

Dreamer News

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Employers Needed for Career Choices Program

Oftentimes, students are unable to see the path leading to their career goal, or are unaware of the many paths leading to the same career. The I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County is launching a new program to address this problem called the Career Choices Program. We are looking for volunteers who will show our Dreamers the way or at least one way to having a successful career. The program unites Boulder area businesses, community organizations, and schools with Dreamers in an effort to teach Dreamers about the "world of work" while learning how their in-school activities will apply to their future careers. Our purpose for the Career Choices Program is threefold:

- To enhance student motivation and academic achievement,
- To increase personal and social competence related to work in general, and
- To provide career exploration and planning for Dreamers.

Research has found that student learning has improved when presented in meaningful, authentic environments outside of the classroom. Employers are in a unique position to provide these 'alternative learning environments' for our students. Besides providing a context for academic learning, employers can also help Dreamers prepare for adult responsibilities, offer a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, and in some cases provide employment opportunities. In return, employers benefit by investing in the skills of future workers and becoming known as active community members. Currently, IHAD is recruiting employers to offer quality work-based learning experiences that range from one-time field trips to paid employment.

IHAD is kicking off the program over Spring Break, March 22 - 26. Project Coordinators are matching students and employers for field trips and job shadows to local businesses. Field trips and job shadows are essen-

tially one-time visits to a work-site for 3-6 hours. Job shadows match a student with an employee to follow or "shadow" for a day to learn what it is like to do that particular job. Our next big push for volunteers will be on, "Take Your Daughter To Work Day," April 22, which we are calling, "Take Your Dreamer to Work Day."

In the near future, we will provide more comprehensive programming including career mentoring and internship programs. These longer-term programs will enable students to gain concrete work skills and forge lasting relationships with the business community.

Prior to each work-site experience, there will be an orientation session for students that will outline appropriate conduct and learning objectives. Also, employers will receive an orientation packet describing the goals and expectations for the program. Upon completion of the experience, students and employers will complete a detailed evaluation form.

At this time, we are especially in need of volunteers in the following career areas: architecture, computer programming, engineering, and psychology.

We are excited about this new program and believe it complements IHAD's vision to "make achievers out of Dreamers." Special thanks to the Boulder Valley Rotary Club for their financial support of this program.

*Not caring about school is a lethal infection.
It shows you are lost and have no direction.
Open your mind and make the connection.
That an education is your best protection.*

*--Michael D. Boston, Author of Daily
Meditations for Teenagers of All Colors*

Board of Directors Elects Officers and New Members

The governing body for the I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County (IHAD) is a volunteer board made up of individuals who believe in the value of education and opportunity for low-income children in the community. The Board sets policies and engages in ongoing organizational planning and evaluation. The Board is also responsible for securing the financial resources necessary for IHAD to continue offering its programs and services. The Board recently announced officers for 1999 and elected three new members:

- President** Ron Jung, Jung & Associates
- Vice President** Kim Felton, Bank in Boulder
- Secretary** Kaye Howe, Community Volunteer
- Treasurer** Sam P. Appleby, Appleby Accounting Services



Andy Bachmann is a sales and marketing representative for Rockynet.com and Xwebco Designs in Boulder. Andy has been an active volunteer tutor with IHAD for over a year. He has also helped provide internet access for a computer lab at the IHAD after-school center. Andy

said he hopes "to do his part in helping a cause and organization that I whole-heartily believe in." Bachmann serves on the IHAD Sponsor Recruitment Committee in his role as an IHAD board member.

Cathy Nehf's passion to improve the quality of life for children in need through education led to her consideration

as a board member. She hopes "to make a difference and to put my passion to work." Cathy is a Program Officer and Charter School Project Director for the Walton Family Foundation, Inc.'s Colorado office. Cathy was formerly with the Challenge



Foundation where she studied public school reform trends and conducted independent studies of national and worldwide academic standards. Cathy has a Master of Arts in Teaching and Education from the National Louis University in Illinois. Nehf serves on the Resource Development Committee and the Sponsor Recruitment Committee for IHAD.

A stock broker for Edward Jones, **T.K. Smith** brings a



wealth of financial knowledge and connection to the Board. T.K. has a long history of volunteering with many educational, sports, civic and social organizations. He is a respected member of the Boulder Rotary Foundation where he serves as Treasurer and is involved with other

Rotary Committees. T.K. is very familiar with the IHAD organization and operations after his experience as a volunteer tutor for the past two years. "IHAD is a program I strongly believe in. I hope to help a good idea become more widely implemented." Smith serves on IHAD's Sponsor Recruitment Committee and Finance Committee.

