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Carmen Avalos

Nominated by Katie Contreras



Carmen was born, raised, and is currently residing in Pueblo County. She is very proud of the fact that she is the 11th child of 15 loving children. She graduated from Pueblo County High School in 1974.

At the age of 35, she entered CSU Pueblo to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She then taught at Beulah School for one year and

Baca Elementary School for eight years. Her love for the kids did not go unnoticed. She would help the young minds to realize their potential by exploring different methods of teaching to reach each child.

She then received a Master's Degree and Principal Licensure from CSU Fort Collins. She was the principal of Avondale Elementary School for 17 years. She loved every student and made sure they knew how important they were to her and the staff. She would use her spare time to provide extra academic support by creating small working groups.

She retired in 2021 but continues to work part time teaching reading to kindergarten through fifth grade students at Vineland Elementary School. Teaching reading is a passion of hers. She continually volunteers at her church. She also visits the elderly and because of her personality she makes friends with everyone she meets. She has a heart of gold for individuals that don't have family support.

Megan Betts

Nominated by Rodriguez Family



Megan is a hero to kids with special needs because she provides speech and language therapy to the pediatric population from toddlers through middle schoolers. She equips those who need extra help to say the wonderful ideas they'd like to share through encouraging, kind, and professional support.

Megan provides services for kids who have autism, Childhood Apraxia of Speech, and motor-based speech sound disorders. She also provides trainings on behavior management, communication, and other scenarios that arise in working with people with

special needs.

Megan was a special education teacher for 11 years before transitioning to speech language pathology. As a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), she worked with elementary and middle school kids, before moving to Colorado Bluesky where she worked with their Early Intervention Program serving kids aged birth through three years. She has since opened her own private practice, Talk & Play Therapies, which is now in its third year.

Megan is caring, patient, and enthusiastic with every child she encounters. She is a gifted professional who has the unique ability to successfully meet milestones, reaching a child's highest communication potential in a fun and supportive environment.

Tammy Bregar

Nominated by MxV Rail



Tammy is a highly skilled Certified Public Accountant with extensive experience in financial management and compliance. She holds a BSBA from CSU Pueblo and a Master's of Accounting from the University of Connecticut. Currently serving as the AVP of Business and Finance at MxV Rail, Tammy oversees the company's financial operations

and provides strategic leadership for the organization's long-term sustainability.

Under her leadership, the accounting team is

responsible for compliance programs and ensuring adherence to legal regulations. In addition, she currently serves on the Association of American Railroads Pension and 401(k) Board of Directors. With expertise in GAAP, FAR, cost accounting, and accounting software, Tammy is known for her attention to detail, self-motivation, and strong interpersonal skills. Her leadership has earned her a reputation as a trusted and effective financial management and compliance leader.

She enjoys reading, spending time with her family (especially her grandchildren), and practicing yoga to balance her analytical work life with relaxation.

Kelly Brude

Nominated by Susan Ducat



Originally from Buffalo, New York and through her father's and her own career, Kelly has been blessed to live many places in the states and abroad. Kelly is an Army Veteran serving for seven years at the Ft. Benjamin Harrison Indiana, Korea, Ft. Rucker Alabama, and with the 6th Infantry Division Light, Alaska. She is the mother of two

daughters that are the loves of her life!

Kelly served as a social worker for 24 years and was also an adjunct professor at PCC and curriculum

developer for the State of Colorado. Service to others means the world to Kelly.

After she retired from social work, she got her insurance license and became a part of Medicare Mentors and was (and is) amazed by how many seniors, homeless, low-income, and veterans she can help with education and advocacy that make their lives truly better.

Kelly believes in community involvement, volunteering and giving back in terms of promoting wellness and the common good. She volunteers with various nonprofits such as Marian House, Ft. Wootten Veterans Service Center, The Enlisted Association (TREA), the American Legion and is the Assistant Commander Jr. at the VFW, Post 3641.

Denise Chambers

Nominated by Pueblo West Women's League



Denise was born and raised in Southern California; she still totally misses the beach. She married Craig in 1985, is a pastor's wife and has loved every minute of serving her Lord Jesus in this ministry. They moved to Montana with their four boys and a dog in 1992. Denise was a stay at home mom, and homeschooled their sons and

what an adventure that was!

A church's calling to Craig for ministry brought them from Montana to Pueblo West in 2004. Denise has been

a Precept Upon Precept Women's Bible study teacher for many years currently teaching at their church, The Peak. In 2005 she joined the Pueblo West Women's League mainly because of the welcoming atmosphere of the ladies and their mission of supporting Pueblo West. She served on the board for eight years as secretary, vice president and president and now volunteers on different committees including Let's stART and public relations.

Denise has been privileged to be used by the Lord to serve the wonderful ladies of the Pueblo West Women's League and the Pueblo West community.

Tara Cooper

Nominated by Pueblo Water



Tara is a Pueblo native, born to parents Tom and Louann. Tara's passion is her family, wellness, racing and fashion! She has two children, Kaitlyn, 23 and Gavin, 22. In April, she will celebrate six years of marriage to her husband Blair, and they have been living life in the fast lane for 11 years. Weekends are spent at racetracks throughout the

country as the crew chief of their racing team.

Tara is a graduate of Centennial High School and obtained an undergraduate certificate in

business administration from CSU Global. She has completed multiple certificates in graphic design and communication, is a notary and CPR certified.

Tara started her career at Pueblo Water in 2018 as a customer service representative and was promoted to the role of Finance Specialist and now Administrative Assistant/Wellness Coordinator. With her positivity and smile, she coaches employees towards healthy living and promotes volunteerism.

Tara's entrepreneurial spirit led her to be a yoga instructor and the business owner of X's and O's clothing Boutique where her love for fashion flourishes! She volunteers for the Junior League of Pueblo and Pueblo Diversified Industry's Night to Shine.

S. Nicole Ferguson, Ph.D.

Nominated by Mariposa Center for Safety



Dr. S. Nicole Ferguson is the current Executive Director at Mariposa Center for Safety, formerly the YWCA of Pueblo, where she leads a team of 20 employees who provide resources and prevention for survivors of domestic violence, family violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Dr. Ferguson manages a \$2M budget and three facilities.

Prior to her arrival at Mariposa, Dr. Ferguson served as the Director of Compliance/Title IX Coordinator/ADA Coordinator at CSU Pueblo where she ensured compliance with law and policy and supported survivors

of domestic violence, sexual assault, and workplace harassment.

Dr. Ferguson currently serves as a Board Member for the Pueblo Downtown Association and on the Board of Directors for Violence Free Colorado. Dr. Ferguson previously served on Pueblo's Energy Commission, Streetscapes Committee, Commission for Homelessness, and the Community Services Advisory Commission.

Dr. Ferguson earned her doctorate at University of Colorado in Leadership and Policy, her master's degree from the University of Arkansas, and holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

When Dr. Ferguson is not educating or training, or supporting her team at Mariposa, you can find her on her paddleboard or kayak at Lake Pueblo with her two dogs, Belle and Ariel.

Crystal Gonzales

Nominated by Pueblo City-County Library District



Crystal is being honored for her exceptional contributions as the Manager of Library Security for the Pueblo City-County Library District. Crystal oversees a dedicated team of 16 security officers, ensuring the safety and security of the library's patrons and staff. Her responsibilities include timekeeping, supervision, and writing performance

evaluations, all of which she handles with the utmost professionalism and care.

