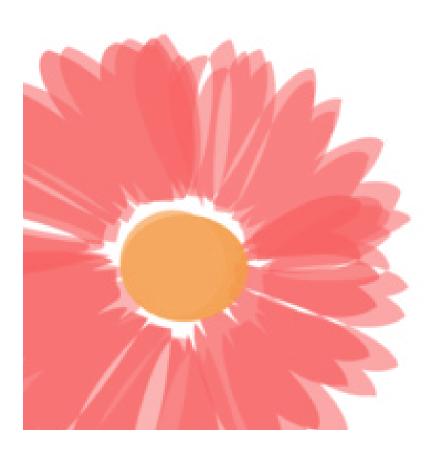
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Adele D. Aguilar

Nominated by the Pueblo Arts Alliance



Born in Pueblo, Colo. Adele is the mother of eight children and grandmother of 13. She was crowned Fiesta Queen in 1985 and has contributed to the community of Pueblo for decades. Bringing laughter, joy, chills and knowledge to thousands of locals and tourists, Adele played La Llorona in the Ghost Walk for 10 years, was an original

Street Beat performer with the Arts Alliance, and has performed with the Impossible Players, Gypsy House, It's Shakespeare!, Corrugated Productions and Double D productions.

She is a levee painter, manager of the State Fair Fine Arts Gallery and a children's Bible story teller at the Church of God. Adele believes in the power of creative enterprise as a form of community building. Always willing to lend a hand and make things better she has helped with many other projects, such as making cotton candy for Impact Youth Initiative Day festival, creating costumes for Grupo Folklorico or volunteering time for school fundraisers. She is now living in Trinidad, Colo. as she lays out the foundations for her new Art Farm, a multi-media creative experience.

Adele is one of the people that has made our community such a great place to live and visit. For all these reasons and many more, the Arts Alliance is proud to honor Adele as a tireless advocate for the arts in Pueblo.

Lori Arellano

Nominated by the Pueblo Community College Foundation



Lori Arellano is being recognized for her support of Pueblo Community College and the PCC Foundation. A Pueblo Native, Lori is a 1993 graduate of Pueblo County High School and a 1996 graduate of Colorado State University Pueblo. A first generation college student, she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in mass

communications. She is the principle officer of AMP Active Media Professionals, a full-service marketing company.

Lori began her career as an on-air broadcaster/ producer in 1994 and then moved into the marketing arena in 1997 when she took a job with Sunstone Hotels. It was not long before she was recruited away by *The* Pueblo Chieftain to become a multi-media marketing consultant; where she remained as one of the top producers for 16 years. She opened her own business AMP Active Media Professionals in 2014 and has been successful in coordinating the marketing and advertising

for some of Pueblo's leading businesses. Most recently she worked with other community members to develop PuebloShares; a concentrated campaign to promote what is positive in our community with the ultimate goal of utilizing this campaign as a recruitment tool to entice new business and industry to consider Pueblo as their hub for their future operation.

Lori has been a board member with the PCC Foundation from 2012-2021 and served as the secretary of that organization from 2019-2021. Lori took the lead on the foundation's effort to fund the Return-to-Earn Scholarship program in 2017 and since that time Lori has been instrumental in securing over \$280,000 in funding from Legacy Bank Colorado and the Colorado Department of Higher Education/COST! for that specific scholarship program.

Lori is an advocate for the advancement of higher education especially as it applies to career and technical training. Most recently she worked with one of her clients in an effort to utilize PCC as their training partner. The program was an amazing success and now is a pilot program for PCC to present to other businesses through its Corporate College format.

Jeanne Benson

Nominated by the Pueblo West Women's League



Jeanne and her husband, Mark, moved to Pueblo West, from Tulsa, Okla., in 2005, to be closer to their son's family. Jeanne and her husband have two sons, Keith and Scott: two wonderful daughters-inlaw, Charlotte and Jeannine, and four grandchildren; Hoyt, Bryce, Chloe and Bradley.

