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Loren Snyder, Class of 1987
President, Alumni Association

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Kay Norton
President

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Michael Johnson
Executive Director, Alumni Association

GREGORY J. ANTON

Contribution to Business

Gregory J. Anton is a leader whose dedication, work ethic and willingness to volunteer have earned him respect among his peers.

Whether it's presiding over the UNC Alumni Association or the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants, Anton gladly takes the reins of a project or organization.

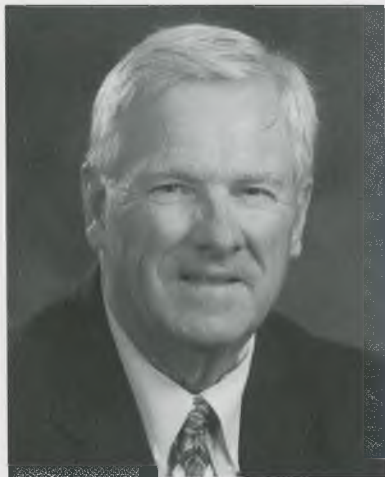
"Greg's enthusiasm for making a difference has meant that colleagues in every setting see him as the go-to person," says Mary E. Medley, CEO of the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants. "If you need business advice, ask Greg. If you need a quick take on an issue, ask Greg. If you need someone to lead, ask Greg. If you need financial support, ask Greg. If you need whatever, ask Greg. He delivers."

The co-founder of Anton Collins Mitchell LLP in Denver has more than 16 years of experience in accounting, auditing, SEC reporting and management consulting. His career as a CPA began with BDO Seidman LLP, where he was the office managing partner of the assurance business line. He helped start Anton Collins Mitchell LLP in 2002. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration / Accounting from UNC in 1987.

Anton has served on countless boards, including a year as president of the UNC Alumni Association. He is chairman of the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants, serves on the UNC School of Accountancy Advisory Board and is active in nonprofit community organizations. Anton is also a mentor to UNC students, offering many jobs after graduation, and a trusted resource to UNC faculty.

"Greg exemplifies the best of what UNC has to offer," says Ken McConnellogue, UNC vice president for University Advancement. "His leadership is an inspiration to all who meet him or have occasion to work with him. He does the university proud."





DUANE BANKS

Contribution to Sport

Duane Banks' name has already been immortalized.

To show its gratitude to the winningest coach in the school's history, the University of Iowa in 2001 named its baseball field after Banks, a former UNC catcher who helped the Bears earn a berth to the 1959 College World Series.

Banks retired as the Hawkeyes' head coach in 1997 with a record of 810-575-4 in 28 seasons. He recorded 901 wins in 30 years as a college coach.

"Duane did it all when it came to our baseball program," says Iowa Athletic Director Robert A. Bowsby. "He not only was a very successful coach, but he took great pride in the facility and worked countless hours to make sure the field was always in immaculate shape."

After he retired, Banks volunteered with the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, near his hometown of Fruita, helping establish a clinic for little-leaguers.

Despite Banks' prowess as a coach, it's his caring spirit that resonated with those who worked with him.

"He impacted so many of the lives of the young men he coached," says Harry R. Ostrander, director of recreational services at Iowa. "He was interested in the players as individuals and the contribution they would make to society more than whether they could hit or throw."

At UNC, Banks was a three-time all-conference and all-district catcher. After earning a bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1965, Banks played a season in the majors with the Atlanta Braves before pursuing a coaching career.

At Iowa, he recorded 21 straight winning seasons and three Big 10 titles. In 1972, he led the Hawkeyes to the school's only College World Series appearance. Five of his players became All-Americans and 57 went on to sign professional contracts, including major-leaguers Mike Boddicker, Cal Eldred, Jim Sundberg, Jeff Jones and Tim Costo.

