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GC Alumni Newsletter



Join us for our 2022 Annual Event - Wild West Casino Night!

The evening will be filled with fun and fundraising. Featuring games of chance with

prizes, a wine wall, and live and silent auctions. There will be assorted food entrees, desserts, and a cash bar. Wild West attire is encouraged, so channel your best Hickok or Calamity Jane and plan to attend!

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.gillettecollegefoundation.org or by contacting Heidi at hgross@sheridan.edu or call 307-681-6400.



Alumni Spotlight

Meet Mary Coleman! She graduated from Gillette College in 2018. She has one dog, and three brothers whom she currently lives with. Mary states her family is very close-knit, and she is grateful for this. She also loves the outdoors, camping, and spending time with her family. Mary states she chose Gillette College because two of her three siblings have attending Gillette College and had a great experience. She also had heard good things about our institution and enjoyed the aspect of going to a cost-effective

college within her hometown. Her favorite classes included macroeconomics, biology, and microbiology. Mary added she really enjoyed all her science labs and recalled one in which her class took water from Donkey Creek and put it under a microscope. This moment showed her how interested she was in the field! She also remembers when the Pronghorn Center building was first opened and felt excited that our college was growing.

When asked what the next steps are for her professionally and educationally, Mary stated she is a little unsure. She knows she wants to get her master's degree in the next few years and thinks she may major in Organizational Leadership and Management. Mary explained she has her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management, and really enjoys this field as well. In the next ten years, Mary expressed a desire to have a management position of some kind. She enjoys jobs in which she can help and work directly with the public. Mary expressed that attending Gillette College was a great steppingstone for her future and how she is happy to be back as our Enrollment Specialist. She adds that the fact that she attended here as a student and is now an employee speaks to how great Gillette College is. Words of advice for upcoming students are: "Use the resources available - there are so many, and I made the mistake of not utilizing them enough. Always ask for help. There are great faculty and staff members that are available to you. Also attend the student events that are put on!". Mary's favorite thing about being a Gillette College Alumni is being able to pass down the wisdom to her family and friends. Mary explained that she loves to talk about Gillette College and how great it is.

Thank you so much, Mary! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as a Gillette College Alumni!

Scholar Spotlight

Meet Echo Roush! She is the recipient of the Elizabeth Moore Parravano Memorial Scholarship. She is a single mom who enjoys writing poetry, drawing, and being in nature. She graduated with her Associate's degree in Psychology and is working

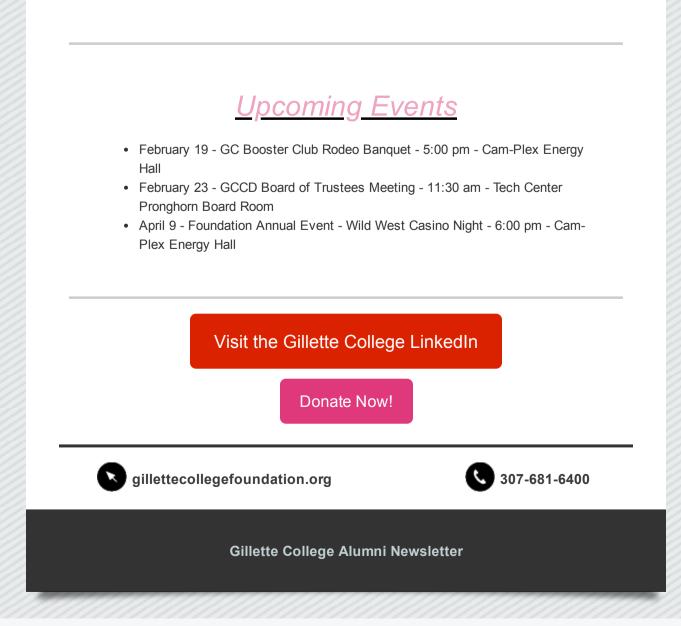


towards a certificate in Addictions Practitioner Assistance. Echo has also been accepted to Montana State University in Billings, MT to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Psychiatric Rehabilitation. In ten years, Echo hopes to be an Addictions Practitioner, have a home in Billings, MT, and be successful both financially and in her career. Echo stated that this

scholarship has positively affected her life by assisting with her limited income. She added that any money has helped immensely and aided in reaching her academic goals. Echo added that she hopes to pay it forward and help future students out financially down the road.

When asked what her time at Gillette College has taught her, Echo stated she initially had no confidence in her ability to succeed and finish school. She credits Susan Serge, Scott Engel, and Lisa Arhart for guiding her throughout this process. She also stated the TRiO Program was a huge help to her. Echo now feels confident in her path forward and stated the journey has been amazing. Words of advice for current or upcoming students are: "Believe in yourself! The sky is the limit. Don't give up - and ask questions!" Echo's favorite thing about being a Gillette College student has been participating in Active Minds. This student group has allowed her to grow and open up to others. She also loves the interaction she gets with other students and all the friendships and memories she has made!

Congratulations, Echo! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as one of our scholarship recipients!



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