

# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

This is my last message as President of FON. It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Directors the last six years as Treasurer, President Elect and President. FON is an extraordinary organization that has made a great impact in its 34 years of existence giving more than one and a quarter million dollars in scholarships to baccalaureate and higher degree nursing students in Colorado.

The scholarship recipients for this year are listed in the following article. I am sure that those who attended the Scholarship Awards Luncheon on April 18 will agree with me that you were overwhelmed by the outstanding students receiving the scholarships. Their energy, past experiences, hard work and future goals are truly inspiring and validate the need for FON's continued existence.

As a volunteer organization, FON is totally dependent on its members to do the work of the organization. This includes fundraising activities in addition to soliciting and selecting well qualified candidates as scholarship recipients. I would urge you to consider volunteering to assist with these activities if you are not already doing so. If you are not able to participate in activities, your support through donations for scholarship awards is always needed. Only when all members assist with the work of FON can we truly meet our full potential.

Thanks for your support and for giving me the pleasure of serving as your President.

**Juanita Tate, President**



### **Officers and Nominating Committee for 2015-16**

FON officers for 2015-16 were elected at the March 27 Annual Meeting held at Lakewood Country Club. They are President Cris Finn, President-Elect Amy Barton, First Vice President Stacy Wall, Second Vice President Ruth O'Brien, Recording Secretary MaryJo Coast and Treasurer Lola Fehr. They will assume office in June 2015.

Nominating Committee members elected for the coming year are Mary Carol Ferrera (Chair), Jan Juristic and Kathleen Whalen.

### **LaFawn Biddle Award and Scholarship**

LaFawn was recently awarded the 2015 Community Angel Award by Bessie's Hope. She was described by her presenter J. Angelich as the "Energizer Bunny" for her boundless enthusiasm and generosity. Congratulations to LaFawn.

In honor of LaFawn's 90th birthday FON will be awarding a scholarship in her name in April 2016. Donations for that scholarship are still being accepted.

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### **Beth-El College of Nursing receives \$8 Million Grant**

The Colorado University Board of Regents has announced the award of an eight million dollar grant by the Denver-based Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation to the Colorado Springs Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The college will be renamed the Helen and Arthur Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The gift will be placed in an endowment with only investment proceeds to be spent. The Foundation noted that it is "proud of our longstanding partnership with the college and we are pleased to provide this gift to help ensure long-term sustainability and continued action in addressing such a critical healthcare issue." Nancy Smith, Dean of Beth-El state that "these resources will help us hire additional faculty to educate future nurses as well as to provide the latest information to nurses currently in the field."

FON congratulates the Helen and Arthur Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. We are proud that their students are eligible as recipients of FON nursing scholarships.

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### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual FON Scholarship Awards

The annual Scholarship Luncheon was held on April 18 at the Lakewood Country Club. Twenty-two students from nine baccalaureate and higher degree nursing programs in Colorado were awarded a total of \$56,894 in scholarships. Those receiving scholarships were:

**Stephanie Atkins**, Adams State University, Colorado Rehabilitation Insurance Nurse Group (C-RING) Scholarship

**Carolyn Bottone-Post**, Regis University, Clare Sandekian Memorial Scholarship

**Claire Braam**, Regis University, Margaret Lewis Memorial Scholarship

**Dennis Bronstein**, University of Northern Colorado, Georgia Imhoff Scholarship

**Heather Brown**, Colorado State University Pueblo, Josephine Ballard/Presbyterian Scholarship

**Casey Clark**, University of Northern Colorado, Verda Richie Memorial Scholarship

**Jennifer DeGrott**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Beth-El, Viola Baudendistel Memorial Scholarship and Doris Monahan Single Parent Memorial

**Melinda Denison**, Colorado Christian University, Olga S. Miercort Scholarship

**Katie Edwards**, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Ruth Harboe Memorial Scholarship

**Laura Griebing**, University of Colorado Denver, Dort Gregg Memorial Scholarship

**Jose Hernandez**, University of Colorado Denver, Wayne "Dusty" Biddle Memorial Scholarship

**Trina Hogue**, University of Colorado Denver, Dort Gregg Memorial Scholarship

**Julie Javernick**, University of Colorado Denver, Clare Sandekian Memorial Scholarship

**Amanda Judd**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Margaret Lewis Memorial Scholarship

**Jamie King**, Adams State University, C-RING Scholarship

**Casey Mead-Gruidl**, Colorado Mesa University, Fern Howard Scholarship

**Katherine Moore**, Colorado Christian University, Friends of Nursing/Leila B. Kinney Scholarship

**Lauryn Romaine**, University of Northern Colorado, Greta Pollard Scholarship

**Anne Schudy**, Colorado Mesa University, C-RING Scholarship

**Megan Wait**, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Theresa Brofman Memorial Scholarship

**Michelle Weigel**, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Georgia Imhoff Scholarship

**Jenna Ziemer**, Regis University, Theresa Brofman Memorial Scholarship

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## Membership Renewal Notices

Recently you should have received a notice regarding renewal of membership in FON for the coming year. Regular dues are \$50 for the year and sustaining membership renewal is \$100. Those who are lifetime members will receive the notice, also, as we need to be sure that mailing address and other personal information is correct. Please respond promptly to Dr. Judy Robinson, 2795 Castle Crest Dr, Castle Rock, CO 80104 so that your name can be included in the 2015-16 FON Membership Roster.

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## FON 2014-15 Scholarship Recipients