Jeanne joined Pueblo West Women's League (PWWL)

in 2015 after retirement and when she became her husband's full-time caregiver. She has always dabbled in crafting, making things for herself and as gifts, but with PWWL, she discovered an outlet not only for my crafts, but for all kinds of skills she really didn't know she had. The extremely talented, friendly and resourceful women Jeanne met within the group have become part of her extended family. This group has more fun and laughs at and with each other like sisters. There is a saying that

"teamwork makes the dream work," and that totally describes PWWL. The friendships made thru PWWL have been a lifeline thru the past three years, and she will be forever grateful to them.

Jeanne chairs several fundraisers, continues to work on crafts, is the publicity chairman, and currently serves on the Pueblo West Women's League Board of Directors.

Peggy Bilger Nominated by Jill Kleven



Peggy Bilger has worked for Pueblo City-County Library District for 29 years and has the longest tenure of anyone in the district. Peggy is currently the technical services specialist in the Technical Services and Collection Development department. Peggy has worked in various departments of the library over the years including as a shelver in the Reference

Department and a clerk at the Lamb Library branch. She has been working in technical services since 1995. Over the past year, Peggy has been instrumental in providing

Chromebooks and internet hotspots to the kids and underserved populations within our community. She has processed over 900 devices by herself to meet the demands of the library's customers. She works with vendors to make workflows more efficient for her colleagues and is always the person anyone can go to if they have questions. Peggy also works closely with the Special Collections department cataloging all of the rare materials and often does original cataloging which many people can't do anymore. I often say that our department couldn't run without Peggy and I truly consider her an integral part of what the library district provides to our community on a daily basis. Thank you Peggy for everything that you do.

LaDoris Burton Nominated by Pueblo Makes



LaDoris Burton moved to Pueblo from her hometown of Buffalo, N.Y. in 2011. With 45 years of sewing experience, including formal training in clothing construction and pattern making, she started her business, Designs by LaDoris in 2017. She designs and makes dresses, handbags, laptop and tablet cases, and more. Her

custom designed clothing and handbags all have pockets. During the COVID-19 pandemic she made facial masks. The business is located at Pueblo Diversified Industries, where she trains people with disabilities, giving them skills that will make them employable. In 2019 she won the Southern Colorado Entrepreneur's Competition. In 2021 she was the recipient of the Small Business of the Year award from Pueblo's Small Business Development Center. She serves as a board member for the Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce and for Project Inspire Cooperative.

Carrie Cook Carpenter

Nominated by Linda Robida Reynolds, Belmont Elementary School



Dedicated to the wellbeing of children of all ages, Carrie Cook Carpenter serves as a tireless champion for the greater good of Pueblo School District 60. Mrs. Carpenter won the grateful hearts of innumerable Colorado families and school communities for her exemplary humanitarian

efforts. During her 30 plus year educational career, she rose through the ranks of academia from classroom teacher to principal, earning accreditation as a licensed professional counselor. Caring Carrie acquired her affectionate moniker during these years by proving herself inexhaustibly supportive of students and colleagues.

Personally experiencing the life-changing impact of early childhood foster home intervention, Carrie vowed to offer her vast knowledge to benefit children in need. Her creative, innovative social-emotional

programs have motivated thousands of elementary children into greater emotional intelligence and resilience.

More recently, Mrs. Carpenter valiantly rose to ease the COVID-19 pandemic trauma of Pueblo's schoolchildren. Carrie spent the spring and summer of 2020 curating a digital resource bank for students and staff returning from remote learning. Extensive research-based academic and behavioral links provided much needed post-traumatic support for Belmont Elementary School. Promoting a culture of growth mindset practices, including inspirational videos and high-caliber lessons, further expanded the healing curve of which this extraordinary counselor so deeply believes.

Such a rare combination of perseverance and humility, of intelligence and empathy, of genuine compassion and selfless service truly defines beloved Carrie Cook Carpenter. Her legacy of love will be reflected in the confident hearts, competent minds, and the successful futures of our precious Pueblo children.

