

PHI BETA KAPPA

Alpha Association of Colorado

Summer 2019



TWO CC GRADS WIN 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alpha Association of Colorado is pleased to announce the 2019 winners of our two scholarships for graduate studies. Emma Whitehead, a 2016 graduate of Colorado College, was awarded the \$3,500 scholarship, and Jedediah Doane, a 2014 graduate of Colorado College, the \$1,500 scholarship. This year seven PBK initiates applied for the scholarships; all

were well-qualified and had excellent credentials.

The requirements to apply for the scholarships were changed this year. Instead of answering four questions and submitting a writing sample completed for their undergraduate work, we asked applicants to send us a personal essay describing how their undergraduate education and experiences “challenged

them, changed them, added value to their lives, shaped their goals and passions, and provided them with tools for their future success.” The committee felt this new application improved both the submission and evaluation processes.

We are grateful to all Alpha Association members who have made donations to our Scholarship Fund this past year, making these awards possible. We also thank the Scholarship Committee members for their dedicated work in reviewing the applications. The committee consisted of Barbara Berryman (Chair); Tom Hall; Rob Wellington; Jim Elkins, Ph.D.; Amy Rell, Ph.D.; and Julie DeWoody. The PBK Alpha Association board approved the committee’s recommendations.

Since 1994 the Alpha Association has awarded \$78,500 in scholarships.

Annual Meeting — Saturday, October 5, 2019

Jeff Shoemaker: “No Water, No Colorado: The Environmental and Economic Benefits of Engaging in Urban Waterways”



Since 1982, Jeff Shoemaker has been the Executive Director of The Greenway Foundation, which under his leadership has partnered with countless public and private organizations to collectively create over \$750 million of environmental, recreational, water quality, and flood control improvements along the South Platte River and its numerous tributaries throughout Metro Denver and beyond. Area waterways are now home to over 100 miles of multi-use recreational trails and over 100 acres of parks and natural areas. Also, over 100,000 acre-feet of water quality and quantity enhancements have been made to these rivers and creeks.

In addition, The Greenway Foundation has created and oversees the most recognized award-winning environmental education program in Colorado — SPREE (South Platte River Environmental Education). In addition, the foundation engages in numerous cultural and community events, along with a variety of youth employment opportunities, all focused on engaging the Metro Denver community (and beyond) with their greatest natural resources — our urban and regional waterways.

In November 2018 Jeff served on the Executive Committee of Denver’s successful Ballot Measure 2A, which secured over \$35 million per year for Denver’s parks and waterways. He also served as the chair of Metro Denver’s successful Ballot Measure 7G, which secured over \$20 million per year for the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

Jeff is a proud graduate of Denver Public Schools and the University of Colorado. He was a public school teacher from 1978 to 1982, served as a Republican member of the Colorado Legislature from 1987 to 1992, and was appointed to two terms on the CSU Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2008. Jeff was appointed to the MSU Denver Board of Trustees in 2016. He also serves as the president of a local non-profit organization, Up Close and Musical, which provides professional performances of classical music to elementary schools by Colorado Symphony Orchestra musicians.

Emma Whitehead



Born in Denver, Emma Whitehead graduated *cum laude* from Colorado College with a degree in Political Science.

During her undergraduate studies, Emma was twice awarded grants to conduct original research on identity and governance in Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, and Eastern Europe. She was involved in outdoor recreation and the arts, as well as holding positions in the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices.

For the past three years, Emma has worked to blend psychology, politics, and leadership development in her work and volunteer activities. After working with the Center for Creative Leadership, she went on to provide *pro bono* legal interpretation and mentorship to new Americans navigating the college application process. Emma is also a graduate of Emerge Colorado, which trains women to run for public office. She is currently part of a documentary film team that leverages the power of storytelling to educate and inspire action on topics including wilderness conservation, mass incarceration, and the global refugee crisis. In her spare time, she enjoys rock climbing, cooking, and salsa dancing.

Emma will attend the London School of Economics, pursuing an MSc in Organizational and Social Psychology.

Jedediah Doane



Jed Doane grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from Colorado College with distinction in Biology: Organisms, Ecology, and Evolution, *magna cum laude*. A finalist for the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, his interests at CC ranged from fire ecology to biochemistry to jazz. He led backcountry orientation trips in the Front Range and served on the college's Sustainability Action Committee. He is currently a fourth-year medical student at the University of Utah's School of Medicine, where he remains active in research and the exploration of wild places. His research interests include the integration of technology in low-resource healthcare data collection. He is pursuing a career in internal medicine.

In his personal essay Jed wrote, "An education with ample exposure to the liberal arts and sciences has made me a better future physician, student, and citizen of the world."

PBK MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

For the past few months we have been working on setting up a PBK Colorado mentorship program. We are building on work done by the DC Association, and the goal is to connect members one-on-one to not only share professional advice, but to foster the intellectual curiosity that brings the Phi Beta Kappa community together at its core.

Mentoring is a powerful personal and career development tool that can enable the mentee to achieve or exceed his or her life goals and aspirations. As explained on the

mentorcity.com website, "The role of a mentor is multi-faceted, may be formal or informal, and may change or evolve as the needs of the mentee change. A mentor can be a role model, coach, sounding board, voice of reason, emotional support, counselor, and a trusted resource" (www.mentorcity.com)

Our hope is to launch the program this fall. Diane Palese, Kristin Adcock, Sue Kiernan, Ian Alexander, and Greg Sorensen are developing our mentorship program. A handbook and other materials will be posted on our website in September. If you would like to help further develop the program or be a mentor, please send an email to board@pbkcolorado.org.

