



The Women's College
Alumnae Association

The Women's College of The University of Denver Alumnae Association

Annual Report 2006-2007
October 31, 2006 – December 31, 2007

TWC Alumnae,

This year has been a year of growth for The Women's College Alumnae Association (TWCAA). The Board and Committees have completed the first phase of creating the operating guidelines to help our organization run smoother. Our events committee held many successful events and our alumna participated in several community and wider DU events. We also started a wonderful "Care and Concern" program that is headed by our Co-Secretary and includes getting cards out to alumnae who have suffered a setback or have something to celebrate.

I would like to thank the entire Board for volunteering to serve and for dedicating their time and efforts toward building the Alumnae Association into a viable and successful entity.

The Women's College Alumnae Association maintains a commitment to its members and The Women's College (TWC) to provide various ways we can all stay in touch through electronic media, business meetings, and various annual and special events, as well as, a commitment to continue building on the sense of community that began during our days at TWC through joint participation in various annual and special events at TWC.

Together we will continue to grow this Association through reconnecting our members to each other, The Women's College, the University of Denver Alumni Association, and the greater University of Denver campus.

Respectively submitted,
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The following Annual Report outlines the 2006-2007 participation and involvement of the TWCAA.

Alumnae Association Mission, Vision, and Purpose:

Alumnae Association Mission Statement:

"To offer graduates a focal point of support and coordination plus a package of activities for continual individual growth and group interaction."

Alumnae Association Vision Statement:

"A proactive and visible organization dedicated to supporting past, present, and future students while promoting a positive image of The Women's College."

Alumnae Association Purpose:

FIRST:

To promote an effective and continued relationship between The Women's College and its alumnae as well as to be a vehicle for every alumna to continue to share in the life of the college community.

SECOND:

To encourage and facilitate professional development and networking opportunities for its members as well as continuing enduring friendships and social activities for its members.

THIRD:

To operate for educational or charitable purposes, which advance the interests of The Women’s College and:

- a) **Preserving** the unique traditions of The Women’s College;
- b) **Promoting and recruiting** for the Alumnae Association;
- c) **Promoting** active alumnae participation and involvement through on-campus and off-campus programs;
- d) **Recognizing** alumnae for their loyalty, professional achievement, and community service;
- e) **Providing** opportunities for alumnae interaction through reunions, publications, and social events;
- f) **Promoting** networking among alumnae; and
- g) **Encouraging** the alumnae to contribute to the Association’s e-newsletter.



2005-2007 Alumnae Association Board:

The Alumnae Association Board consists of a Chairperson, Co-chairperson, Secretary, Co-secretary, the Chairpersons of the standing committees, the representatives to the DU Alumni Council, and The Women’s College Alumnae Association Liaison. The 2006-2007 Board members were:

Dianne Calhoun
TWCAA Chair & DU Alumni
Council Representative

Liz Withers
TWCAA Secretary

Kristene Elmore
TWCAA Co-Chair

Betsy Clark
TWCAA Co-Secretary

Kathy Hoover
Community Service Chair

Marguerite Purchio
Mentoring Program Co-Chairs

Janet St. John
Communication Chair

Shirley Seitz
Scholarship Co-Chairs

Ruth Glenn & Angela Quast
Event Co-Chairs

Flo Day
Alumnae/Student Relations Chair & DU Alumni
Council Representative

Karen Mauler & Dana Conroy
Bookclub Committee Chair

Bonney Armstrong
Archives Chair

Carolyn Washburn
DU Alumni Council Representative

Amelia Sapp
Alumnae Association Liaison

2006-2007 Status:

Following is the status of the individual committees and the events and activities for the Alumnae Association of The Women's College of the University of Denver for the report period covering October 31, 2006 through December 31, 2007:

I. Alumnae Association Membership

As of October 31, 2006, the Alumnae Association proudly acknowledges a membership of over 1000 graduates.

II. Alumnae Association Board Committee Highlights:

Co-Secretary Report

The primary duties of the Co-Secretary are two-fold. The first is to act on behalf of the Secretary when she cannot. The second is to perform the duties of Corresponding Secretary, which entails sending cards to alumnae in response to notification from the general membership of changes in an alumna's personal situation. These include congratulations for career promotions, educational attainments, births in a family, etc. as well as personal letters of concern for illnesses, deaths and other difficulties within an alumna's life. The position began to include this duty in the spring of 2006 when 27 cards were sent between May and December. Through mid-December of the calendar year 2007, 33 cards were sent. Additionally in 2007, as Co-Secretary I acted for the Secretary by taking meeting minutes at two of the four quarterly meetings.

