

# Dreamer NEWS

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## Lafayette Dreamers Graduate and Prepare for College *Over 80% graduate on time, over 90% go on to post-secondary school*

**T**he year 2000 has been etched in the mind of every Lafayette Dreamer since they were in fourth grade. It was then, in 1992, that the I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County (IHAD) promised them all a college scholarship, along with the support to get to college. In those eight years, the Lafayette Dreamers have gone from cute and curious to accomplished and ambitious. The

Class of 2000 is now comprised of young graduates ready to make their mark on the world.

Fifty-three Lafayette Dreamers graduated in 2000, including thirty-two from Centaurus High School, making the graduation rate over eighty percent. Nine out of ten of these graduates will be attending college. IHAD staff, volunteers, and donors are very proud of their incredible accomplishments, and feel honored to be a part of their success. Many have overcome significant personal challenges, making the event that much more special.

In 1992, the Lafayette Dreamers were adopted from a pool of fourth graders eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program at three Lafayette elementary schools. Class CoSponsors Dianne Ladd and Bruce Holland paid for programs and scholarships, and Class Co-Sponsor Edie Ortega volunteered with the Dreamers. Since then, a variety of educational, vo-

cational, and recreational programs were provided to the Dreamers, including mentoring and tutoring by volunteers. These services will continue as many make the transition to college and others finish high school.



*Mikaela Ladwig-Williams, Centaurus High School graduate, will attend the University of Puget Sound in the fall.*



*Project Coordinators Wendy Wilson and Troy Kilen congratulate LaoLeng Xiong on his graduation. LaoLeng will attend CU-Boulder.*

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*"My parents have always told me that someone who shares is nice, but someone who believes in you and supports you is an angel. I never really understood that until now. Without knowing who I was, I Have a Dream put their trust, faith, and money toward my future education. Because of your support, I will attend college this fall and major in psychology."*

*-Lafayette Dreamer*

## New Project Coordinator for Kalmia Class



Hi, I'm Mary Manguso the new Project Coordinator for the Kalmia Class. I am very excited about working with the Dreamers. I believe very strongly in the value of education because I know it opens many doors to opportunity and success. I truly want to

play a part in assisting others in unlocking their potential and am thrilled to be a part of the Kalmia Dreamer's lives.

I am a graduate of the University of Colorado at Denver, where I received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, and have been working with youth and families for over six years. My husband Dan & I have a nine-month-old daughter Gabrielle. Having a child has been one of the most challenging and wonderful experiences in my life. The positions I have held in human services include a mental health counselor, community education coordinator, and a case manager for a self-sufficiency program. Prior to working for IHAD, I worked as a case manager and advocate for runaway and homeless youth. I also coordinated the outreach program, which was staffed by youth peer counselors who helped to develop and implement the community education and outreach. It was an exciting and challenging position, which emphasized youth as positive assets in their community. I hope to be able to use some of the same ideas in working with the Kalmia Dreamers. My goal is to work together with Dreamers, their families and the community in order to help the Dreamers become more successful.

## Welcome New Volunteers

Gretchen King  
Lucinda Garcia  
Nicole Martinez

Sondra Tutela  
Melissa Shipley  
Morgan Johnston

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To Brooke McCarthy for being an incredible summer intern, helping Kalmia and Broadway Dreamers with literacy, art, recreation and computer training.

## Lafayette Dreamers Celebrate their Graduation

The Lafayette Dreamers and their families celebrated their graduations with IHAD on May 21 at Karen's in the Country. After dinner, awards and gifts were given to every Dreamer, including the following special recognitions:

- Highest Academic Achievement Award—*Colin Barreno, Rory Vaden, and Angela Bellis*
- Leadership Award—*Heidi Whitley and Jason Vallery*
- Most Involved—*Mario Fresquez*
- Academic Improvement Award—*Justin Bain*
- Community Service Award—*LaoLeng Xiong, Sarah Salomón, Zacil Contreras, Padee Vue, Jennifer Murphy*

In addition, Dreamers gave thanks to Project Coordinators Wendy Wilson and Troy Kilen and Class Sponsors Dianne Ladd, Bruce Holland, and Edie Ortega. The Sponsors received a scrapbook with a personal thank you note and senior picture from each Dreamer. It was a special night for everyone involved, both in recognizing the hard work of the Dreamers and showing appreciation for those that helped them succeed.

