, in January, at the Penrose House. The day was fast-pace and productive, fostering a collaborative environment and helping the WES Board to know each other better. During the day we worked on better defining forward direction and priorities for WES. We also established a new goal: Helping WES scholars stay connected to each other and WES after CC.



Our Retreat Leader, WES Board member Judith Light and Board member Tess Powers.



WES Board members Debbie Lynn, Carolyn Dickerson and Lisa Bonwell. 🌸

# WES Scholar and Member Events

## New Scholar Meet and Greet

WES members gathered to greet and welcome the new scholars and meet their families. The freshmen and their families made time during their check-in at the college to share refreshments and receive an orientation from WES President Judy DeGroot.



WES President Judy DeGroot addresses Meet and Greet.  
*Photo by Greer Rising*

## Fall Tea

Once again the magnificent Stewart House was the backdrop for the Fall Scholar Tea. WES mentors introduced new scholars and members; scholars both old and new enjoyed tea and fellowship. CC President Jill Tiefenthaler welcomed the group and acknowledged WES generosity and contributions to the scholars.



WES Board members, Monique Michaud and Karen Henderson



WES Scholars, Maeve O'Mara and Cinea Jenkins  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



WES Scholar Laila Marshall and board member Patsy Aronstein  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



Scholars Cinea Jenkins and Jennifer Lam  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



WES Scholars and friends.



WES Board member Patsy Aronstein, Colorado College President Jill Tiefenthaler and WES Board member Karen Henderson



WES Tea at the Stewart House. *Photo by Greer Rising*

### WES Cookie Exchange

WES held its annual cookie exchange but with a new twist this year. Scholarship Chair Amy Dounay, suggested that we make the exchange a greater opportunity for scholars and mentors to spend time together in a relaxed and festive setting. Toward that effort, WES provided a Gourmet Mac and Cheese buffet, followed by cookie decorating. Scholars and mentors had plenty of time to catch up with one another in the beautiful Cossitt Faculty Lounge. Scholars left with their usual cookie tin of delicious treats. A good time was had by all and it was a fitting send-off for scholars as they headed home for their winter break.

### Winter Luncheon

Leah Witherow, of the Pioneers Museum, was the featured speaker at WES' winter luncheon where the topic was "100 Years of Suffrage: Colorado Led the Way." Attendees gathered for a hearty pasta lunch, and were seated at tables featuring the suffrage movement's colors - purple, white and gold. Ms. Witherow's talk was lively and informative and highlighted the significant role the West played in the suffrage movement. She provided pictures and colorful commentary about local participation in the suffrage movement, including the iconic photo of suffragists in The Garden of the Gods Park. Attendees were also able to view photographs with brief biographies of Colorado suffragists who have been inducted into The Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.

### Coral Bluffs Discovery

WES decided to try out a different format for their spring event that proved to be very successful: a heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour lecture. Attendees gathered in Gaylord Hall. The evening featured Ian Miller (CC '83), Curator of Paleobotany and Tyler Lyson, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science speaking about their recent groundbreaking discovery of fossils at Corral Bluffs. The two scientists tag-teamed in a delightful and fascinating deep-dive talk into the discovery of mammal bones that reveal details about how life re-emerged after the catastrophic asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. Their talk was followed by a compelling Q&A session that left us all wanting more.

### Weather and Covid-19 Interfered with annual events on our WES Calendar.

WES' fall (October) event, a play and tea, was cancelled due to a snowstorm that closed campus facilities.

The Woman's Educational Society's annual meeting was cancelled due the Corona virus Pandemic. ❄️

# The 2019 Historic Van Briggie Festival



September brought another successful Van Briggie festival, co-presented with the Bemis School of Art. The beautiful blue sky formed a tremendous backdrop for those who volunteered their time and attended the festival in the historic Van Briggie building. It was wonderful to see it all come together: heartfelt volunteerism, scholar participation, community partnerships, historic preservation enthusiasm, and getting hands dirty throwing pots. Once again WES extends huge thanks to Colorado College Campus Planner George Eckhardt for hosting the event at the historic building, for all the work by his team, and for sharing his enthusiasm for Van Briggie with festival participants.



Three Scholars Working the WES Table  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



WES Board members Nadja Hunter, Sharon Grady and WES President Judy DeGroot  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



Festival Chair Nadja Hunter and HAS member Suzanne Downs  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



WES Members and Scholars  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



WES Scholar Tamara Crump and fellow CC student.  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



WES Scholar 1951-55 Joanne Castellan Shaw Harvey and son. *Photo by Greer Rising*



Above right: George Eckhardt of Colorado College  
*Photo by Greer Rising*

**A special note of appreciation** is due to Sandy Ensor, who brought over 100 pieces from her personal Van Briggles collection to share with attendees. Sandy donated two Van Briggles pieces from her collection to the silent auction, assisting with fundraising. Once again Larry Terrafranca donated two Van Briggles reliefs for the auction, bringing a tidy sum for WES. Gary Conover, also a collector, shared his expertise about Van Briggles's work with the visitors. Thank you Sandy, Larry and Gary!



Sandy Ensor with her Van Briggles collection  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



Gary Conover examining a Van Briggles piece.  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



Auction Items

## A Big THANK YOU to Our Tour Guides and Ann Van Briggles!

Sharon Rice (who also conducted our tour guide training), Jan Zellmer, Eileen Riley, Linda Chase, Nancy Winter, Ann Burek, Alice Aronovitz, Betty Griner, Kathy Olson, Karen Henderson, Tess Powers, Vivian McWhorter, Judith Light, Judy DeGroot, Pamela Fickes-Miller, Mary Kay Rockwell and our Touring Chair: Cindi Zenkert-Strange



Our Ann Van Briggles Guides: Janet Knox, Audrey McGuire and Cindi Zenkert-Strange. WES Board member Cindi Zenkert-Strange as Anne Van Briggles.  
*Photo by Greer Rising*

## Supportive Community Partners

For the September 2019 festival, we recognize our community partners:

- The tour guides, the student volunteers, the potters, and the community participants for making the festival a success.
- The Bemis School of Art at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College; the Horticultural Arts Society; the Friends of Monument Valley Park; the Manitou Springs Heritage Center; the Historic Preservation Alliance; and the Trolley Museum. **\*\*Trolley team — welcome as the newest participant in the event!!\*\***

Thanks to all of these organizations and contributors for making it a special day!



Bemis Assistant Director Jeremiah Houck and potters.  
*Photo by Greer Rising*



Bemis Potters at Festival *Photo by Greer Rising*



Scholar Jennifer Lam with Manitou Heritage Center's Shirley Wade. *Photo by Greer Rising*



President of Friends of Monument Valley Park, Teri Peisner and WES member Eileen Martin.  
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Festival Partner Eflin of HPA and her Mom. *Photo by Greer Rising*



Festival Partners from Trolley Museum. *Photo by Greer Rising*

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