

President's Message

Welcome back!

It's been a busy summer and fall seems to be continuing along the same trend. I'm looking forward to challenging myself, stepping out of my comfort zone, and serving you well.

Thank you to Leslie Molnar, our past president, for her dedication as president for the past five years. She continues to serve us as 2nd Vice President of the Federation of Post Secondary Educators (FPSE) and provides mentorship as past president on our CORFA Executive.

Thank you also to Sharon Richardson who has stepped down as a steward from our executive. Sharon has represented many members and still shares her knowledge when we ask.

Please call, email, or drop by to say hi, share a thought, or ask a question.

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Open the Doors Bursaries: Local Campaign

College of the Rockies Faculty Association had the opportunity to offer up to sixty \$500 bursaries to students to help "Open the Doors" to their education. The \$500 is intended to assist with the cost of tuition and books for a course taught by a faculty association member at College of the Rockies. Applicants provided a brief written or video submission, photo, and completed application form to CORFA.

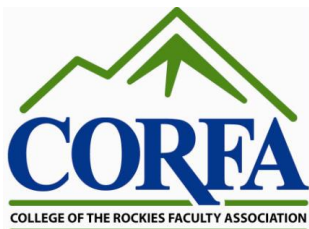
Our local Open the Doors Campaign was a great success as we gathered stories for the cause and eased some of the financial burden for the lucky recipients. In three rounds of submissions, the selection committee handed out 52 awards of \$500 each. The recipients shared stories of the barriers they faced. Many of the submissions were intensely personal. Some of our students have come so far and we are honoured that an education at College of the Rockies is part of their success story. We really are changing lives with what we do!

Our next step locally is to produce a video to highlight the successful submissions and to make it available to view and share. Keep your eyes open for more on the Open the Doors Campaign at OpenTheDoors.ca and be sure to sign the Education Pledge. Postcards are available in the CORFA office in Room 226A, or from any member of the CORFA Executive.



Thank you to the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) for providing support to our local Open the Doors Campaign, and to the local committee who worked tirelessly from writing the proposal to selecting the recipients. Our students thank you!





Fall Elections

Thank you to Betty Mosher for her dedication as our board rep for the last six years! Congratulations to Jan White, who has been acclaimed as our new board rep.

Thank you to Bonnie New, Linda Olm, David Dick, and Heather Wik for their time on EDCO. Congratulations to John McDonough, Joy Brown, Barb Fenwick, Gwen Stewart, and Louise Abbott, all of whom have been acclaimed to two-year EDCO terms.

Upcoming Events

- **General Meeting:**
A CORFA General Meeting and dinner is being held on September 27th at the Heritage Inn Club Room (downstairs) from 5-7 pm. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- **FPSE's Open the Doors Education Contest:**
Submit your entry for a chance to win some amazing prizes including rent paid for 1 year! See www.openthedoors.ca for more information and contest rules.
- **Fair Employment Week:**
Last year's Sweets and Solidarity Event was a real treat! This year's event is scheduled for October 24-28. More information to follow. Come out and show your support for Non-Regular issues!
- **CORFA is on Facebook!**
Like our page **College of the Rockies Faculty Association – CORFA** and join the group **College of the Rockies Faculty Association (CORFA)**.
- **Article Ideas and Submissions:**
If you have an idea for an article or would like to submit one for the next newsletter, please contact Allison at aplatt@cotr.bc.ca.
- **Expect a little fun in the next newsletter!**
The next newsletter will include a contest. Watch for it in your inbox!

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