On June 3, the largest school graduation of Lafayette Dreamers took place at Centaurus High School. Dreamer Scott Lippincott reflected on his memories and friendships in his speech to the graduates, and Dreamers Heidi Whitley and Natalie Sichko were honored as National Honor Society Members. Other Dreamers were also involved in graduation ceremonies elsewhere, such as valedictorians Angela Bellis and Rory Vaden. Angela spoke about choices in her speech at the Vantage Point ceremony, and Rory addressed the graduates at Frederick High School.

With over 90% of these graduates going on to attend college, the Lafayette Dreamers have proven to be extremely successful and motivated. This fall, Dreamers will attend colleges locally and throughout the country, with most attending either the University of Colorado at Boulder and Metro State College.

For the other Dreamers, work toward either a high school diploma or GED continues through the summer. Many are studying for the GED, still in high school, or taking correspondence classes. Hopes are high for more



*Lafayette Dreamers celebrate at the party hosted by Karen's in the Country*

graduates from this class in the coming months and year.

The importance of the Class Sponsors and Project Coordinators to this success cannot be overstated. Dianne Ladd, Bruce Holland, and Edie Ortega have been involved with the class from the adoption ceremony in 1992 all the way through high school graduation in 2000. Project Coordinator Troy Kilen has been involved over the past three years, and Wendy Wilson over the past year. Eight years of generosity and dedication have created educational opportunities for low-income students that they otherwise may not have had.

*"The I Have a Dream® Foundation has given me numerous opportunities to reach out to my community and learn about the various cultures within our society. Not only have I learned about others, but thanks to the wonderful staff, I have also learned a lot about myself."  
-Lafayette Dreamer*



## Central Office Moves to Boulder

On May 15, IHAD moved its Central Administrative Office from Lafayette to Boulder. Our new address is:

1630 N. 63rd Street, Suite #6  
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Telephone: 303-444-3636  
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This move was necessitated by our dramatic growth in 2000. The Lafayette office will now serve as a program site for our new Lafayette Class - being launched this September. And with a second new class being added in Longmont, this fall our Central Office is now more centrally located to all our program sites. You can reach the following staff members at the new Boulder office:

Lori Canova, Executive Director  
Troy Kilen, Information Technology Specialist & Lafayette PC (for 1st Lafayette class)  
Rick Blauvelt, Director of Administration  
Mary Wilkes, Office Volunteer

In addition, we anticipate that our new AmeriCorps Promise Fellow will have office space at the 63rd Street address.



## Bon Voyage

Wendy Wilson completed her position as the Lafayette Project Coordinator on June 15th after the Lafayette Dreamers graduated from high school. Project Coordinator Troy Kilen will stay on to help the class transition to college and vocational school. Wendy will be deeply missed. She was instrumental in the successful college and career programs implemented this past year for the Lafayette Dreamers. She has also helped many of her assigned Dreamers complete high school and solidify their plans for their futures. Wendy will be moving to Germany. IHAD hopes she will keep in touch from afar and thanks her for her great work. Wendy would love to hear from Dreamers at her email address:

wilson11\_22@hotmail.com



## Computer Lab

Technology is becoming an increasingly useful tool for learning, and the I Have a Dream® Foundation (IHAD) is fortunate to provide access to top-notch computer resources. US West has continued their partnership with IHAD by funding a second computer lab, this one in the newly opened Broadway Community Center. The lab consists of five Dell computers, a server, printers, and a high-speed internet connection donated by Rockynet.com. To make everything work, volunteer Jim Harris has put in countless hours this summer to get the network and software configured. Thanks to his hard work and the generosity of US West, Broadway Dreamers and residents now have access to the internet, email, and numerous educational software titles.