Annual Meeting, Lunch, and Speaker — Saturday, October 5, 2019, at the Denver Athletic Club

The Alpha Association's annual meeting and lunch will be on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place, Denver, Colorado, 80204 (<http://www.denverathleticclub.cc>).

A short business meeting to review the past year and to elect officers for the coming year will begin at 11:30 a.m. After lunch Jeff Shoemaker will begin his talk. (Please see page 1 for more information.)

The cost of the lunch will be \$35.00. The entrées are listed on the enclosed reservation form. As always, guests are welcome!

If you plan to attend, please return the reservation form along with a check for your lunch to the address on the form, or pay online through PayPal (treasurer@pbkcolorado.org). Reservations must be received by Monday, **September 30, 2019**. If you make a reservation but cannot attend, phone Greg Sorensen at 303-832-2587 or email board@pbkcolorado.org by October 2 to cancel. After this date, we will not be able to refund the lunch cost because we are guaranteeing the number of guests.

2019–20 Officers

The following members have agreed to run for the board of directors for this coming year:

President: Diane Palese

Co-Vice Presidents for Programs: George Gramer, Jr.; Sue Kiernan

Vice President for Membership: Barbara Berryman

Secretary: Kristin Adcock

Treasurer: Greg Sorensen

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Heartfelt thanks to Joy Berrenberg, outgoing Vice President for Programs, for her efforts organizing programs over the last two years.

PHI BETA KAPPA IN COLORADO

After last year's Triennial, the Alpha Association has been meeting with representatives of the Alpha Chapter at CU Boulder, the Gamma Chapter at DU, and the Delta Chapter at CSU to find ways to work more closely together and to support each other. (We are hoping that the Beta Chapter at CC will join our efforts.)

One of the initiatives we are working on is a Colorado Scholars Program to enhance the image and visibility of Phi Beta Kappa within Colorado; to foster cooperation among the four chapters and the Alpha Association; and to provide opportunities for PBK scholars at Colorado chapters to contribute to intellectual life on other Colorado campuses.

A scholar from any Colorado PBK chapter would be selected to go to other campuses to

- give a public talk at a convenient time and place
- make classroom visits
- conduct discussions with students

The program would be similar to the national PBK Visiting Scholars program, but focusing on scholars within Colorado. This program could also be expanded for scholars to visit a wider range of educational institutions within Colorado, such as community colleges or colleges without PBK chapters.

Each chapter and the association would provide an initial \$500 for program expenses, including a \$100 honorarium to each speaker. The goal is to launch the speaker's program this fall or in 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5, 2019 — Key Connections event: "Millennial Money Matters — Digging Out of Student Debt," followed by a trivia contest and social hour. The event will be at

the Irish Snug, 1201 East Colfax Avenue. Email invitations were sent out to PBK initiates in the Denver area, as well as Alpha Association members.

December 5, 2019 — Tour of *Monet: The Truth of Nature* at the Denver Art Museum. This tour has sold out. Your name can be added to the waiting list in the case of cancellations (email board@pbkcolorado.org).

RECENT ALPHA ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

October 30, 2018 — Todd Breyfogle, Director of Seminars for the Aspen Institute and former PBK senator, spoke on "Leadership, Civil Society and the Future of Democracy" for the DU Gamma Chapter.

February 18, 2019 — PBK Visiting Scholar Paula Stephan, Professor of Economics at Georgia State University, spoke on "How Economics Shapes Science," cohosted by the Alpha Chapter at CU Boulder.

April 4, 2019 — The DU Gamma Chapter invited PBK Visiting Scholar, Professor Jamsheed K. Choksy (Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Central Eurasian Studies at the University of Indiana), to speak about "Religious Minorities in Contemporary Iran: The Politics of Tolerance and Intolerance."

April 6, 2019 — The Alpha Association's annual banquet was held at the Denver Athletic Club, with Dr. Tom Noel, History Professor at CU Denver, speaking about "Color-Oddities: Strangest Things about the Highest State."

July 28, 2019 — Members and guests attended "As You Like It" at the CU Shakespeare Festival in Boulder, followed by dinner at Sherpa's Restaurant.

Dues / Email and Street Addresses

Please check your address label to see when your dues expire. Your membership can be renewed by using the meeting reservation / renewal form in this newsletter or through PayPal (send payment to treasurer@pbkcolorado.org). If you are no longer interested in being a member, please let us know.

Send any new street or email addresses to board@pbkcolorado.org. If you have not received any recent emails, we do not have a valid email address for you.

August 15, 2019 — Tour of the Craig Ponzio sculpture exhibit at the Denver Botanic Gardens, with wine and a picnic afterwards.

IN MEMORIAM

Anne B. Cvaniga, was born in 1910 near Trinidad, Colorado, and died at the age of 108 in Denver in March. A co-owner of a small manufacturing company that made military parts during World War II, she patented several of her designs for specific product parts. After selling her part of the company, she returned to Colorado and attended the University of Colorado, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1957.

St. Clair Hultsman died this past spring in New Orleans. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1955 at Tulane University and majored in physics.

Anne Tauriello, a long-time Alpha Association member and former Vice President for Programs, passed away on December 18, 2018. As an art major, she particularly enjoyed art history programs and tours at the Denver Art Museum.

The board of directors has made a \$25 memorial donation to the Members' Endowment in honor of each of these former members.



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11:30 A.M.

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Parking at DAC is \$15 (enter from Welton or 14th St.). Parking should also be available at nearby lots, with charges ranging from \$5 to \$25 based on how long guests are parked. DAC is within walking distance of the Theatre District / Convention Center Light Rail Station, which is served by the D, F, and H Lines.



Speaker: Jeff Shoemaker, Executive Director, The Greenway Foundation
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