Welcome New Volunteers

A warm welcome is extended to the following individuals who have stepped forward to really make a difference in the life of a Dreamer.

Tutors:

Amanda Asdel, Lori Cairns, Beth Cranwell, Elizabeth Gillan, Bess Holloway, Jennifer Jordan, Mary Juzwik, Kathy Kaiser, Marc Littman, Molly Miner, Samantha Nguyen, Sara Pickering, Heidi Whitley, Leng Xiong

Mentors:

Kathy Naimon, Lane Hornung

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IHAD welcomes articles. Materials should be typewritten, double-spaced and sent to the IHAD office. IHAD reserves the right to edit all articles. Deadline for the next issue is May 6, 1999.

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Local Area Businesses Design and Donate New Agency Brochure

The I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County has a beautiful new agency brochure, thanks to the donation from three area businesses - Leopard Communications, Dennis Lane Photography and Communigraphics. Leopard Communications, the lead business, donated the time of their writers, editors, designers and creative directors to create a top-notch agency brochure. They even secured a photographer, Dennis Lane to take professional pictures of our Dreamers who are profiled in the piece. Communigraphics graciously printed 5,000 copies. All of this was donated to IHAD - a value of over \$22,000! Thank you to everyone, especially Kelli Martin from Leopard Communications, who worked so hard on this project. Stop by the IHAD office to get your copy of the brochure, or call 303-604-9070 to have one mailed to you.

IHAD's Wish List

- globe
- movie passes
- digital camera
- gift certificates to restaurants, super stores, video stores
- college preparation software and books
- scanner
- computer memory chips

AmeriCorps Promise Fellow - Jason Coleman



Hello, my name is Jason Coleman and I am IHAD's new AmeriCorps Promise Fellow volunteer. I am pleased to have the opportunity to help people achieve their potential and to make their

dreams realities.

I'm originally from Missouri, where I received my bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Missouri. After graduation, I spent the last several years working in educational and recreational camping programs around the country. I came to Boulder in late August to run before and after school programs in local elementary schools for the Boulder Valley YMCA.

Over the next year, I will be putting my efforts into creating and organizing programs, events and training for the Dreamers, their families and IHAD mentors and tutors. I'm very excited about working with the Dreamers and hope to get the opportunity to meet and learn from all of you in the coming year.

Engineering Day at CU



Six Lafayette Dreamers participated in Engineering Day at CU. In this picture, Richard Silkey measures his strength in order to solve a problem involving math and physics.

Widening Our World

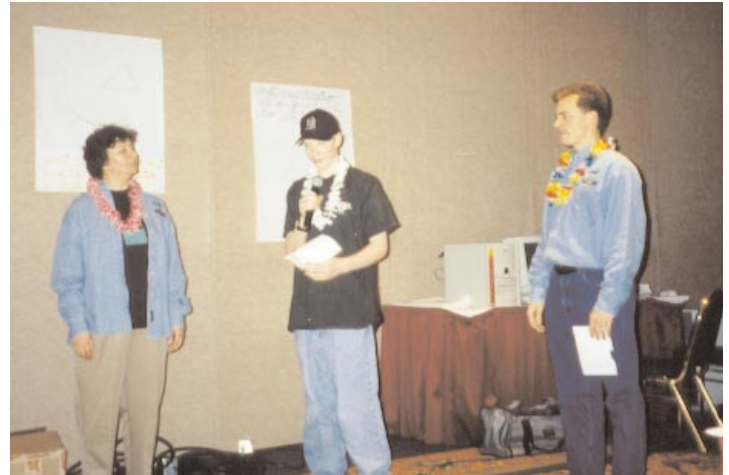
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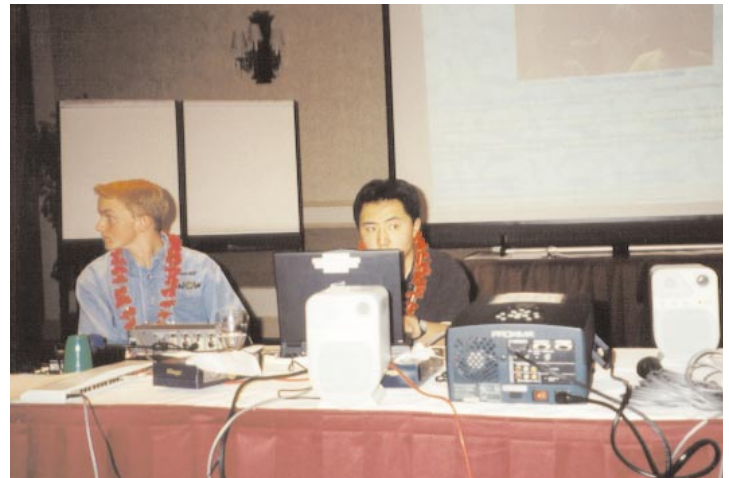
City of Boulder-Housing Authority, and Boulder Public Library. The four-day training was attended by IHAD Project Coordinator Troy Kilen, Library Staff Ghada Elturk, and Dreamers LaoLeng Xiong and Michael Drieth. These representatives learned how to create web pages, administer and maintain the network, and train Kalmia residents. Training for Kalmia Dreamers, parents and residents will involve ESL classes, Internet workshops, technical training, and much more, beginning May 6, after the computer lab ribbon cutting ceremony. Please visit the US West Tech Academy Website to see what these four participants created during the training: <http://www.uswf.org/academy/acad>.