They will also benefit from having an IHAD staff working in the lab after school beginning this fall, dedicated to teaching the Dreamers how to use the computers to help them with schoolwork, research, and improving their academic skills. In addition, Dreamers will learn more computer skills during a weeklong computer camp, one at this lab, and the other at the other US West Computer Lab at the Kalmia Community Center.



Wendy Wilson with graduates Sarah Johnson and Elizabeth Mason

# Summer is in Full Swing



The summer adventure program is in full swing at the Broadway and Kalmia sites! Several partners are helping to provide programs throughout the summer. Sporting Chance kicked off the summer with a two-week camp that



*The art program included painting the Kalmia bus shelter.*

had University of Colorado athletes demonstrate the rules, techniques, and philosophy of five sports to the Dreamers. The camp also included a day at Gateway Fun Park to play miniature golf, swing golf clubs on the golf range, and hit baseballs in the batting

cages. The sporting camp would not have been complete without a trip to Coors stadium to watch the Colorado Rockies play. It was a beautiful day and the Dreamers loved eating hotdogs and cheering on the home team. The JJJ Foundation funded a fishing derby day for Dreamers, which included fly fishing lessons and a wonderful lunch. Boulder Public Library then hosted a literacy camp in which the Dreamers participated in poetry, arts and crafts, library tours, and literacy skill improvement. .

In July, a two-week comprehensive art program offered an array of art skills and projects thanks to funding from our local Target store. Finally, August brings a weeklong computer-training program. Dreamers will learn how to use educational software for math and reading, learn how to use the internet, and create a community

website. To top off an awesome summer, 26 Dreamers will be spending five days at Mountain Trails Youth Ranch in Monte Vista Colorado doing outdoor adventure activities such as horseback riding, rock climbing, and using a ropes course.

Special thanks to our donors funding the Summer Adventure Program: Boulder Valley Rotary Club, Brett Family Foundation, JJJ Foundation, Kenneth Kendall King Foundation and Target Stores.



*A volunteer from the Boulder FlyCasters, the Boulder Colorado Chapter of Trout Unlimited, shows a Dreamer how to bait a hook.*

## OLIVER!

Join us this summer for family fun with musical theatre to see OLIVER! I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County is partnering with the Boulder Arts Academy and Peak Association of the Arts around this exciting production. IHAD is currently seeking corporate or individual

sponsors in order to purchase tickets for Dreamers and their families to attend. IHAD will staff a table at each performance, and at the end of each performance audience members will be asked to make a donation to IHAD to fund one or more Boulder Arts Academy scholarships for Dreamers. Dates for the show are August 18, 19 and 20 at the Boulder High School Auditorium. For ticket information, call 303-449-1343. To sponsor tickets for Dreamers to attend, call Lori Canova at 303-444-3636.



# Community Celebration

On June 2nd, the City of Boulder Housing Authorities Resident Representative Council and I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County (IHAD), and the Resident Representative Council hosted a community celebration to honor diverse communities. Over 200 people attended the celebration, held at the Broadway Community Center. There were four carnival games, cotton candy, face painting, an inflatable moonwalk, and many raffle prizes given away. Food was served by local police officers.



Dreamers proudly received 21st Century Scholars certificates, signed by President Bill Clinton and the US Department of Education. Thirteen agencies and programs set up booths and provided information and resources for the residents. To top off the event, a Dreamer parent living at Broadway was the disc jockey for the event. With so much wonderful dancing and laughing, we cannot wait to follow up this success with next year's event.

*Dreamers receive certificates at the community celebration.*

# Internships Teach Valuable Job Skills

On June 12, Dreamers aged 14-18 interviewed with CU-Boulder employers for summer positions. Employers and Dreamers were then matched based on interest and skills. Fifteen Dreamers began working on June 19 and will continue to work until August 11. CU participants included the Bursar's office,



*Debbie Frazier with intern Heidi Whitley.*

CEAE, Financial Aid, Institutional Relations, SEED, College of Business and the Transportation Dept.