Crystal's career is marked by her high performance and numerous accolades during her tenure with the State of Colorado. She has a proven track record of developing employee performance through proactive leadership and training. One of her key achievements

was creating an employee training and mentorship program, which has had a lasting impact on her team.

Her educational journey at Pueblo Community College, where she earned a degree in Communications with honors, further honed her skills in effective communication and collaboration. Crystal's commitment to higher education and her ability to overcome academic obstacles are testaments to her determination and resilience.

Throughout her career, Crystal has facilitated a wide range of training programs, from emergency procedures to verbal de-escalation, demonstrating her versatility and expertise. Her numerous certifications and proficiency in various software programs highlight her dedication to continuous learning and improvement.

Crystal Gonzales is not only a remarkable leader but also a wonderful person whose contributions have made the Pueblo City-County Library District a safer and more welcoming place for everyone.

Kari Gonzales

Nominated by MxV Rail



In 2021, Kari assumed the role of President and CEO of MxV Rail, becoming the first Latina to hold this position in the organization's 40-year history. Under her leadership, MxV Rail earned the confidence and support of our owners, the U.S. railroads to embark on a groundbreaking, multi-million-dollar project to build a new full-scale test facility, which represents a

significant investment in the future of rail research and testing, and Pueblo.

Kari was raised in Pueblo and her commitment to the

community is evident in MxV Rail's move to PuebloPlex, which contributes to Pueblo's evolution as an innovation hub for rail. MxV Rail's expansion will stimulate economic growth in the region, further strengthening our ties with the community. She also emphasizes education and workforce development, partnering with institutions like CSU Pueblo and multiple K-12 schools in the community to provide education and training opportunities related to rail transportation.

Her leadership has fostered a culture of safety, trust, and innovation at MxV Rail, earning her recognition as the League of Railway Women's "2023 Railway Woman of the Year," and involvement in various service organizations. Her visionary leadership drives the rail industry's progress and community impact.

Olivia Gutierrez

Nominated by Optimist Club of Pueblo



Growing up in southern Colorado, Olivia learned the value of hard work and community. As the oldest of three children, she took on the role of nurturer early in life — a role that shaped her journey in ways she never imagined.

Life on Olivia's family farm was filled with lessons of patience and perseverance. Those lessons have carried her

through every chapter of her life. Olivia's greatest joy has been her children, Natasha, and Eddie IV. Raising her

two granddaughters has only grown her love deeper. Olivia's passion for helping others through community service and mentorship, fuels her desire to expand her abilities as leader in our community.

Olivia believes in the power of optimism, seeing the best in people, in challenges and in the future. Her husband, Nate, was an active member of the Optimist Club of Pueblo. Witnessing his passion for its mission, along with the club's dedication to youth in our community inspired her deeply. Even after his passing, Olivia has remained committed to supporting the club and carrying forward the values he held dear.

Together, we can make a difference. One heart, one life, and one act of kindness at a time.

Brandi Halvorson

Nominated by Miss Pueblo County Scholarship Pageant



Brandi's story is one of resilience, determination, and compassion. Despite facing cancer and career-ending injuries, she inspires others through mentoring, teaching, and volunteering. Her motto, "Always move forward," reflects her unwavering spirit. As a former police officer, Brandi paved the way for others. After her injuries,

Brandi persevered, becoming Department Chair of Health Professions at Pueblo Community College and is pursuing her Doctorate in Human Capital Management.

Brandi empowers men and women in healthcare, promoting growth and education.

Her dedication to Pueblo is steadfast, mentoring youth and volunteering selflessly. As Mrs. Southern Colorado, with the Miss Pueblo County Scholarship Pageant, Brandi has mentored and coached young women for 20 years preparing them for competition. Brandi aspires to live by the Miss Pueblo Pageant motto "Dream Hope Believe Inspire."

Brandi also mentors through music for young people wanting to follow the path of music and performs as a vocalist in Pueblo. Brandi's daily health struggles don't hold her back, proving adversity can be overcome. Brandi inspires others, leaving a legacy of resilience and determination, making a lasting impact.

Heather Hankins

Nominated by Health Solutions



Heather, MSN, APN, is the Chief Clinical and Chief Operations Officer at Health Solutions, a comprehensive non-profit healthcare provider serving Pueblo, Huerfano, Las Animas, and Mesa counties.

Heather's dedication to integrated healthcare has significantly advanced the organization's mission to deliver exceptional quality

services through innovation, compassion, and the promotion of self-determination. Her efforts have not only improved individual health outcomes but have also strengthened the overall well-being of our communities.

Under her leadership, Health Solutions repurposed the former El Pueblo Adolescent Treatment campus

to establish the Family Center, which offers outpatient care for all ages, Intensive Outpatient Programming for youth, a therapeutic childcare facility, and a brand-new integrated family medicine practice, complete with an accredited Family Resource Center.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Heather created a specialized program where employees' children participated in online learning, on the Health Solutions campus, with the help of a retired schoolteacher and assistant so their parents could remain engaged in their essential work.

Through her visionary leadership and unwavering commitment, Heather Hankins exemplifies the qualities celebrated by the Outstanding Women Award. Her contributions have made a lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of Pueblo County, making her a deserving nominee for this honor.

Monica Hughes

Nominated by Monica's Friends and Community



Monica is a community organizer, Deputy Director of Organizing for Cobalt Advocates, and the newly elected Communications Chair for the Pueblo County Democratic Party. Through her work at Cobalt, Monica has worked tirelessly to protect reproductive healthcare rights for every person in Colorado. She was one of the

driving forces behind getting Amendment 79 and the constitutional right to an abortion on the 2024 ballot for Colorado voters to decide on.

Monica works with lawmakers, organizers, advocacy groups, and healthcare providers throughout the state

every day to advocate for reproductive justice, and for families and children to have the resources, care, and support that they need to thrive. Monica collaborates with the Pueblo County Democratic Party to build strong coalitions that organize together to protect the most vulnerable in our communities, and she will bring that valuable experience to her new position as the Communications Chair.

Monica's intersectional lens and passion for building power make her a very caring and effective activist who works for the people. Monica continues to be an unwavering voice for the most marginalized, and her contributions to our city and protecting our collective rights make her an outstanding, shining star of Pueblo.

Terri Kallish

Nominated by The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce



Terri plays a key role in organizing some of the city's most significant events, such as the popular annual Chile & Frijoles Festival and the Colorado State Fair Parade.

Terri has consistently demonstrated excellence in event management, making an impact on every event she touches. As a leading event specialist, she has brought

her expertise, passion, and dedication to numerous projects, ensuring that each one is executed flawlessly. Her meticulous attention to detail and ability to manage complex logistics have garnered her a reputation for excellence in our community.

In addition to her event coordinating skills, Terri

stands out for her annual management of Leadership Pueblo. She has been a strong advocate for empowering business professionals in our community, offering guidance and support. Her ability to collaborate with diverse teams and manage cross-functional relationships with grace has made her a role model for many.

What sets Terri apart is her unwavering commitment to creating inclusive and memorable experiences for all participants. She has led events for 100,000 people to small gatherings of 30 people. Each time she makes it a priority that every attendee has an enjoyable experience. Her innovative approach to event planning, combined with her passion for making a difference, is why she is truly deserving of this award.