Iris Clark Nominated by the Pueblo Library Foundation



Iris Clark grew up in Pueblo, Colo and graduated from East High before moving to Chicago. She later moved back to Colorado to go to college. Iris holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology/chemistry and a master's degree in organization management. She has received her real estate broker's license, IRS Enrolled Agent and is a

certified business counselor. Iris served 11 years as the special projects director at San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services. In this position, she was able to obtain grant funds to support the Valley's 14 school districts in creating the San Luis Valley Coalition for Youth Services. For this work Iris received the Outstanding Individual Award from Gov. Roy Romer and traveled to Washington with her team to receive recognition from President George H.W. Bush.

Iris spent 11 years in Colorado Springs including two years as the Small Business Development Center Director followed by nine years as a commercial lender before retiring as regional vice president of American National Bank. She received the Women of Influence Award from the Colorado Springs Business Journal in 2005 and served as founding board member of the Peak Venture Group. While in Pueblo, Iris has held several positions including interim director of the Southeastern Colorado Area Health Education Center, grants manager for the South Central Board of Cooperative Services, and transition coordinator and part-time business counselor for the Small Business Development Center along with a number of nonprofit consulting projects. Iris was recently named Southern Colorado Small Business Counselor of the Year. She is a board member of the Pueblo Library Foundation and a raving fan of the Pueblo City-County Library District and actively looks for opportunities to promote its wonderful staff and many services.

Lucille Corsentino

Nominated by the Roselawn Cemetery Association



An advocate of Roselawn Cemetery since 2009, Lucille Corsentino organized the Concerned Citizens for Roselawn Cemetery and spearheaded the passing of HB1068 known as the "Grass Roots Cemetery Bill" giving lot owners access to nonprofit cemetery records throughout the state of Colorado.

In 2014, Lucille became the

head of the Roselawn 1891 Company, known as the Roselawn Foundation. Through her efforts Roselawn is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and headstones for unmarked graves of WWI veterans and African-American Civil War veterans were acquired.

In 2018, Lucille launched the writing of *The Hearts* & Souls of Roselawn. She obtained a grant for a geophysical survey to locate mass graves in the historical section of the cemetery. In 2021, she organized the formal dedication of the Angel Monument commemorating the location of these graves from the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic and the 1921 Great Pueblo Flood.

Lucille received a grant to erect storyboards throughout the cemetery to educate and tell stories of interest about Roselawn.

In December 2021, she successfully directed "Wreaths Across America" for the third year with placement of over a 1,000 wreaths on veterans' graves.

As a mother, grandmother and successful businessperson, Lucille Corsentino continues her commitment to Roselawn Cemetery and the veterans of our community.

Tricia Cordova

Nominated by Optimist Club of Pueblo



Tricia Cordova moved to Pueblo, Colo., her husband Matt's hometown, in January 2020 where the couple are raising their three children Brooklynn, Payton and Landon. Tricia has worked at Ent Credit Union for the past six years and is currently a supervisor in the lending department. Tricia joined the Optimist Club of Pueblo in

March 2021 and was awarded Rookie of the Quarter shortly thereafter. Tricia was immediately drawn to the passion the Optimist Club has for helping youth within the Pueblo community and became a part of the club's board of directors to contribute on a larger scale. With the help of the club and her colleagues at

Ent, Tricia hosted the Nate Ramirez Memorial Diaper Drive to honor the memory of her fellow Ent teammate and Optimist Club member. A grand total of 10,446 diapers, 512 pullups, 32 tubes of diaper cream, 10,304 wipes, as well as \$1,000 in cash were collected. All items were donated locally to Catholic Charities and A Pueblo Caring Pregnancy Center. In addition to the work that Tricia does with the Optimist Club, she is also the Chairperson for the Young Professionals Group at Ent Credit Union, Ent's founding Employee Engagement Group. The Young Professionals Group focuses on educating and inspiring leaders within the credit union through professional growth and community involvement. Tricia hopes that her involvement within the community teaches her children to have a caring heart for others and instills in them the spirit that you should never be too busy to give back.