Lafayette Dreamer Heidi Whitley started her first job at age 14 as a summer intern at CU-Boulder. Now, after four summers working in the financial aid department, Heidi is set to begin school at CU in the fall and work part-time as a Financial Aid Counselor. Heidi has worked her way up in the department through hard work and the support of her supervisor, Debbie Frazier. Debbie could see the potential in Heidi from the beginning, when Heidi would finish her assigned tasks and take the initiative to challenge herself. Heidi has been a trusted assistant for Debbie, organizing her office and

making manuals for financial aid presentations and trainings. Now, Heidi training to be a peer counselor, in which she will award and package students, help students over the phone, and use the financial aid computer system. Debbie welcomes Heidi and the qualities that make her such a great intern and future employee: enthusiasm, intelligence, ambition, and dependability.



“The internships are a wonderful opportunity for Dreamers to work in a meaningful job and gain so much knowledge,” commented Debbie. Heidi agrees that having this opportunity has made a world of difference to her: “I feel important helping people. It has been an awesome experience, and I’ve been able to have a real impact on others.” In Debbie, Heidi has found a supportive supervisor, mentor, and friend.

Heidi’s determination and high grades in school have earned her nine academic scholarships, which will completely pay for her first year of room and board. Heidi is working full-time this summer before she starts college, where she has already found a job she truly loves.

## Featured Dreamers



Flor Rodriguez

**Flor Rodriguez** is truly an amazing Dreamer in the Broadway Class. Flor just graduated from the fifth grade at University Hill Elementary. Next fall, she will be a sixth grader at Sojourner Middle School. Flor is working during the summer as an assistant at Washington Bilingual School, where she helps the first and second graders improve their reading skills. Flor's favorite part of being a Dreamer is receiving help with her homework and spending time with her tutor. Flor's teachers have commented on how much progress she has made in improving her reading ability throughout the year. Flor's favorite musicians include Venga Boys and Destiny's Child, and her favorite subject in school is math. Flor also enjoys going to the after-school program at the Kalmia Community Center. Staff recognizes Flor as an intelligent and gifted Dreamer who works really hard in school. Keep up the great work!

**Roberto Carranza**, 13, has been an all-star Kalmia Dreamer during the summer program. His level of participation and enthusiasm has been awesome. Roberto actively participated the two-week Sporting Chance camp. A diverse selection of sports was offered, and Roberto mastered every sport and role modeled excellent sportsmanship for the younger Dreamers. Roberto was a leader by being more of an instructor than a participant.

Roberto has made incredible behavior changes over the summer, and the staff find him such a pleasure to be around. Roberto participates in a variety of activities at the Kalmia Community Center, and often stops in to talk with staff and volunteers. Roberto has been rewarded with the opportunity to attend a specialized soccer camp in July. This fall, Roberto will be attending Casey Middle School, where he will play on the football team. Everyone is looking forward to seeing Roberto have a very successful year in school.



Roberto Carranza

## Heather Says Goodbye

*Wow, I cannot believe the year is almost over! I started as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow in the fall of 1999, and will finish my term in August 2000. My future endeavors include completing my Masters of Education in Counseling by December of 2000. I will be interning at Baseline Middle School and Broomfield High School for the fall semester. My year with I Have a Dream Foundation® (IHAD) has been incredible, and the memories I have from the past year are unspeakable.*

*I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers I have met throughout the past year. You all have made a difference in the lives of so many Dreamers. Without your support and effort, IHAD would not be what it is today.*

*Working with the Dreamers was the best part of my job. Some of my fondest memories include the fishing derby, hip hop show, Friday Afternoon Club, girl's self esteem group, holiday parties, summer program, community celebration, and the spring break program. The*

*Dreamers have touched my life in many different ways, and I learned a tremendous amount from all of you. Thank you for making me a better person and counselor. I will truly miss each and every one of you. Good luck in school and keep up the great work!*



Heather and the Broadway Dreamers

## IHAD to Serve 100 More Kids!

For many years, the I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County has been working to form Dreamers classes in the northern and eastern parts of the county. We are honored to announce that two new classes are being established, with an approximate graduation date for Dreamers in the year 2010. Debra Lane, along with the Sturm Family Foundation, will make possible our first class in Longmont at the Casa de la Esperanza low-income public housing site.