Terri continues to inspire and elevate the industry through her hard work, vision, and dedication to excellence.

Dana Lambert

Nominated by Pueblo Library Foundation



Dana, a native of Pueblo County, cherishes memories of time spent on her grandparents' farm and ranch. Growing up immersed in the farmwork lifestyle, she learned the values of collaboration, innovation, and integrity. As a first-generation college student, Dana worked diligently to earn her professional teaching license,

counseling license, and doctorate in leadership and human relations.

These experiences taught her the importance of building strong, trusting relationships. In her current

roles as CSU Pueblo Director of Digital Equity and CEO of EDUCATE Microschool Managing Organization, as well as serving on the State COCPA Board of Directors and the UCCS Women's Leadership Advisory Board, Dana focuses on leveraging business to create positive change. She is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to efforts that have empowered thousands of students, disrupted the cycle of high school dropouts, and provided life-changing opportunities. These efforts have had a meaningful impact on students, families, and communities, and she is humbled to be part of them.

Dana's greatest source of pride is her family. She has been married to her high school sweetheart for over 35 years, and they have three wonderful children and a large extended family. She feels truly blessed.

Chela Lujan

Nominated by Southern Colorado Equality Alliance



Chela was born in New Mexico and raised on the Diné Nation, but Southern Colorado, the traditional homeland of her N'de ancestors, holds her heart. Shaped by mental illness in her family and deeply affected by the opioid epidemic, which claimed many loved ones too soon, Chela discovered the strength

of human resilience, fueling her drive to contribute to a better world.

In her youth, Chela was part of the national touring act, The Haunted Windchimes, sharing stages with artists like Arlo Guthrie and DeVotchka. She continues to perform politically charged punk rock folk songs.

Music also led her to collaborate with La Junta's Woodruff Memorial Library and Take Note Colorado, providing free musical instruments and education to children.

Chela also taught traditional medicines and culture at El Pueblo History Museum and the Bridging Borders program, empowering young Black, Chicana, and Indigenous women. Currently, she serves as a community organizer with El Movimiento Sigue, fighting systemic injustices and building community wellness. A mother of two, small business owner, and traditional birth worker, Chela creates beaded jewelry, botanical products, and provides postpartum care, all knowledge passed down through generations.

Chela believes in the transformative power of service, direct action, and community building to create a better world.

Janay E. McLemore

Nominated by The Lioness Project



Janay is a proud Pueblo native and graduate of CSU Pueblo. She holds a degree in Human Resource Management with an emphasis in Leadership and Management. She holds a deep love for her community and prides herself on working with nonprofit sectors as well as serving underserved populations. Janay has worked for the Pueblo City-County

Library District, Colorado Department of Corrections, National Immigration Services and within the private college sector.

Growing up Janay was influenced by her parents

to volunteer, give back, and be a vital part of her community. Janay has volunteered with Partners in Education, MYLIFE, State Readers and Advisories Boards, Pueblo Police Department, Young Life, YWCA, and other community organizations.

Janay runs a boutique in Colorado Springs called B.F.F's Bits & Pieces Boutique, and has a marketing and design business called Kingdom Ink. She currently is the founder of The Lioness Project which is a local women-based organization in Pueblo, where they aim to educate, empower, and encourage the next generation of women leaders.

Janay is the current Title Holder for the Miss Pueblo County Scholarship Pageant Mrs. Colorado where she volunteers and mentor's young women within the organization.

Brandi Mears

Nominated by Office of the Pueblo County Clerk & Recorder



Brandi is a distinguished leader and a dedicated public servant who has made significant contributions to the Pueblo County Clerk & Recorder's Office. As the Operations Manager to the County Clerk, Brandi has played a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth operation of the office and the efficient delivery of services to the

community.

Brandi's commitment to public service is evident in her tireless efforts to improve the lives of Pueblo County

residents. She has been instrumental in implementing innovative solutions to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of the Clerk's Office, making it easier for residents to access vital services.

In addition to her professional achievements, Brandi is actively involved in various community organizations and initiatives. Her dedication to the community extends beyond her role in the Clerk's Office, as She works diligently for residents to access vital services.

Brandi Mears' unwavering dedication to public service and her community has earned her the prestigious Outstanding Women of the Year award. Her leadership, compassion, and commitment to excellence continue to inspire those around her and make a lasting impact on the Pueblo community.

Jordan Mecham

Nominated by Southern Colorado Equality Alliance



Beginning their journey of community-based activism in 2019, Jordan (Jo) began canvassing for Bernie Sanders leading them into a world they had no idea even existed. A global pandemic and a summer of intense protesting against police brutality flung open the doors of Jo's sheltered worldview. Ever since they have been a part of multiple

local and global movements demanding justice for the

most marginalized of the world. The clearest solution was the closest to them in boots-on-the-ground action that defies current growth and profit-based systems.

Jo spends their time creating space and events for their community to practice reciprocal, care-based worlds that will prepare and transform our community in the face of climate catastrophe and the collapse of empire. They are dedicated to the global liberation of all oppressed people, land, and all living things.

At home, Jo enjoys gardening and enjoying nature with their daughter, chocolate lab, and Great Dane.

Cōza Mendoza

Nominated by Southern Colorado Equality Alliance



Cōza is a non-binary Mexican American leader whose transformative work in Pueblo's LGBTQ+ and POC communities is deeply rooted in resilience and lived experience. Cōza's journey began in Indiana, where they navigated a tumultuous childhood marked by homelessness and the responsibility of raising

their autistic younger brother. These early struggles forged their unwavering commitment to caregiving and advocacy. Since arriving in Pueblo in 2021, Cōza has served as Vice President of the Southern Colorado Equality Alliance (SCEA), revitalizing cornerstone

programs like Pride Prom and the Pride Art Show into vibrant, inclusive celebrations that unite hundreds. Their leadership extends to their role at the Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (SCHRA), where they're working on innovative queer youth initiatives and intersectional programs prioritizing resource equity, mental health support, and community safety.

Autistic, queer, and proudly Mexican, Cōza channels their lived expertise into systemic change. Their firsthand understanding of marginalization, from navigating homelessness as a teen to advocating for neurodivergent needs, fuels their trauma-informed approach to activism. Whether creating spaces for artistic expression or spearheading marginalized programs, Cōza centers those most often overlooked, blending fierce advocacy with profound empathy.

Sandy Morrison

Nominated by Mariposa Center for Safety



Ms. Morrison started her career in higher education as an adjunct instructor of History. However, she changed career paths and is now the Director of Development and Operations for Mariposa Center for Safety (formerly the YWCA) where she works to bring in funding through grants, events, and other fundraising to support

survivors of domestic violence. Prior to joining the team at Mariposa Center for Safety, Ms. Morrison worked for the Pueblo Zoo and Roice-Hurst Humane

Society doing marketing, public relations, event planning and development. She currently serves on the Pueblo Historic Preservation Commission and annually volunteers as a judge for Colorado History Day.

Ms. Morrison earned her master's degree in history from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a bachelor's in history from the University of Southern Colorado (CSU Pueblo) and a bachelor's in mass communications from Colorado Mesa University.

She has lived in Colorado most of her life and can't imagine living anywhere else. When not working or volunteering, Ms. Morrison enjoys spending time with her friends, grown children and her three dogs.