Kindra Cox

Nominated by CASA of Pueblo



We are honored to recognize our veteran Case Supervisor Kindra Cox, for her eight dedicated years of helping Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) youth find safe and healthy homes. Kindra began working as a CASA case supervisor in 2013 and was promoted to CASA lead case supervisor in 2020. In her role, Kindra

provides three case supervisors support and is also responsible for managing 25-30 active volunteers to keep eyes on our court-appointed youth and provide regular court accompaniment. In addition to working as CASA of Pueblo's lead case supervisor, Kindra has overseen the Fostering Futures Program since 2013,

helping teens to emancipate from the foster welfare system and establish a life of self-independence. Prior to working at CASA of Pueblo, Kindra worked at the Department of Human Services and as a senior case worker with Adolescent Intensive Treatment Unit, and at Bridges Child Placement Agency. Kindra holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Colorado State University Pueblo, and has served in various roles in the community involving human services work, including the Child Fatality Review Committee for the past five years and the Youth Empowerment Council, where she also served as committee co-chair from 2018 to 2020. This hard-working woman is also mother to Sammy, 8 and Shelby, 2, and a committed wife to her husband Steve. Altogether, Kindra has worked in the child human service industry for nearly 20 years. We are fortunate to have this dedicated, hard-working woman and mother, serving Pueblo's most vulnerable youth.

Terri Daly Nominated by the Pueblo Library Board of Trustees



Terri Daly was born in Athens, Ga. and raised in Marietta, Ga. Although an avid Georgia Bulldog football fan (National Champions 2021!), Terri left Georgia after her sophomore year at the University of Georgia to attend George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. where she graduated with a dual major in English and communications.

Terri accepted her first job in human resources in 1988 at Siemens/Tel Plus Communications in Fairfax, Va. and has served in a human resources capacity ever since!

Senior Professional in Human Resources certification in and has served as human resources business partner and human resources manager at both private and nonprofit organizations throughout her tenure. Terri moved to Colorado from Columbia, Md. in November

of 2015 and joined Pueblo City-County Library District in April of 2016 where she now serves as the director of human resources. Terri enjoys the ever-changing nature of the role of human resources in the workplace. Whether it's learning new management strategies, employing new technology and tools to streamline processes, or spearheading organizational initiatives to better the workplace, there is always opportunity for continuous improvement and growth in the field of human resources. Terri is involved in the Southern Colorado chapter of IPMA-HR and also with the national and local chapters of Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Terri and her husband, Rich, have three children, and one new grandchild! Terri and Rich love living in Pueblo and appreciate the outdoor activities, great people, beautiful sunsets and good Mexican food. In her free time, Terri enjoys arts and crafts, spending time with her family and listening to podcasts and audiobooks.

Rebecca Diaz

Nominated by Junior League of Pueblo



Rebecca is the vice president and branch manager of Legacy Bank- Regency Park. Rebecca has been in the banking industry for more than 14 years. She says one of the greatest rewards in her line of work is helping people to reach their financial goals. Rebecca graduated from Colorado State University Pueblo in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in business

management with an emphasis in marketing and was top of her class at the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado. She also served as a mentor for incoming students. Pueblo has been her home town for more than 26 years and she considers Pueblo to be her hometown. Something that she wants people to know about her is that she is passionate for the people of Pueblo!

Rebecca was nominated for the YWCA Tribute to

Women in 2019 and selected as a Latino Chamber of Commerce's 40 Under 40 Award recipient. She was also selected as one of the Top 6 Women Bankers and Outstanding Women in Banking by Bankbeat Magazine in 2020. In 2021 she was selected as a Marque's Who's Who of America. She was also featured on episode 31 of Jenny Smith's "Influential Women" podcast.

Rebecca is extremely involved in Pueblo nonprofits. She has been a member of the Junior League of Pueblo for 10 years and has served on the Junior League of Pueblo's board as secretary and treasurer. She is active on the board of directors for Pueblo Community College Foundation and the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. She also is a founding member of the Next Gen Council via the CSU Pueblo Foundation. She also has served on the Boys and Girls Club of Pueblo County's board of directors. Rebecca is a passionate volunteer in our community and the Junior League of Pueblo is excited to honor her as an outstanding woman in our community!