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(Above): Ghada Elturk and Troy Kilen listen as Mike Drieth speaks at the Tech Academy Graduation. (Below): Meanwhile, LaoLeng Xiong shows the other graduates the website that the group created during the training.



About Those Dreamers...

Robbie Morris, Mariela Ruiz, Laura Colis, and Elma Avila - the Kalmia Dreamers who were on the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll. Keep up the great work!

Jackie Jimenez and her family bought a house in Longmont. We miss her at Kalmia, but are happy for her and the Jimenez family.

Mayra Carranza and her family went to the Go Girl Luncheon at the Hotel Boulderado on Saturday, February 6th.

Susana Hernandez, Brenda Hernandez, Mayra Carranza, Mariela Ruiz and Laura Colis all participated on the volleyball team at Casey Middle School.

Raquel Lepure and Angelica Ramirez read parts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at IHAD's Keeping the Dream Alive event on January 18th.

The following Lafayette Dreamers earned all A's last semester: **Heidi Whitley, Angela Bellis, and Rory Vaden**. Congratulations!

Lafayette Dreamers **LaoLeng Xiong and Heidi Whitley** are volunteering as tutors to Kalmia Dreamers every week.

Featured Dreamers



Mike Drieth is an 8th grader at Centennial Middle School. Mike recently attended the US West Technology Seminar in Denver on behalf of IHAD. The four-day event was filled with technology training on creating web pages, surfing the web, networking computers and using servers. The weekend was spent "living in luxury" at the Marriot Hotel in the Park

Meadows area. Mike got to go to the Virtual Reality Arcade, order room service, swim in their pool, use the workout facility and stay up way past his bedtime. Oh - and the food - gourmet food all weekend! Immediately following the Seminar, Mike helped the team set up five new computers in the new US West Computer Lab housed at the Kalmia Community Center. Mike did a wonderful job using all the knowledge he'd just learned and will continue to be a valuable resource at Kalmia. While at school, Mike enjoys U.S. Society. When Mike grows up, you guessed it - he wants to be a computer trainer!

Trivia Question: which Lafayette Dreamer moved to Washington State in 1994 and hopes to be a psychiatrist some day? It's **Gary Stringham**. Gary is a 17 year old junior at Olympic High School in Bremerton, Washington. Gary keeps busy working two jobs, one in retail and one at a travel agency. Besides going to school and working two jobs, Gary is four weeks away from getting his travel agent certificate. He is also on the fast track to college. He plans to take three courses at Olympic Community College this spring and then during his senior year take courses both at his high school and the community college through a state program called Running Start. Gary has aspirations of attending University of Washington at Seattle, enrolling in medical school, and becoming a psychiatrist. But first he'd like to put that travel knowledge to good use and take a trip to somewhere hot and sunny like Mexico or Morocco.

Good luck Gary! We know you can do it.

Dreamer Day 1998



Over 20 Lafayette Dreamers and 12 parents participated in Dreamer Day at CU, participating in several college preparation workshops.

Happy Birthday!