Jo Nesbit

Nominated by The McClelland School



Jo has been with the McClelland School for nearly 15 years and has served as its Head of School for eight years. She has brought to the school a love for children and providing a safe and engaging environment that has changed the lives of many. Jo's leadership at McClelland has shaped a school that teaches and guides students in

a safe and nurturing environment that helps to create

passionate students that will become critical thinkers and community minded leaders of our future.

Jo and her husband are from the east coast of the United States, but they have made Pueblo home and have two beautiful children of their own. Jo spends much of her time outside of McClelland supporting her family life and her children's passions.

Jo has been an influence for our community and has given amazing leadership to The McClelland School that has been essential in moving forward into this ever changing world. Her strength and love for our children make her a truly outstanding woman.

Emily Perez

Nominated by Kala Beauvais, 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office



Emily, a native of Pueblo, graduated from Centennial High School. She then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology while competing as a NCAA Division II athlete in Cross Country at Regis University. Ms. Perez joined the District Attorney's Office in December 2020 as a legal secretary and is currently the Administrative Assistant for the

Investigations Unit.

She is responsible for processing upwards of 1,200 subpoenas annually for the office and acts a liaison to

other agencies in order to acquire vital records to ensure cases are complete for a successful prosecution. Ms. Perez's efficiency and attention to detail allow daunting projects to be completed with ease and efficiency. She happily tackles any project with a smile and lends a helping hand to anyone in the office in need.

As a representative of the District Attorney's Office, Ms. Perez volunteers in the annual Heroes and Helpers event, is an active member of the District Attorney's Office Fun Committee and is a proud graduate of the 2024 Leadership Pueblo Program. She enjoys running in local SCR road races, attending events at St. Mary's Catholic Church with her parents Gayle and Ricky, and eating through the local food scene with her boyfriend, Will.

Lindsay Reeves

Nominated by Common Thread Group



Lindsay is a Pueblo native who has dedicated her life to making Pueblo, and the communities she works in, the best place to thrive. Her efforts at spearheading projects in early childhood (Pueblo LAUNCH), in promoting and delivering health outcomes for all (Pueblo Triple Aim), those who are less fortunate (Catholic Charities), and in

her current role in helping communities across the U.S. make strides in improving behavioral and community health outcomes, makes Lindsay a truly unique leader.

She is also a Certified Improvement Advisor with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and has numerous improvement coaching experiences in Pueblo and beyond.

Lindsay also has served in numerous volunteer capacities in Pueblo and Colorado. She recently completed her term on the State Human Services Board, appointed by the governor, has been on the Board of Directors for numerous local entities including The McClelland School, the Pueblo Zoo, and is currently a member of the United Way of Pueblo County Board of Directors.

Lindsay is also a tireless advocate for those who aren't seen, due to physical, economic, social, gender, and racial differences. Lindsay is truly a force of nature!

Carol Rickman

Nominated by CSU Pueblo Foundation



Carol is a dedicated advocate and philanthropist whose impact can be seen across Pueblo. She passionately supports CSU Pueblo, the Pueblo Zoo, All Breed Rescue & Training, NMDog, wolf conservation efforts, and more; giving not just her treasure but also her time and energy.

A 1983 biology alumna of CSU Pueblo, Carol serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a devoted supporter of Pack Athletics. She is an essential part of Team Tundra,

ensuring the university's live mascot thrives alongside her husband, Mark. Without Team Tundra, we wouldn't have a live mascot.

Her love for animals is evident in her decade-long service on the Pueblo Zoo Board of Directors and her hands-on volunteer work, including walking llamas. She is also a fierce advocate for wolf conservation and Yellowstone National Park—if you need wolf facts, Carol has them!

Carol's generosity and leadership uplift the Pueblo community. Whether she's cheering for students, caring for animals, or supporting local organizations, she leads by example. For her selfless service and tireless dedication, Carol is highly deserving of this award.

Barbara Ripperger

Nominated by Teresa Therriault



Barb flies under the radar, while leading the charge on innumerable social issues. Here are but a few:

In Pueblo, Barbara supports homeless teens by working with Posada to find temporary and permanent housing, while also providing meals for them.

Year after year, her involvement in social ministry through her church has

supported the youngest members of our community through our seniors. If there's a need, Barb brings people together to fill that need.

Farther from home, Barb worked tirelessly behind the scenes organizing people, Zoom meetings, postcard events for the humane treatment of children separated from their families at the border. World Hunger selected her as one of a delegation to go to the border.

Ms. Ripperger works with Sister Nancy of Avondale and Cooperative Care whose mission states, "We do something every day that brings people closer to a better tomorrow." Their mission statement could have been written about Barb...selfless and dedicated to making her community better. She is the Clark Kent to Superman and is most deserving of this award!

Rachel Salazar

Nominated by Pueblo Library Youth Team



Rachel has only ever worked in libraries! She started her career in libraries at the CSU Pueblo Library in 2009 and started working at PCCLD in 2014. She obtained her Masters in Library science and became an official librarian in 2018.

She started her current role as Youth Services manager at Rawlings Library two years

ago. In the years since she took over this role, the Youth Services programming has excelled in her leadership. The Youth Team, Youth Service Committee and the library as a whole have benefited from her leadership and knowledge.

One staff member noted, “She encourages and

supports with her people-first style. But there is one reason she is the best. She’s brave. She stepped into a big role with determination and heart. Sometimes I don’t think she knows how much her willingness to represent youth and our team with such understanding means.” Another noted, “Not only does she work extraordinarily hard to improve the services PCCLD provides for our community, Rachel manages everyone in Youth Services at Rawlings with something that must combine skill and intuition.”

And another stated, “She is the most friendly, fair minded, kind, positive, supportive, and compassionate person I know. She steps in whenever and wherever needed. Rachel’s real strength lies in her ability to encourage and allow others to shine.”

We hope today shows Rachel our gratitude. She impresses us all the time and we appreciate all she does for the library and our community.

Dru Spinuzzi

Nominated by Pueblo Makes



Dru is a retired homemaker, a passionate beekeeper, and a dedicated educator. Married with three grown children, Dru enjoys gardening, traveling, and, most of all, sharing her love for bees and beekeeping. As President and Swarm Commander of the Pueblo County Beekeepers Association (PCBA) and an advisor to the Colorado

Beekeepers Association board, Dru has spent over a decade honing her skills in beekeeping and inspiring others.

She manages two hives in her backyard, right at the city’s limit, and around 100 others on farms throughout

Pueblo County. Dru produces and sells a variety of local honey, creamed honey infused raw honey and related products, including beeswax, salves, vanilla extract, and lip balm. Through her leadership in the PCBA, she has encouraged many to take up beekeeping, helping them understand the essential role of bees—and how we truly cannot live without their products.

Dru is committed to ensuring the future of beekeeping. She has awarded over 25 youth scholarships to energetic, aspiring young beekeepers, helping them to continue the vital work of preserving honeybees. Dru’s passion for beekeeping and her dedication to education inspire and empower new generations of beekeepers, fostering a legacy of stewardship and sustainability.

Marisa Stoller

Nominated by Friends of the Pueblo Library



Marisa earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from UC Berkeley and MBA from Indiana University, where she served as the President of the Student Leadership Association while working in-country with entrepreneurs in Cuba and South Africa.