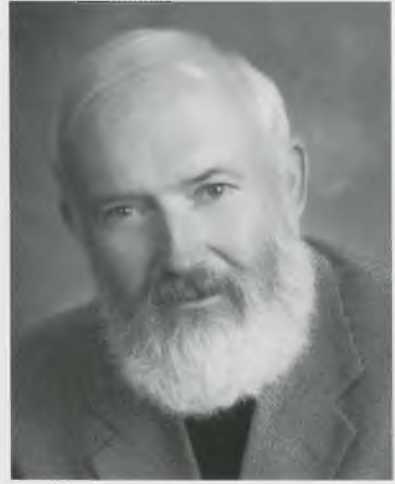
Banks later rose through the ranks of the American Baseball Coaches Association, becoming the organization's president in 1989. He was inducted into the association's hall of fame and now serves on the hall's committees. Banks is also a member of the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 1999.

JON CRANE

Creative Achievement

A penchant for artwork runs deep in the lineage of Jon Crane, who carries on his family's tradition.

Crane, who earned his bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from UNC in 1971, owns and operates an art gallery in the heart of the Black Hills, in Hill City, S.D. His artwork is renowned across the country.



"Jon is among the most highly respected contemporary landscape painters in America, as well as one of South Dakota's most popular artists," says curator Howard DaLee Spencer of the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Sciences.

Crane's forefathers included a Civil War artist and correspondent for Harper's Weekly Magazine. His great-grandfather, Milton J. Burns, was a marine artist and a contemporary of Winslow Homer.

"Jon has continued in their tradition, capturing the heart and spirit of American life on canvas by mastering the use of watercolors to vividly express the beauty of the Midwest," says Rick May (BA-71).

Crane, a New Jersey native, has won many awards for his work and was nominated in 2003 for the South Dakota Governor's Award for distinction in creative achievement. He was commissioned in 1997 to paint a picture of a Black Hills spruce tree for the U.S. Capitol during Christmas. He donated the rights of the painting to the America's Holiday Tree Committee, which has earned more than \$100,000 through sales of prints. Crane, a proponent of arts in public schools, has also made donations of his work to the Hill City Arts Booster Club.

After graduating from UNC, the Air Force ROTC second lieutenant flew combat missions over southeast Asia. He left the Air Force in 1975 as a captain and started working as an artist.

Crane opened his first gallery in 1980 in Rapid City, S.D. His paintings of rural America have become known as "Art That Takes You Home."

"I feel there's beauty in everything. A swamp or an old door are not things everyone sees as beautiful. But I do," says Crane.



HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE

Public Service

Henrietta Holsman Fore is passionate about making perfect cents — or any coin for that matter.

Dubbed the “champion of change” by the Associated Press, Fore, the 37th director of the United States Mint in Washington, D.C., oversees the world’s largest manufacturer of coins, medals and

coin-based consumer products. The Fortune-500 sized agency consisting of 2,800 employees and operations in six states, including Colorado, produced 14.4 billion coins in 2002.

In three years since joining the Mint, Fore has reduced coin production time by 80 percent and cut coin production costs by 20 percent during a busy period of the Mint’s history — as five new quarters are released each year. The efficiency equated into a savings of \$1 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

“She is a great example of what this country needs in the corridors of public leadership,” says John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury. “Ms. Fore is a dedicated public servant committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct and the principle of efficient, responsive government.”

Fore is a Wellesley graduate who earned a master’s degree in Public Administration in 1975 from UNC. Before joining the Mint, she was chairwoman and CEO of Holsman International, an investment and management company. She was also chairwoman and president of Stockton Products, a manufacturer and distributor of steel products, cement additives and wire building materials for the U.S. and European construction industries.

Fore has served on several committees, including presidential appointments as assistant administrator to Asia and assistant administrator for private enterprise in the U.S. Agency for International Development. She founded the United States-Asia Environmental partnership, a coalition of business, government and community organizations in the United States and 31 Asian nations.

Fore is married and lives in Washington, D.C., and Nevada. She enjoys sailing and adding to her collection of antique Holsman Automobiles.