Theresa Dudley Nominated by Pueblo Community College Foundation



Theresa Dudley is being recognized for her support of Pueblo Community College and the PCC Foundation. A Pueblo native, Theresa is a 1978 graduate of East High School.

Theresa began her career in banking through East High School's Cooperative Education program. She credits Mrs. Braemer for the opportunity that placed her at Midtown

National Bank in 1977. She was employed with that bank from 1977 until 1984. She then moved to Credit Union of Colorado and is now the branch manager of the bank on Highway 50 in Pueblo.

Theresa served as a board member with the Children's Advocacy Center from 2000- 2003 and then joined the

PCC Foundation Board in 2017. She has held the position of president of the PCC Board from 2019-2021 and is currently holds the position of past board president position within the PCC Executive Committee. She also serves as a member of the Pueblo Community College President's Advisory and Gold Council, appointed by Dr. Patty Erjavec.

Theresa has been a strong supporter of Pueblo Community College for the past two decades; lending support through corporate sponsorships for many college and foundation events and providing the manpower needed to assist at many internal and external events. "Theresa is an advocate for higher education throughout southern Colorado and is one of the first to volunteer her time and talents in supporting both PCC and CSU Pueblo," explained Martha Simmons, director of the PCC Foundation!

Collette Ferguson

Nominated by Pueblo Water



Pueblo Water is pleased to nominate our Human Resources Manager Collette Ferguson for the prestigious Outstanding Women Award of 2022. Collette is a Pueblo native, born Feb. 18, and is dedicated to her work, community and family. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in business/accounting from the University of Phoenix.

She is a senior certified professional in Human Resources and serves as the president of the Southern Colorado Chapter of IPMA. Collette has a passion for volunteering and serves as a board member for the Pueblo Zoological Society.

Collette has been married to her husband, Kevin, for 19 years, and they have been together for over 25 years. They have two boys James, 9, and Henry, 6. During her free time, she enjoys crafting, painting, pottery, reading and traveling. Her boys eagerly await story time, as she is known to be quite the storyteller. Collette is known to be the "quiet force" who has the unique ability to remain a calm, analytical thinker.

Collette's passion for the development of others is evident in her daily work and most recently as the coordinator of WOW "Women of the Water Works." She was instrumental in developing this new program, planning events such as "Lattes and Leadership" and crafting the mission statement that empowers employees through support and development while allowing opportunities for team building and building relationships to increase a sense of inclusion and camaraderie throughout the organization.

We appreciate Collette for her contributions to our organization and more importantly our community.

Janice Hoover

Nominated by Friends of the Library



Janice is a native Puebloan. Growing up in Pueblo shaped her love of Pueblo and its multi-cultural, diverse population. She is a second generation American and the first in her family to obtain a college degree. She believes strongly in the strength of Pueblo and views it as a powerhouse of hard-working people.

Janice was educated in the local public school system graduating with a gold cord. She then attended the Colorado State University Pueblo graduating with honors and was a founding member of Sigma Theta Tau - International Nursing Honor Society. She later served as president and vice president of the local Iota Pi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in nursing, Janice attended University of Colorado with a terminal degree of Masters of Science with a focus on psychiatric mental health nursing. In 1991, she was one of the first clinical nurse specialists in the Pueblo area.

With her education behind her Janice pursued her life's passion of caring for the mentally ill of Colorado. The Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo (CMHIP)

was her choice for employment. She served in many nursing roles and is most proud of receiving the Patient Advocate of the Year Award. When asked about her advocacy for this special population Janice relates that each individual client should be treated with the dignity, that we would want for ourselves or our family members. She retired as a nursing supervisor from CMHIP with almost 30 years of service.

In 1991, Janice was able to enjoy her next greatest passion as a nursing instructor. She taught nursing full and part-time for the next 15 years teaching both nursing theory and nursing clinicals. Her passion for students was unsurpassed. Janice was employed by eight colleges and universities, providing nursing instruction to students in Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Trinidad, Las Animas, Lamar, Salida and Alamosa.