Marisa has served as the City Clerk for the City of Pueblo since 2021, managing the department, budget, and staff, serving as the Designated Election Official, Custodian of Records, administrator of City Council, and overseeing the City's dual licensing

programs for liquor, tobacco, and marijuana. She completed both her Certified Municipal Clerk and Master Municipal Clerk certifications in 2023. She was inducted as an Athenian Fellow in 2024 and was elected to the state-wide Colorado Municipal Clerks Association Board of Directors to serve a 2024-2026 term.

Marisa enjoys giving back to her community, and serves as a middle school mentor with United Way as well as the President of the Friends of the Library Board and as a Director for the Pueblo YMCA. She also serves as a Director for the Southern Colorado Economic Development District. She and her husband Scott are the loving parents of two little boys, Tyler (7) and Luke (4) and she loves to read and snuggle with them.

Michele Sweeney

Nominated by League of Women Voters of Pueblo



Michele grew up in the 1950s, constantly hearing, "You can't, because you're a woman." But her mother whispered, "You can be anything you want to be."

Michele chose to pursue a career in surgery, ultimately becoming an Emergency Physician. She and her partner created Southern Colorado Emergency Medical Associates,

bringing modern ER medicine to Parkview Hospital. The group grew and flourished under her leadership. Her insight into the needs of potential ER docs' families was helpful in recruiting. After the ER, she launched into

teaching EMTs and paramedics the best methods of providing care as the EMS Medical Director at Pueblo Community College for 21 years.

In retirement she teaches her favorite subject, cardiology! Her hands stay busy with art needlework, knitting and crocheting. Fostering kittens for the local shelters keeps the joy in her home. League of Women Voters has benefited from her web-mastering and technical skills. For fun, The Impossible Players has benefited from her input! As an audience member she has a contagious laugh and on stage, her characters are genuine.

Aside from her many accomplishments, Michele's generous and forthright nature make her a great friend and just the kind of woman who is fit for this award.

Brandi Taylor

Nominated by Kala Beauvais, 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office



Ms. Taylor was born and raised in Western Kansas. She moved to Pueblo in 2019 to be with her now husband, David, whom she has been married to for almost four years. Ms. Taylor earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with a minor in business administration from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. She then obtained her

Paralegal Certificate from Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan. Ms. Taylor has been a paralegal for 16 years, the past five and a half of which

have been with the District Attorney's Office.

Ms. Taylor is responsible for drafting felony legal motions, filings, plea agreements, and jury instructions. This is only a sampling of the tasks that she completes on any given day. She also attends court to assist Deputy District Attorneys. She does not shy away from any project and is always willing to take on and complete extra duties assigned to her. Ms. Taylor's work ethic and smile make her an invaluable asset to the District Attorney's Office.

In their spare time, Ms. Taylor and her husband enjoy hiking and taking short trips. Their favorite vacation spots are Breckenridge and Santa Fe.

Denise Torrez

Nominated by El Movimiento Sigue



Denise is a wife and mother, deeply committed to her family. But it is also in the community and their children she nurtures as if they were her own.

With roots that stretch from the high desert of Arroyo Seco to the east side of Pueblo, Denise was born into a family that valued hard work—her father a steelworker and her

mother a preschool teacher. She pursued her passion for education earning her degree by the age of 22. For 27 years, she dedicated herself to students in Pueblo School District 60, recently retiring from Baca Elementary.

A lifer of social justice, Denise has been a key figure in

El Movimiento Sigue, a grassroots coalition recognized as a non-profit that has championed various causes, from the Chicano Movement to the cultural celebration of Cinco de Mayo, and the abolition of Columbus Day as a holiday in Colorado. Her leadership was also highlighted during the 2018-2019 teachers' strike, an important moment that exposed systemic failures within the education system. Denise recognized, both in education, and in her beloved city, that the needs of the community were not being met and that a more inclusive, collaborative approach was, and still is essential for meaningful change.

Despite her own recent struggles, Denise continues to fight for what she believes in. She is not just an educator or social justice advocate; she is a changemaker. With a little bit of uplifting, some volun-telling, she lets those around her know they can do great things, too.

Adelia Dawn Tripp-Sena

Nominated by Pueblo NAACP #4005



Adelia Dawn has spent her entire adult career as a helper, first as a practical nurse and then as a social worker. She then parlayed her real-world experience at the Colorado Department of Corrections and the Colorado Mental Health Institute of Pueblo into teaching future social workers at the UCS Pueblo Department of Social Work.

After years of work at the Colorado Mental Health Institute, she retired as an employee, so she could volunteer as an advocate on behalf of marginalized

populations. She is currently Executive Director of the Southeast region of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Secretary for the Pueblo NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and a member of the Pueblo Commission on Human Relations since being appointed in 2021.

She also continues to be active on the ministry team of her church, New Day. She indicates that her community work reflects her belief that she, “was born to be a voice for the voiceless and an advocate for those who don’t have a seat the table.”

Vanissa VanEgmond

Nominated by InBank



Vanissa has dedicated her 24-year career to the banking industry, working her way through nearly every role, including teller, customer service representative, administrative assistant, collections specialist, back-office support, loan processor, loan officer, and now Assistant Vice President, and Banking Office Manager. She currently

oversees three branches— Pueblo West, University Park, and Cañon City—and has been a steadfast leader at the Pueblo West branch for nearly 14 years.

An advocate of employee development and customer relationships, Vanissa is passionate about coaching her team, helping them grow in their careers, and building strong connections with customers. She values watching

families grow over the years and is proud of the positive impact her branches make in the community.

Vanissa is equally committed to giving back. She has served as a board member for the Soaring Eagles Center for Autism for four years, helping to support children and families affected by autism. Her dedication to service extends beyond her career, as she values fostering meaningful relationships in every aspect of her life.

Married for 30 years, Vanissa is the proud mother of three children and one grandchild. In her free time, she enjoys photography, camping, and spending time with her family. She believes in the importance of teamwork and happiness, two core values that guide her personal and professional life.

Vanissa’s unwavering dedication to her career, community, and family makes her a deserving recipient of recognition for her outstanding contributions.

Shannon VanMatre

Nominated by Junior League of Pueblo



Shannon joined the Junior League of Pueblo in August 2020. She is originally from Trinidad, Colo. but moved to Pueblo in 2018. She earned her Bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas Tech University and her Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law. Shannon is an attorney at Matlin Injury Law. She was recently awarded

the prestigious National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 award, making it clear that, "No One Else Comes Close."

She has served the Junior League of Pueblo in multiple

board positions and currently is serving as the league President. When Shannon responded to "The Call" of leadership, she did so wholeheartedly.

Shannon is married to the love of her life, Ty McLeod, and together they have a beautiful daughter, Saylor. Shannon's leadership inspires those around her and challenges their perception of what is possible. Those who surround her would describe Shannon as "Larger than Life." She is a wonderful example to her daughter, showing her what women are capable of achieving. The Junior League of Pueblo is proud to honor Shannon.

Shannon, "What Makes You Different (Makes You Beautiful)."

Evelyn Wertenberger

Nominated by Books Again Bookstore & Friends of the Pueblo Library



Dr. Wertenberger brings a unique blend of mental health expertise and literary advocacy to her community work. As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and psychotherapist with a PhD, she demonstrates her commitment to mental well-being and intellectual growth. Her American Library Association (ALA) membership further reflects her dedication

to literary causes.