The Lilly Family Foundation (Brenda and Paul Lilly) has stepped forward to sponsor a second class in Lafayette at Pioneer Elementary School. Due in significant part to the generosity of these benefactors, the organization will serve nearly 100 more students. IHAD is in the process of selecting the new classes and hiring two Project Coordinators. Thank you to our new sponsors!

*“To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition. To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## IHAD Chosen As AmeriCorps Site

The National Corporation for Community Service has chosen the National I Have A Dream® Foundation as a major recipient of grant dollars to support the hiring of AmeriCorps community service members. As a result, IHAD of Boulder County has applied for and been approved to receive funding for eight full-time and 12 part-time AmeriCorps members to work with Dreamers.

The AmeriCorps program was instituted by the Clinton Administration in an effort to encourage more participation – especially among young adults - in community service work. Full-time AmeriCorps members are required to make a twelve-month commitment and to work an average of 33 hours per week. Part-time members are required to work 12 hour per week for nine months. In exchange for their service, each AmeriCorps member receives a small stipend (equivalent to approximately \$9,000 a year plus benefits). All participants who successfully complete their service, also receive a \$4,725 educational award (pro-rated for part-time) for college and/or graduate school, or to pay off past student loans.

By September 1st, IHAD of Boulder County will hire 20 AmeriCorps members. We are currently accepting ap-

plications from all interested parties. Eight full-time AmeriCorps members will be trained to serve as case managers/tutors. Each member will gain valuable educational and human services experience while contributing to the quality of IHAD programs. “The additional full-time staff will enable us to provide more attention to each individual Dreamer and to interact more effectively with teachers, parents, tutors and mentors,” says Lori Canova, Executive Director. “We will also hire 12 part-time members who will serve as literacy tutors. These individuals will be trained to provide the most challenging

Dreamers with effective, quality academic tutoring. We also anticipate that our entire AmeriCorps staff

will serve as role models – individuals committed to community, to humanity, and to the advancement of personal goals and educational achievement.”

Anyone interested in AmeriCorps service for IHAD and our community should contact Lori Canova, Executive Director at: 1630 N. 63rd Street, Suite 6, Boulder, Colorado 80301. Phone: 303-444-3636. A high school degree or GED is required.



## About Those Dreamers

### *Lafayette*

- **Leslie Ochoa** received the Outstanding Senior Award, and received an award from US Representative Mark Udall for her success in graduating from High Plains.
- In the fall, Dreamers will be attending colleges locally and around the country: ten at CU-Boulder, eight at Front Range Community College, and six at Metro State College. Several Dreamers received outside scholarships to attend college, including **Colin Barreno** at Northwestern University, **Rory Vaden** at Denver University, and **Heidi Whitley** at CU-Boulder. **James Saunders** graduated early from his school in Texas and now attends Victoria College.
- Several Dreamers participated in graduation-related activities. **LaoLeng Xiong** was interviewed by Anne Trujillo at the 3rd Annual Dream-Maker Award Luncheon. Also, **Angela Bellis** and **Mario Fresquez** were interviewed in a video that was shown at the luncheon. **Jason Vallery**, **Zacil Contreras**, and **Danny Manzanares** presented gifts of appreciation to the Lafayette Class Sponsors.

### *Kalmia*

- **Susana Hernandez, Brenda Hernandez, Rosa De La Torre, Angelica Ramirez, Mariela Ruiz, Raquel Lepure, Laura Colis** and **Melissa Morris** are our 2000 graduates from Casey Middle School. Congratulations!
- **Ray Aldaco, Pablo Garza, Mariela Ruiz, Raquel Lepure, Laura Colis, Robbie Morris, Megan Vasquez** and **Josh Terranova** are all participating in internships at the University of Colorado in various departments. They're doing a great job!
- **Bash Preston** has a computer job for the summer.
- **Josh Terranova** and **Robbie Morris** were on the Honor Roll for 4th quarter.
- **Rosa De La Torre** and **Brenda** and **Susana Hernandez** attended a conference in Breckenridge, CO with their families thanks to the City of Boulder Housing Authority. The conference held a special Youth Leadership track, which they attended.
- **Angelica Ramirez** and her family moved to Broomfield where her family has purchased a new home. We'll miss Angelica but wish her and her family the best.
- **Daisy Navarro** is working at Washington Grade School this summer as a teacher's helper.