Janice honed another skill as a paid professional speaker. Speaking on women's issues, nursing and motivational topics. Pro-bono speaking has also been a large part of her professional career.

Janice began volunteering at Books Again Bookstore in 2016. She loves the book store and considers it one of Pueblo's many treasures.

Janice lives with her husband, Sam Ringo. Janice raised a daughter after being widowed at 22 years old. Her daughter is now an assistant principal at a Pueblo school.

Dawn Johnson

Nominated by Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Beta Chapter



Dawn Johnson has been in the field of education for the past 24 years. She received her associates degree in business, then attained her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1998. She started her career in Bellefonte, Pa. under the READ Grant to support struggling students in kindergarten and first grade. She later moved to Salisbury,

N.C. where she taught third and fourth grade for two vears in a title I school. After her husband transferred to Colorado, Dawn joined Pueblo School District 60 as a teacher at Morton Elementary where she taught both third and fourth grade for eight years. After receiving her master's degree in educational leadership in 2008, she became the school's literacy coordinator in support of early reading interventions strategies for K-5 teachers and their students.

After completing the National Institute for School Leaders in 2011, Dawn accepted a position as an instructional coach at Risley Middle School and later the coordinator for the International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Program. During her tenure there, she worked with new and experienced teachers to improve

their instructional practices in the classroom while implementing the IB-MYP framework. In 2016, Dawn became the school's assistant principal where she completed the RELAY/GSE National Principal Academy Fellowship (NPAF) program and from 2017- 2020 served as the Principal at Risley International Academy of Innovation. She recently returned to the classroom in 2020 at Fountain International Magnet School as a third grade teacher.

Dawn has been an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma where she has helped to promote professional and personal growth of women educators since 2009. She has served on several local and state committees including Early Career Teacher support, Professional Pride-Honor Roll committee, Alpha Omicron Chapter President (six years) and currently as Beta Chapter president. In 2010, she received the Blue Ribbon Designation award and in 2011 she received the Pueblo County Chapter Distinguished Teacher of the Year award. She is also a member of the Red Hats Society and the National Association of Professional Women.

Beyond her dedication to her students, Dawn loves outdoor activities and has been happily married to Charles H. Johnson, II for 35 years and has proudly raised a blended family of five children (Erica; Jonathan; Cammy Jo; Kirsten; and Charles, III) and eight grandchildren.

Jenna Lovato Nominated by Regan Foster



At just 32, Jenna Lovato has had an incredible impact on Colorado State University Pueblo's Media Communications Department, its student-run radio station. Rev. 89.5 and countless new additions to the fields of media and mass communications. Jenna's students and staff at the station describe her as a compassionate, endlessly

supportive and skilled mentor who put their needs and

education first. Her colleagues know her as an innovative genius, a tireless advocate for the department and student media, and a vivacious friend.

Jenna has been the station manager at the Rev since July 1, 2013. In the subsequent years, the station has twice been recognized with the Broadcast Education Association Dr. Marjorie Yambor Signature Station award (2014, 2021); has earned the coveted international Spirit of College Radio Award (2022); and has been featured in Billboard and Radio World magazines.

But perhaps the greatest testament to her talent is her students' successes.

Sarah Meigs

Nominated by CASA of Pueblo



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Pueblo is proud to recognize Sarah Meigs as an outstanding woman for her dedicated service to our growing nonprofit for the past five years. Sarah began at CASA of Pueblo in July 2017 as the office manager, and was promoted to operations manager in October of 2021. As operations manager,

Sarah is responsible for everyday tasks that keep our organization going, providing regular assistance in the areas of finance, human resources, event management

and case management. She also provides regular communication with the general public and partners and oversees coordination of our 15-member CASA Board. In her spare time, Sarah volunteers at CASA, helping one of our hundreds of abused and neglected youth in our community to find a safe and permanent home - as quickly as possible. The Pueblo native holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business administration from Colorado State University Pueblo, and is a proud mother to 11-year-old son, AJ. Sarah is unequivocally the glue that holds our lean operation together and we simply wouldn't exist as one of Pueblo's largest growing nonprofits without her consistent and steady support. Thank you Sarah!