As a volunteer at Books Again, Dr. Wertenberger exemplifies the power of community engagement. Her voluntary service showcases how professionals can contribute meaningfully to literary initiatives beyond their primary careers.

Dr. Wertenberger's vision for the Banned Books Week Event stems from her deep commitment to intellectual

freedom. Her initiative champions literary freedom and diverse perspectives by fostering meaningful community discussions. Evelyn believes that raising critical awareness about censorship can create safe spaces for dialogue about challenged books. Evelyn's mission is to protect and promote the fundamental right to read, and Books Again serves as one outlet for distributing this information. Her background in psychotherapy offers a unique perspective in these discussions, highlighting how access to literature affects mental health and personal growth.

Receiving the Woman of the Year award demonstrates genuine humility and surprise. Her modest reaction emphasizes her true commitment to community service, suggesting she sees her work as a calling rather than merely a means to gain recognition.

Cecilia (C.C.) Wood

Nominated by Brandi Halvorson



C.C. has been an active volunteer in Pueblo since the late 1990s. She held the franchise for the Miss America Organization and was the Director for the Jr. Teen/Miss Teen Pueblo Pageant.

As the Director of the Miss Pueblo County Scholarship Pageant since 1999, her focus is working with young ladies in the pageant system, teaching

them self-confidence, integrity, and how volunteerism makes their community a better place to live.

C.C. holds free workshops for young ladies and women in Pueblo and surrounding communities to help with

public speaking, performing, modeling, and mentoring. She mentors them on how to complete resumes, interviews, and life preparation skills.

C.C. was also active in the Pueblo Youth Hockey Association from 2000-2008 and served in the capacity of Tournament Director and Treasurer. She also served on the Board of the Pueblo Youth Project and CHASE middle school program.

She is a 2021 winner of the YWCA Woman of the Year. Her community involvement includes, but not limited to Relay for Life, FBLA, DECA ('00-present Judges Coordinator). C.C. is the current Chairperson on the Board serving Crossroads Turning Points, Inc. She is also a retiree from the City of Pueblo Government after 30 years of service.

Magi Wren (Ms. Magi)

Nominated by St. Therese Catholic School



When her students reflect on their educational path, they will surely remember Magi Wren, affectionately known as Ms. Magi, and the tremendous impact she had on them.

This vibrant and beautiful, passionate teacher, mother, friend, companion, confidant, mentor, tutor, volunteer, organizer, and team player is compassionate, caring, fun,

kind, and loving. Her commitment to her students resonates as she constantly searches for innovative multiple approaches to assist each student in her class.

She is a positive and gentle force with a big smile and

hug for everyone. Magi is a professional, unique and amazing individual who's always willing to help everyone she encounters.

Being supportive and working on helping her students with classroom and life skills, entails lovingly setting all students straight and encouraging them to explore and make good choices.

Outside of school, she has knit stocking caps for infants, created baskets of items for firefighters, collected needed objects for the poor of our community, and volunteered to help with community events while pursuing and obtaining her Master's Degree. She will continue to have a profound impact on all her past, present, and future students by leading them and modeling a good heart and a love for God.

Dolores Wyckoff

Nominated by Donna Martinez



Dolores was born to Joe and Victorianna Maldonado on June 29, 1935 in Loma, Colo. She was raised in Greeley, and moved to Pueblo after she married. Dolores raised her two daughters in Pueblo while working at Pueblo Bank and Trust and Mountain Bell Phone Company.

Following her retirement from Mountain Bell Phone Company, she enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and spending time with family and friends. She also volunteered with the Meals on Wheels program delivering meals to residents in Pueblo.

Dolores Wyckoff passed away on Nov. 3, 2021 in Pueblo, Colorado. With love in honor of her memory, Dolores Wyckoff is nominated for the Outstanding Women Award by her daughter, Donna Martinez.

The following honorees have been previously recognized with an
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Adams, Lois	Avery, Julia	Biondi, Angela DeSalvo
Adams, Suzanne	Aviña, Maya	Bilger, Peggy
Aguilar, Adele D.	Baca, Judy M.	Birch, Alice L.
Ahlin-Hefty, Brianne	Baca, Sherri	Bissell, Amy
Albrow-Bowman, Ella	Bacino, Kathy	Bitterlich, Carolyn L.
Alfonso, Georgia	Baer, Doris Kinsinger	Black, Dr. Louisa T.
Allen, Phoebe	Bailey, Dr. Jean	Blake, Annie E.
Allen, Sharon	Bailey, Mary	Blake, Ruth Anne
Alley, Pat	Baldwin, Gaylene	Blickhahn, Catie
Almeda, Teresa E.	Bales, Joyce Ford	Boggess, Ingrid
Alt, Betty L.	Banks, Jessie	Boggs, Rumalda Luna
Anaya, Louise	Barber, Margaret	Bonan, Rosie May
Anderson, Catherine K.	Barkman, Marie Lamb	Bonse, Catherine Vigil
Anderson, Christina	Barnes, Rose Marie	Boone, "Aunt" Liza
Anderson, Irene	Barnett, Janet	Booth, Arta Frances Buck
Anderson, May	Barry, Dr. Mary	Bornschein, Dora
Anderson, Terry	Bassetti, Phyllis Barbero	Boss, Evelyn Maurine
Andrada, Remy	Bates, Charles E.	Bottini, Donna Roberts
Andrews, Evangeline	Baughman, Terry	Bowman, Bonnie
Antenucci, Marilyn K.	Baxter, Lydia	Bowman, Esther M.
Anton, Suzanne S.	Beauvais, Kala	Boyd, Shauna
Apple, Jeanne	Beauvais, Marilyn	Bracco, Blenda
Arabie, Lori	Beauvias, Mary Ann	Bradburn, Sheila
Aragon, Andrea	Beckwith, Pearl	Bravo, Melanie
Aragon, Lucia Rivera	Bedard, Patty	Bregar, Marlene
Arellano, Jennifer	Belden, Paula Martino Derrington	Brogan, Chris
Arellano, Julie	Beltran, Guadalupe	Bronko, Carolann
Arlow, Janis	Belvill, Lola Belle	Brooks, Nona
Armijo, Adeline	Benedictine Sisters	Broomfield, Flocella Martinez
Arnot, Eileen	Benson, Jeanne	Brown, Dee Rogers
Arwood, Kathleen	Benz, Margaret	Brown, Hattie
Ascherman, Arla	Bernard, Barb	Brown, Jalia
Atteberry, Hazel Leona	Berndt, Lori	Brown, Judi