Casey Middle School graduates are rewarded by Kalmia Sponsor Midge Korczak with a night out for dinner.

### *Broadway*

- **Roberto** and **Elizabeth Vasquez** took a great summer vacation to Mexico and California to visit their relatives.
- **Brittany Shaw** is attending summer school and taking private literacy lessons through Dream Catcher Learning Centers. She has been an active participant during the summer program, and has shown a tremendous change in her behavior.
- **Oscar Tirarrdo** has participated in every summer program offered. Oscar has been absolutely wonderful and a pleasure to have involved in so many activities.



Broadway Dreamers designed T-shirts in a program at the Boulder Public Library

# Annual Luncheon a Huge Success



Anne Trujillo interviews Dreamers at the luncheon

Anne Trujillo, anchorwoman from Channel 7, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

For many in attendance, the event's highlight was Ms. Trujillo's on-stage interview with several young Dreamers. Angelica, a middle school Dreamer from the Kalmia class, reported that she is planning a career in fashion design and that she will definitely "make lots of money". When Ms. Trujillo asked Dreamer Mario - age 12, from the Broadway class - to recite the Dreamer Pledge, he spontaneously suggested that everyone in the audience repeat the pledge along with him. Then, entirely from memory, he led the entire audience in a line-by-line recital of the pledge. The pledge is a commitment each Dreamer makes to a belief in self, to attainment of personal dreams, and to education and career aspirations.

Also honored at the event were the graduating seniors

On June 6, the I Have A Dream® Foundation of Boulder County held its third annual Dream-Maker Luncheon at the Regal Harvest House Hotel raising over \$32,000. This year's event honored Clair Beckmann for her remarkable commitment to our community and to numerous nonprofit organizations throughout Boulder County. The event was nearly a sell-out, with 300 participants.

from IHAD's Lafayette Class. In another on-stage interview, Leng Xiong talked about his plans to attend the University of Colorado in the fall. Leng graciously thanked IHAD for helping keep him focused through his teen years. Several awards were presented on-stage by Dreamers from the Lafayette Class. Class Sponsors Dianne Ladd, Bruce Holland, and Edie Ortega, were recognized for their long-term support. Project Coordinators Wendy Wilson and Troy Kilen were thanked for their one-on-one counseling and commitment to each and every Lafayette Dreamer. Executive Director, Lori Canova, was recognized for her leadership.

Later in the program, the audience was treated to ten-minute video featuring several Dreamers, parents, volunteers and staff members. In an on-camera interview, Angela (from the Lafayette Dreamer class) said she was failing her classes when her IHAD project coordinator intervened to help her find an alternative school. She beamed with pride as she announced to the video audience that she will graduate valedictorian from Vantage Point School. Thanks to Flashback Video Productions for their in-kind production of this wonderful tribute to the spirit of IHAD.

In her remarks, honoree Clair Beckmann called on everyone in the audience to get involved in nonprofit community work. With her energetic, animated on-stage persona, Clair captivated her audience with tales of personal experiences, and the joy derived from volunteering. I Have A Dream® Foundation sends a warm "thank you" to all who attended, to Anne Trujillo for her delightful participation, to event co-chairs Kitty de Kieffer and Judy and Denis Nock, and to the following event sponsors:

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A special thanks also to our event coordinator, Jennifer Lehman, for her diligent attention to every detail!



Anne Trujillo interviews Dreamers at the luncheon

## I HAVE A DREAM® FOUNDATION OF BOULDER COUNTY INTEREST FORM

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\_\_\_ I am interested in becoming a board member. Please call me.

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