Nomination Committee

Every two years we have nominations for our elected board members. The elected board members for January 2008 through December 2009 are:
Janet St. John – Chair, Kathy Hoover – Co-Chair, Betsy Clark – Secretary, Penny Mastin – Co-Secretary

Mentoring Program Committee:

Recruitment for the Mentor/Protégée program began in late August and continued through mid-October. Orientation for both was held in November in the Garden room. We had an excellent turn out and were able to match several mentors with protégées.

Communications Committee:

The Communications Committee published the eNewsletter. The Association continues to receive positive feedback from alumnae and the Board is always open to comments about the eNewsletter. Past issues are housed on the TWCAA website:

<http://womenscollege.du.edu/alumnae/enewsletter.html>.

The Alumnae Association's brochure was updated with the new Board and Committee information in a format similar to the new design of the eNewsletter.

The [Alumnae Web site](#) is a great way to stay connected with the TWC community. The Web site allows alumnae to easily [update their contact information](#), to learn about the [ongoing activities of the Association](#) and to [sign-up](#) to participate on one of the Association's many committees.

Community Activities Committee:

The Community Activities Committee participated in 3 events over the last year starting with last fall.

1. In November of 2006, the TWC Alumnae Association piggybacked in the primary 9Cares Colorado Shares food drive with the DU Alumni group. It was record-breaking in the amount of food, clothing, toys and funds collected to help provide for the homeless and families in need in the Denver and greater Colorado area. This was a very rewarding event.
2. Project Homeless Connect. Project Homeless Connect, held on Friday, April 20th at DU, was very well organized and an incredible experience.
3. In October of 2007, the Alumnae Association had a small team to participate in another record-breaking Komen Denver Race for the Cure.
4. Also, in December of 2007, we had a successful event working with the Women's Bean project.

Scholarship Committee:

This year there were four scholarships awarded at the spring brunch. Short biographies about the recipients were included in the brochure as well as a listing of gift-givers on the back.

Additionally, there was a call for donations for the scholarship fund. Next year there will be how-to-pay-for-your-education workshops from different resources. These will cover not only where to get scholarships, but will also cover the application process.

Events Committee:

May 5, 2007:

1. Annual Spring Reunion Brunch - "Change and Transformation: Ode to the Butterfly" ~ This event was held at DU's Ritchie Center. Program included:
 - a. Invited guests and presenters Lynne Gangone (new dean) and Linda Cobb-Reily.
 - b. Presentation of a plaque to Lorni Sharrow (departing).
 - c. Recognition of the 2007 Scholarship recipients.
 - d. Presentation of the 2007 Alumnae Association Awards.

October 13, 2007:

2. Alumnae Association Induction Brunch ~ "Telling Our Stories" - The ceremony was held in the Chambers Center. Program included:
 - a. 30 invited alumnae attended the event.
 - b. Three new TWC graduates were inducted into the Alumnae Association.
 - c. Guest speaker was Dean Lynn Gangone, who shared the "new" TWC vision.

Alumnae/Student Relations Committee:

This committee will be the group to keep the connection open between Alumnae, Students, and wider DU community. No report was given.

Archives Committee:

The Archives committee did not have a report this year. This committee is most active around reunion time.

Outstanding Alumnae Awards Committee:

Outstanding Alumnae Award Nominations for 2007

The Alumnae Association annually honors those alumnae who truly exemplify the "top" in their commitment and dedication to their community, The Women's College, and The Alumnae Association.

The recipients of the 2007 Outstanding Alumnae Awards are as follows:

Community Award - This award is given to an alumna for her dedication and commitment to the community-at-large. The 2007 recipient was **Sherry Donovan** for her involvement with *Project Safeguard*.

The Women's College Award - This award is given to an alumna for her involvement in, and support of *The Women's College*, and its present and prospective students. The 2007 recipient was **Janet St. John** for the many volunteer hours of recruiting for TWC.

The Alumnae Association Award - This award is given to an alumna for her dedication and ongoing commitment to the efforts and overall success of The Alumnae Association. The 2007 recipient was **Betsy Clark** for her efforts to reach out to her alumnae sisters with notes of comfort, congratulations, etc.

Colorado Booklovers:

The Colorado Booklovers has met monthly in 2007 through October. We have introduced our club to new authors, new topics, and the classics such as Alice in Wonderland. We have enlightened discussions of the genres and share the emotions and insights each work presents to us as individuals. There are five active members.

Alumnae Operating Guidelines Committee

They are nearing completion of the handbook of operating guidelines and are awaiting some last pieces of information before completing it. When finished, it will be posted on the web with explanations of positions on the TWCAA board. Any new information should be added to the end of position descriptions in these guidelines. Going forward, the co-chair will be responsible for making sure these guidelines are updated. Overall, the timelines of positions are very beneficial, though bullet-points of duties are helpful, as well.