Boulder:

03/02 Miguel Sosa
 03/08 Tammy Thomas
 03/11 Theexa Vue
 03/20 Jose Gutierrez
 03/22 Cheng Vue
 04/04 David Vargas
 04/13 Nanette Lyle
 05/01 Sophal Ros
 05/10 Cristi Antillon
 05/18 Diana Aguilar
 05/31 Kia Yang
 05/31 Kou Yang

Kalmia:

03/07 Mariela Ruiz
 03/08 Michael Dreith
 03/21 Mayra Carranza
 04/02 Christian Preston
 04/05 Elma Patricia Avila
 04/15 Jose Cervantes
 05/27 Angel Torres

Lafayette:

03/04 Brian O'Neil
 03/12 Avery Sappington
 03/14 Zacil Contreras
 03/19 Nicole Acord
 03/19 Krista Acord
 03/22 Carolyn McDowell
 04/12 Matthew Pavia
 04/20 Leslie Ochoa
 04/28 Sarah Johnson
 04/30 Scott Lippincott
 05/02 Mikaela Ladwig-Williams
 05/07 Nicole Hoffmann
 05/11 Tony Brown
 05/18 Mario Fresquez
 05/20 Elisabeth Forrest
 05/21 Derek DeSantis
 05/29 Shawna Lomme

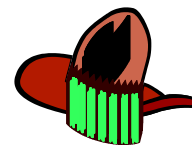


Keeping the Dream Alive

On Monday, January 18th, IHAD held their second annual Keeping the Dream Alive event. This year was another huge success. About 200 community members attended the event at Casey Middle School. Event participants were from diverse backgrounds and brought their unique talents to the stage. Speakers included Brenda Romero from the University of Colorado; Lafayette Dreamers Rory Vaden, Mikaela Ladwig-Williams, and Padee Vue; Kalmia Dreamers Angelica Ramirez and Raquel Lepure. The speakers reenacted King's famous I Have a Dream speech and imparted their own ideas on eradicating racism and minority status. Brenda Romero said, "...being a person of color is fighting invisibility. Be bigger in life. You and I together will make that dream a reality."

Lasso Lafayette!

Get ready to kick up your heels at this year's LASSO Lafayette. On April 22nd, the City of Lafayette is offering scrumptious barbecue, country dancing and much more at the Gatehouse in Lafayette. The festivities begin at 6:30pm and go until 10:30pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. There will also be a silent auction of premium gift baskets and a raffle for a trip for two to Glenwood Springs. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Don't miss out. LASSO is a citywide fund-raiser for human service agencies in Lafayette. All proceeds from the sale of dinner/dance and raffle tickets go to the 11 human service agencies helping organize the event. IHAD is one of them. Tickets are available at IHAD, 400 E. Simpson St., Suite G-5 or call 303-604-9070. Get your tickets today, they are going fast! Help IHAD and the City of Lafayette better serve the people in our community.



Dreamers Hit The Slopes



Seven of the most involved and most improved Lafayette Dreamers spent a day at Breckenridge skiing and snowboarding, and spent the night in a condo. Pictured here (L to R): Kim Gordy, Elizabeth Mason, Mario Fresquez, and Francisco Bustamante.

Congratulations!

To Lafayette Project Coordinator Troy Kilen on his marriage to Michele Yamada on March 6th, 1999 in Oahu, Hawaii. Best wishes for a very happy life together from all of us at IHAD.

Thank You!

Sweet Adelines singing group for entertaining at two IHAD holiday parties
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US West Foundation for the new computer lab
DreamCatchers for direct instruction for three Kalmia Dreamers
Casa Alvarez for discounted food at our Holiday/Volunteer Appreciation Party
Keynote Speaker Brenda Romero, Harambee Dancers, Storyteller Elena Hoffrichter, Uni Hill Dancers and Dance West Dancers for their performances at the MLK Day event
City of Boulder Human Relations Commission for sponsoring the MLK Day event
Breeze Ski Rentals for ski and snowboard equipment donation
Vail Resorts for 10 donated lift tickets to Breckenridge
Moguls Ski & Snowboard Tours for donating a three bedroom condo in Breckenridge
Sam Appleby for paying for the cleaning cost of the donated condo
Mary Wilkes for new office chairs
Veteran Volunteers for one year or more of service: Andy Bachmann, Eve Bat Shalom, Carolyn Beezley, Michelle Burri, Sarah Butowicz, Rachel Cahn, Pat Cantwell, Peter D'Jay, Andrea Goldblum, Mark Grassman, Jean Herbert, T.K. Smith, Lauren Previdi, Mable Stewart, Barb Miley, Lori Simons and Tom Saiers

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- I am interested in becoming a **volunteer mentor** for the Dreamers. Please send me more information.
- I am interested in becoming a **board member**. Please call me.
- I am interested in **sponsoring a new class** of Dreamers. Please call me.
- I would like more information about including IHAD in my **estate planning**.
- I am unable to volunteer my time, but would like to make a **financial contribution** to the program.
- (Make checks payable to I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County.)

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