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*Natalie McConnell, a Class of 2018 Fruita Monument High School graduate, was awarded the Fruita Rotary Club Marge Miller Scholarship. She is heading to CSU to study natural resources management and policy.*

## Meet our New Scholarship Director!



Deirdre McLoughlin joined our staff team several

## Community Foundation Commits nearly \$790,000 in Scholarships

*98 graduating seniors to receive  
scholarship support for their  
college education*



Congratulations to all of the Class of 2018 graduates receiving scholarships administered by our Community Foundation! A total of 98 graduating high school seniors were awarded \$789,700 in financial support over the next four years to help them fulfill their dream of attending college.

In addition to the 36 different scholarship funds established by our donors, our Community Foundation manages endowed scholarships for Colorado Northwestern Community College, Technical College of the Rockies and several designated high schools. We also administer three scholarships for non-traditional students returning to college or entering other educational training programs.

months ago as our new Scholarship Program Manager. She got to learn the ropes this scholarship season as she takes over for Cecile Aday. We thank Cecile for her commitment and dedication over the past four years and wish her well as she moves to Madison, WI.

### New Faces on the Board of Directors

*Five new board members elected at the annual meeting in May*



Our community foundation is pleased to welcome five new board members this year! Pictured from left to right: **David Livingston** (Hotchkiss), **Holly Wilson** (Grand Junction), **Nancy Hoganson Hannah** (Montrose), and **Bill Welch** (Cedaredge). Not pictured: **Mary Beth Buescher** (Grand Junction). Our new board members bring great skills and a deep commitment to promoting local philanthropy across the region.

We acknowledge and thank two terrific board members who are rotating off the board due to term limits, **Martie Edwards** and **Lee Ambrose**, both of Grand Junction. Thank you for your extraordinary leadership and board service for the past six years!

For more information on our scholarship program, contact Deirdre McLoughlin at [dmcloughlin@wc-cf.org](mailto:dmcloughlin@wc-cf.org).

### Celebrating 10th Anniversary of the Clough Scholarship Program

*Plans Announced for a Clough Alumni Scholarship*



*Trenten Hagerty received a Clough Scholarship four years ago. He has just completed his college degree and announced to his peers that he is creating his own scholarship, the Clough Alumni Scholarship.*

2018 is the tenth year that the Genevieve Clough Fellowship Program has been awarding scholarships to students graduating from Rifle High School, Coal Ridge High School and Grand Valley High School in western Garfield County. Over 550 students have been helped in the first ten years of the program, a collaboration between our regional Community Foundation and Colorado Mountain College Foundation.

Trenten Hagerty received a Clough Scholarship four years ago and just graduated from Colorado Mountain College with a degree in business and entrepreneurship. Addressing the Class of 2018 Clough scholarship winners in early June, he announced his own plans to "pay it forward" by creating his own scholarship and launching the Clough



The **Lena Sammons Reed Scholarship Committee**

awarded \$119,000 to students who attended Crawford Elementary for a minimum of 2 years and graduated or are graduating from Hotchkiss High School. Awards went to one non-traditional student, twelve renewal students, and three graduating seniors. The graduating seniors are Braxton Trujillo and Jeneve Mitchell (center in the photo above), and Elijah Kirk (not pictured).



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Alumni Scholarship Fund. "The Clough scholarship was critical in terms of my own commitment to go to college and stick with it for four years. I'm very excited to graduate and start my own business, and want to encourage others who were helped by this extraordinary family to join me in supporting additional scholarships."

A long-time resident of Rifle, CO, Genevieve Clough passed away in 2010. Her generous legacy provides young people in western Colorado "a chance to succeed."



*On May 14, our Community Foundation presented scholarship awards to three graduates from Mesa Valley Community School. Pictured above from left with their awards are: Natalie Grubbs, winner of the J. Robert Young Scholarship; Rebekah Nordstrom, winner of the Waldeck Nursing Scholarship; and Grace Weiland, winner of the Willson Education Scholarship.*

## Reflections from the Executive Director

Recent weeks have been filled with ceremonies and festivities celebrating high school graduations across western Colorado. Graduation season is always a time of great pride for families and hope and excitement for the future for our young people.

As graduation speakers remind us, graduation is frequently called "commencement" - a time of new

beginnings. We very much appreciate our many donors who have been generous with scholarship funds - providing valuable financial support for graduating high school seniors and non-traditional students who are about to launch a new beginning - be it vocational training, or a two-year or four-year college degree. Scholarships are a popular program for our donors. Over 20% of the total dollars distributed from our Community Foundation each year go out in the form of scholarship awards.

We also appreciate donor funding for K-12 education initiatives - new technology to support classroom learning and after school programs, professional development opportunities for teachers, food programs like the Lunch Lizard mobile meals and Kids Aid backpacks that provide "fuel for learning," musical instruments for band students, and transportation for club and sport activities. During this time of graduation and celebration of educational accomplishments, we want to acknowledge and thank all our donors who support young people and their education!

-- Anne Wenzel

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