WILLIAM HAIRSTON

Creative Achievement

William Hairston's distinguished career as an author, playwright, actor, director, producer and public administrator spans more than five decades.

His notable achievements include writing and producing six plays at leading venues and publishing works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. He is also responsible for movie and TV scripts, including "Apollo-11—Man on the Moon," a 30-minute TV program created for the U.S. Information Agency.

Hairston acted in TV shows, such as "Harlem Detective" in 1953, and played the part of Daniel Hazard the same year in the big-screen movie "Take the High Ground." He also directed Langston Hughes' "Jericho-Jim Crow" in 1964 and was theater manager of the Delacorte Amphitheater in Central Park.

Hairston's papers and manuscripts, 1950-66, are part of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library. The collection contains biographical information, correspondence, manuscripts and scrapbooks.

"Hairston's many accomplishments in building a body of work in literature, theater and television provide an extraordinary example for all students to follow," says C.M. Churchill, director of the Marcus Garvey Center for Black Cultural Education at UNC.

Hairston earned a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from UNC in 1973. His awards and involvement in organizations are many. He received the Ford Foundation Theatre Administration Grant and the National Endowment for the Arts Literary Study Grant.

Hairston is an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, and recipient of its Distinguished Leadership Citation. He also created the William and Enid Hairston Scholarship Trust, which supports minority students at seven universities, including two UNC students.

He is married to Enid Carey and they have one daughter, Ann Marie.





MARLENE POLITZER

Humanitarian Service

Every child is special to Marlene Politzer. That's why the community leader pioneered one of the first preschool programs to integrate children with disabilities into classrooms with non-disabled children. Forty years later, Bal Swan Children's Center in Broomfield has grown from five families to serving more than 200 children each year. Politzer has taken to heart the

center's motto: "We focus on children's abilities, not their disabilities."

"Marlene helped to open the door for young children with disabilities to be included in everyday activities and interactions with their non-disabled peers," says Margaret Jacot, executive director of Bal Swan.

Politzer, a UNC alumna who earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1952 and a Special Education endorsement in 1973, remains active at Bal Swan as director emeritus. She lives in Broomfield.

She started her career in education teaching kindergarten in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Sterling and Broomfield before becoming a special education teacher at Bal Swan in 1965. She served as the center's executive director for 17 years. Over the years, the school has expanded to offer speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and cognitive support — all in an integrated preschool program.

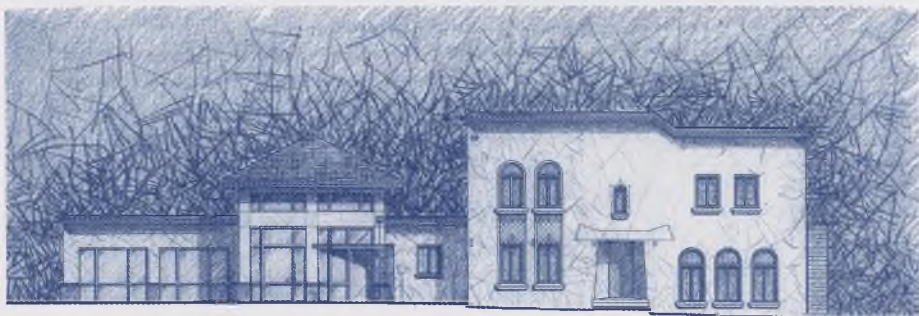
When she's away from the office, Politzer enjoys skiing, skydiving, watching movies, reading and being a grandmother.

Politzer has raised three daughters. She's been honored for her service with the Community Service Award for Citizenship from the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce and is active in the Broomfield Optimist Club.

Politzer, who has performed as a clown in a special appearance with Ringling Brothers Circus, would like to receive training from a Colorado clown school to perform at hospitals and other charitable organizations.

"The performance was a realization of a lifelong dream and shows her dedication to help all children, including the disabled, laugh," says Jody Wells, Politzer's former classmate.

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