Patricia O'Brien

Nominated by the Southern Colorado Equality Alliance



Patricia O'Brien has been a lifelong lesbian feminist and activist long before she moved to Pueblo. During her time as a professor at the University of Illinois in Chicago, she was the president of the LBGTQ faculty group and on the board for the LBGTQ student group. Since her arrival in Pueblo, she has made her mark on behalf of equality and economic

justice for all in many different ways. She organized

Pueblo women to produce the Women's March locally rather than travel to Colorado Springs or Denver and in collaboration with the national Women's March group for several annual events. She continually works tirelessly on behalf of racial and economic justice for all with her work with the Human Rights Commission, being on the board of The NAACP and most recently on staff with El Movimiento Sigue. In applying to these boards and commissions, she has never denied her lesbian identity. Being a lesbian within these groups is a wonderful way to lead by example and create familiarity and understanding.

Pamela Patterson

Nominated by Pueblo Community College Foundation



Pamela Patterson is being recognized for her support of Pueblo Community College and the PCC Foundation. A native of Boise, Idaho, Pam moved to Pueblo in 2002 and has fallen in love with her new home town!

Pam received her elementary education credentials from the University of Texas at El Paso. She began her career as

a kindergarten teacher in Los Alamos, N.M. in 1992 and remained in that profession for three years. In 1995 she was recruited to become the executive officer for the Los Alamos Association of Realtors and the next year accepted the position as office manager for the engineering department of Las Campanas, a Santa Fe, N.M. land development.

Pam left New Mexico in 2002 and joined the KR Swerdfeger Company to become a claims specialist/ accountant for them and remained there through her retirement in 2019.

While at KR Swerdfeger, Pam was appointed as their representative to the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce and worked nine years as a chamber ambassador. In 2013 she was selected the chairman of the ambassador program and that same year was awarded the Ambassador of the Year recognition. In addition to her chamber role, Pam served as the treasurer for Keith Swerdfeger's Colorado House of Representative campaign in 2009-2010. Swerdfeger was successful in his bid and served from 2010-2012.

Pam served as a board member with the PCC Foundation Board of Directors from 2012- 2021. During her time on the board she acted as secretary from 2016-2019 and then treasurer from 2019-2021.

Pam has been a strong supporter of Pueblo Community College since her arrival in Pueblo; lending personal and professional guidance to support the advancement of both the college and the foundation. Throughout her time on the foundation board, the organization was able to raise the funding needed to build an addition onto the Fremont Campus, enhanced funding for both the nursing and science programs on the Fremont Campus and worked to enhance funding for scholarship awards for all PCC students attending classes in Pueblo, Fremont, Mancos/Cortez, Bayfield and Durango.

Lindsay Schwalm

Nominated by Junior League of Pueblo



Lindsay joined Junior League of Pueblo in 2018 and has continuously been involved with community impact. She is originally from Maine but has been here in Pueblo for over 25 years now and calls it her home. Lindsay graduated from Colorado State University Pueblo with a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 2010 and has been a registered nurse

with Parkview Health Systems the past 11 years. Her husband Nathan is a city firefighter and they are very community focused. They have two wonderful kiddos, Garrett, 15, and Adelyn, 6, who keep them very busy with all their extracurricular activities. They are a very competitive family and love being involved in every sport. Lindsay says, if they aren't watching their kids

play, you can find them at CSU Pueblo watching a game, Go ThunderWolves! Lindsay and her family also enjoy traveling to new places whenever we can. Lindsay is actively involved with American Cancer Society, Relay for Life of Pueblo and has been a long-time supporter. The last three years she has been a part of "Team Kellie" and has been the top fundraising team in Southern Colorado and top 10 in the state. She will continue to fight in honor of her mom and those affected each day.