Brown, Katie	Clark, Mary Louise	Davison, Lavon Elvod
Brown, Kryste	Clark, Midori	DeBose, Nanette Parsons
Brown, Mary Babnick	Clark, Reiko	Decker, Anne Lara
Brubaker, Angela	Clayton, Evelyn	DeFusco, Wendy
Brunjak, Lynne	Clementi, Barb	de la Cruz, Maria
Bryan, M. Elaine	Cobian, Dr. Dora Luz	Delehant, Marlene
Buckles, Nancy Bain	Coffee, Patricia	DeMarco, Sheila
Bullen, Mabel E.	Collette, Roe Ann	DeNiro, Kathy
Burke-Domina, Stephanie	Collette, Ronda May	Denney, Meryl
Burns, Ilo May	Collins, Lalla	Dennis, Eileen
Burton, LaDoris	Conley, Donna	DePietro, Betty Jean
Butler, Jessie Haver	Converse, Connie	Kleinknecht Wilks
	Cook Carpenter, Carrie	DesLauriers, Michele
Caldwell, Charleen	Cooper, Karen	Diaz, Rebecca
Campbell, M. Jeanne	Copeland, Mary	DiPrince, Dawn
Campbell, Velma	Cordova, Tricia	DiMare, Leslie
Carder, Judith M. Garcia	Cornell, Reverend Earleen	Dingman, Jennifer
Cardinaly, Margaret	Corsentino, Lucille	DiSipio, Dorothy "Delia" Passanante
Carleo, Deborah	Corsi, Kay	Divelbiss, Andrea
Carlo, Mildred	Cosby, Carol	Divelbiss, Maggie
Carlsen, Jane	Cotner, Jane	Divelbiss, Susanne
Carroll, Dorothy Jean Scott	Courtright, M.D., Anne C.	Dixon, La Velle K.
Carroll, Leslie	Cover, Sheila	Dodds, Joanne
Carson, Josefa	Covington, Constance	Donegan, Esther Zinno
Carter, Colette	Cox, Kindra	Donohue-Dupler, Rachel
Carter, Mary Jo	Crawford, Carole	Dooley, Myrna
Carter, Mildred F.	Croshal, Kathleen	Dooner, Phyllis
Cates, Leslie	Crum, Patricia Allen	Downey, Grace Cummings
Catulli, Rose	Culig, Shirley	Downs, Florence Ann
Chamberlain, Lenore Thatcher	Cunningham, Sandra E.	Dudley, Theresa
Chambers, Patty	Cuthbertson, Lula L.	Dunlap, Dorothy Ann
Chang, Dr. Lin		Duran, Beverly
Charlson, Ida	Daily, Terri	
Chavez, Darlene	D'Amico, Sheila	Eastman, JoAnne Hannafious
Chiarito, Carol	Dammann, Ruth Counter	Eikenberry, Alice
Chostner, Paula J.	Darrow, Deb	Ekiss, Margaret
Chun, Joan	Davis, Tabitha M.	Ely, Evelyn
Clark, Iris	Davis, Kristyn White	Erjavec, Patty A.

Ernst, Sister Janice
Esgar, Daneya
Eslinger, Brandice
Espinosa, Deborah Mora
Esposito, Signe

Falcón, Gloria
Falk, Edna
Farabaugh, Georgia
Farley, Kathy
Farley, Mary Tancred
Faucett, Sharon
Ferguson, Collette
Firestone, Kelly
Fitch, Alice Rhodes
Fitzgerald, Carolee
Finzel-Aldred, Susan
Flores, Rafelita
Flori, Rose Mary
Foard, Evelyn
Foglesong, Karen
Fortino, Barbara
Fortune, Deborah K.
Fowler, Sharon
Francis, Susan
Fraser, Jane M.
Frazier, Katherine R.
Freed, Nettie Schwer
Fries, Susan
Frink, Ann Brothers
Fry, Eleanor
Funk, Denise
Furuto, Marcia

Gairaud, Lyndell Gist
Galassini, Brenda
Gallagher, Florence D.
Gallagher, Jennifer

Gallegos, Elizabeth
Gallegos, Ernestine
Gallegos, Venice
Galli, Jackie
Garcia, Catherine A.
Garcia-Simms, Charlene
Garcia, Esther
Garcia, Josie
Garcia, Linda
Garcia, Stephanie
Garcia, Tina
Garcia, Tomasita Lopez
Gardner, Charlene
Gardner, Jeanne
Gardner, W. Jeanne
Garnett, Anna Maud
Garone, Violet
Gaylord, Madge
Gehlhoff, Dr. Kelly E.
Gentile, Deanne
Giarratano, Joni
Given, Jacqueline
Gladney, Karen
Glasgow, Hilary
Goldy, Lynette
Gonzales, Lorraine
Gonzales, Rhonda
Goodnight, Mary Dyer
Gordon, Megan
Graham, Karen
Graham, Renee
Grant, Nancy
Graves, Jeanne
Grebenc, Christine M.
Green, Marguerite
Grissom, Cyndi
Grosso, Bertha C.
Grove, Faye

Grublak, Haline V.
Gulliford, Amy & Claire
Gunn, Mary Shipsey
Gunn, Ruth W.
Gutierrez, Lola Atencio
Gwynn, Cora May

Hadley, Barbara
Hager, Stephanie
Hall, Diana
Hall, Jeanne
Hamann, Patricia M.
Hamilton, Cathy
Hamm, Eleanor Patty
Hammond, Dorothy
Haney, Dagmar A.
Hance, Josie
Hannafious, Janelle
Hansel, Christine
Hardin, Achsah Alice
Hardin, Helen
Hargrove, Lucille A.
Harl, Elizabeth
Harner, Stacey
Harris, Stacie
Harshman, Katie
Hart, Carol
Hart, Mary Elizabeth Huston
Hartless, Abbey
Hartman, Kris
Hastall, Judith A.
Hasan, Seeme Gull Khan
Hatton, Margo
Haver, Ruth Beaty
Hawthorne, Cindy
Hay, Dr. Rilla
Heemer, Lillian Amore
Hellbeck, Olga

Heller, Nellie
Herrera, Clara Serrano
Hertneky, Amber
Heyn, Juanita Lanoue
Hicks, Bianca
Hicklin, Estefana Bent
Hijar, Petra Urueta
Hildner, Judith Kathryn
Hill, Alice
Hill, Linda
Hilvitz, Pauline Stein
Hinkle, Kimberly
Hoag, LaVert
Hobson, Anna Jane England
Hobson, Gracemary Edwards
Hodges, Dr. Mary Frances
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Holland, Aubrey
Holliday, Chrissy
Holly, Carrie C.
Hooper, Alayna
Hoover, Jan
Hopkins, Cay
Horvat, Tami
Hudson, Evie
Huff, Grace
Huffaker, Jacquie
Huggins, Ashley
Humphrey, Dr. Marie
Hunt, Florence
Hurtado, Francie
Hyder, Dora

Jackson, Agatha M.
Jackson, Dorothy K.
Jacobsen, Pam
Jaramillo, Josette
Jastremski, Peggy

Jensen-Jones, Kathy
Jentzsch, Nancy F.
Johnson, Dawn Marie
Johnson, Raylene
Johnson, Tonya
Jones, Marjorie
Jordan, Carmella
Joseph, Marjorie
Joseph, Sarah
Jubert, Rose

Kane, Kimberly
Kastelic, Faye
Keating, Capt. Kay, USN (Ret)
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Kennedy, Kris
Kester, Doris
Kettlekamp, Gretta H.
Killen, Janet Boyce
King, Carol
King, June Haigh
Kitzman, Donielle
Kleven, Jill
Knafelc, Shirley
Kneib, Helen
Knight, Rose Marie
Knox, Claire K.
Knox, Kathy
Koehler, Corinne
Kohrs, Lorraine
Koncilja, Anna Marie Paglione
Kort, Dr. Haydee
Krajacic, Jessie Nadine Kern
Kramer, Kerry Marie
Krasovec, Bernice
Krause, Abigail
Krause, Judy