Lindsay is also an avid supporter of CASA of Pueblo. This past summer she helped raise over \$1,500 for their "Over the Edge" event and repelled down the Thatcher building. Lindsay says Junior League of Pueblo has opened many opportunities for herself from meeting an amazing group of women to giving back to our wonderful town. The Junior League of Pueblo is honored to have Lindsay serve on the board and proud to honor her as an outstanding woman in our community.

Holly Smith

Nominated by Junior League of Pueblo



Holly was raised in Pueblo, Colo. and a graduate of Pueblo Central High School. She is a proud first-generation American citizen; her mother was born in Germany but was brought over by a Nebraskan church from a deportation camp as a young girl. Holly is a mother of two daughters, Zoe and Mara, who both attend the University of Colorado

Boulder. Holly attended Colorado State University Fort Collins and received her bachelor's degree in social science education. She holds a master's degree in special education and an endorsement in career and tech education. Holly has been teaching at Centennial High School for about 10 years but began her teaching career over 20 years ago.

Holly has been a member of the Junior League since 1997. During her years in the Junior League of Pueblo, Holly started the Book Swap, chaired Funds Development and Community Impact committees and as a sustainer of many years, she is proud to host and support the league today. Holly says her closest friends were all developed through her work in Junior League. Because of this connection, she knows they share the same values, beliefs and hope for the future of Pueblo. Together, we all make our small, but positive impact on Pueblo. She also believes the Junior League of Pueblo really gave her the skills and leadership experience she needed to sponsor the Girls' Cabinet at Central and Centennial High Schools. Their mission is to empower young women to be leaders in our communities and she loves that the mission of the league is so similar. The Junior League of Pueblo is honored to have Holly serve on the board and proud to honor her as an outstanding woman in our community.

Laura Mae Smith

Nominated by Friends of the Library



Laura Mae Smith was born and raised in Colorado Springs. She grew up with the Garden of the Gods literally as her backyard. Laura attended the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and Metropolitan State University in Denver. After college, she worked as a legal assistant in Denver law firms. In 2007, Laura's husband Lee was

offered a position in St. Louis where their son, Quilan, was born.

Laura and Lee shuffled cities and states for the next few years: Austin, Texas; Las Vegas; Houma, La.; and now, close to home, in Pueblo, Colo. Laura feels very fortunate that she can stay home to work with her son who has autism. Laura dedicates much of her time to volunteer opportunities. When she resided in Las Vegas, Laura volunteered for Legal Aid Services of Southern Nevada as an educational surrogate advocating for foster children getting services for their success in school. Now in Pueblo, She is a true asset to the Books Again Bookstore and the Friends of the Library. Laura Mae dedicates much time to both the Friends of the Library board and the Books Again Bookstore and calls her work at Books Again her "happy place."

Mary Jane Voelker

Nominated by Pueblo Community College Foundation



Mary Jane Voelker is being recognized for her support of Pueblo Community College and the PCC Foundation. Since her arrival in Pueblo in 2006, she became actively involved with the college; first through its culinary arts department and most recently with her commitment to the new Nursing & Allied Health Teaching & Learning Center

that will open on the St. Mary Corwin Medical Campus in August 2022.

Mary Jane held a board position with the Pueblo Community College Foundation from 2012 until her passing in 2021, and served as vice president of the board from 2019 until her passing. She was inducted into the

PCC President's Circle in November 2014 and she was recently awarded the status of director emeritus for her service to PCC and PCCF.

Mary Jane had established numerous trusts that help fund worthy causes throughout the United States. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, which supports the Beta Sigma Phi Kidney Research at Stanford University, the Bay Area Lupus Foundation, the United Scleroderma Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Glaucoma Foundation of America.

While residing in Pueblo, Mary Jane was active with the Dorcy Cancer Center at St. Mary Corwin Medical Center and would annually act as the "match the paddle" sponsor at the Cowboys Kickin' Cancer fundraiser. She also served as a member of the board of the Pueblo County Historical Society and was a past moderator for First Congregational United Church of Christ.

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