Kreusch, Judy
Kuhlman, Julie

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Latshaw, Clara
Lau, Cindy
Laws, Dr. Mary H.
Ledbetter, Katie
Lee, Sheila
LeMasters, Sandra
Lewis, Jan
Lilienthal, Lori
Lillie, Karen
Linder, Mary
Lindskog, Marge
Lindstrom, Elsie Christene
Lipich Jordan, Gertrude
Litvak Vean, Julia
Loats, Carol L.
Logie, Diann
Lomax, Nancy
Long, Annette
Loontjer, Carma
Lopez, Rosa N.
Lord, Norma Jean
Lovato Arellano, Lori
Lovato, Jenna
Lovell, Lorene R.
Lowe, Grace
Lucero, Priscilla R.
Lucero, Richelle
Lucero-Villalon, Sharon A.
Lucore, Pat
Luna, Jessica Marie
Lundahl, Sandy
Lunn, Betty

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Macias, Trisha	McConnell, Fran Dodd	Misiaszek, Kanda
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Madison, Jennie Biffle	McCulley, Petra	Montez, Margie G.
Madrill, Gloria	McDonald, Margaret	Montoya, Deborah
Mallaby, Martha B.	McDonald, Mary A.	Montoya, Eleanor E.
Malone, Daisy Roberts	McDonald, Ruth	Montoya, Fawn Amber
Manzanares, Patricia Gail	McDonnell, Nancy	Montoya, Ramona Rachel
Marco, Liz	McDowell, Melissa	Moore, Beverly B.
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Martin, Janice Curtis	McMillan, Linda	Moreschini, Shelly
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Martinez, Doreen	Medved, Kay	Mueller, O.S.F., Bona
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Martinez, Lita E.	Melcher, Gwen	Musso, Michelle
Martinez, Rose Marie	Melvin, Betty Jo	Musso, Sharla
Martinez, Sara Funk	Meservey, Peggy A.	
Martinez, Sarah L.	Mestas, Gina Torres	Nelson, Amy
Martinez, Valerie	Meyer, Christine	Nelson, Janice Miller
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Massey, Dr. Margie	Miera, Chepita	Nerenberg, Ruth M.
Mastrini, Marge	Miketa, Connie	Nevin-Woods, Christine
Mathews, Frances	Miles, Judy Katherine	Noble, Martha J. Henry
Mathews, Mande	Miller, Ione Aileen	Norton, Bonnie
Mattivi, Esterina	Miller, Mary Chew	Nuckolls, Marion
Mayhugh, Mareta	Miller, Victoria	Nuckolls Jones, Della
Mayo, Evelyn	Millinger, Louise	Nunn, Sharrie Irene
Mazur, Jayne	Milne, Jane	Nunn-Garcia, Kristine
McCanless, Mollie	Minkler, Stacey R.	
McCann, Christina	Minnequa Hospital Nursing	O'Brien, Mrs. Mayre Olin
McCarthy, Michelle Chostner	Class of 1905	O'Brien, Patricia

O'Connor, Margaret
O'Dowd, Dorothy
O'Neill, Naoma
O'Quin, Jeanette
O'Rourke, Judge Patti F.
Oechsle, Inge
Offutt, Mary Bell
Ones, Jessi
Oreskovich, Diana Quinn
Orman, Nellie Martin
Orman, Patricia Bowie
Osborne, Vivian Louise Gallagher
Overlin, Linda

Pacheco, Terri
Packard, Ray
Padilla, Rosanna C.
Page, Rhondelle Angela
Parks, M.D., Pamela S. Pierce
Parks, Ruth A.
Parkhurst, Johanna
Parkview Mobile Nurses
Parnell, Megan
Parsley, Caroline
Patterson, Mary A.
Patterson, Pamela
Pauchick, Pauline
Pechek, Lindsay
Penley, Marilyn
Perez, Angelina
Perko, Elizabeth
Petrocco, Hazel Felton
Pettit, Dr. Sue. L.
Pfost, Lois
Pierce, Judith
Pignanelli, Roxanne
Pitts, Linda Combrink
Pointer, Vena

Pollard, Harriet Emma
Pollard, Lena Lee
Ponik, Ethel C.
Poor, Beverly
Porter, Diane C.
Post-Gordon, Joan
Potestio, Ethelyn Thatcher Jones
Pratt, Lyda Sims
Prevost, Edna
Proud, Sandra
Proud, Sylvia R.
Proudfoot, Mary Agnes Beck
Prowers, Amache Ochinee
Prutch, Tammy
Pryor, Josephine

Ramos, Antoinette
Ramsey, Patricia
Ramu, Cynthia
Rapier, Melanie
Rapp, Wendy
Rawlings, Dorothy Hoag
Rawlings, Jane
Rawlings, Mary Alexandra
Graham (Sandy)
Rein, Ronda
Reinier, Norma
Remple, Lois Ann
Renck, Linda Sue
Rettagliata, Lauren
Rhodes, Celesta Jane
Rhodes, Jane Robbe
Rice, Sharon
Richardson, Wave
Richter, Shannon
Riffe, Noreen
Rincon, Dr. Velia
Rivera, Candace

Rivera, Carol
Rizer, Berna Mary
Robbe, Joan
Robbe, Virginia "Ginger"
Robb, Mary Ann
Robinson, Helen
Robinson, Ruth
Rodosevich, Helen
Rodriguez, Julie
Rogers, Olive H.
Rokich, Ann
Roldan, Dr. Mary Ann
Romero, CPA, Alexandria
Romero, Teresa Ann
Romero, Virginia E.
Rooney, Carol Lynne
Rooney, Patricia R.
Rothbaum, Juliana
Rose, Debbie
Rowland, Ruth
Ruegnitz, Mary
Rumsey, Marvalee
Rurup, Pat
Ruskin, Sophie Marie
Ryals, Mary Jo Catherine

Salazar, Alfiria Eleanor Casaus
Salvatore, M.D., Shirley
Sanchez-Tucker, Maria
Samora, Phyllis
Samora, Rose Luna
Samora, Tracy
Samuelson, Leah V.
Sanchez, Brittni
Sanchez, Eleanor
Sanchez, Eloise
Sanchez, Mary Jane Griego
Sanchez, Phyllis

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Santistevan, Virginia Martinez	Skirvin, Shirley	Stutters, Sandra Sue Welch
Savage, Laura	Skirvin, The Reverend Sidney D.	Suaso, Teresita
Schaar, Eileen	Smith, Hazel	Sudduth, Rebecca
Schofield, Mrs.	Smith, Holly	Sufian, Cindy
Schultz, Elsie M.	Smith, Jenny	Swanson, Jackie
Schultz, Rita	Smith, Laura Mae	Swerdfeger, Michelle
Schut, Tanna	Smith, Nancy	Swerdfeger, Sharon
Schwalm, Lindsay	Snyder, Joanne M.	
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Scofield, Nancy	Solano, Laura	Takaki, Sue
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Sease, Anna	Souder Hodge, Dr. Donna	Taylor, Cynthia Hinkel
Seilheimer, Donna R.	Spahr, Patricia Hope	Telfer, Dariel
Seybold, Jackie	Speaks, Mary	Terrazas-Alexander, Frances A.
Shaddy, Rose Marie	Speer, Alta W.	Thatcher, Lenore
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