



**National Society for  
Experiential Education**

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*National Society for Experiential Education*  
**TRIBUTE TO LYNNE MONTROSE**  
Educator, Colleague, Mentor, Friend

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**Lynne Montrose**

***October 14, 1952 – September 3, 2015***

## **TRIBUTE TO LYNNE MONTROSE AT NSEE'S 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the *National Society for Experiential Education*, NSEE President Jim Colbert, Assistant VP for Academic Affairs at Lander University, paid the following tribute to Lynne Montrose at the opening of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Society for Experiential Education in St. Pete Beach, Florida on October 6, 2015

*In my remarks to you today, I wish to take a moment to remember and acknowledge a dear friend*



*and colleague here at NSEE who we have recently lost—Lynne Montrose of Regis University. She passed away this past September. Some of us in the room today knew Lynne personally and as a dear friend while others know of her through her reputation and many professional achievements.*

*Lynne was a specialist in the field of Experiential Education within higher education. Across her professional life, she developed, implemented and directed many experiential programs in career planning, internships, leadership, service learning, and study abroad. She is one of the founders of Colorado Campus Compact and served as member of the Regis University President's task force on Diversity.*

*Here at NSEE, Lynne served on the Board of Directors and was Vice President for two terms. NSEE recognizes her as a Pioneer in experiential education. She was one of a handful of NSEE members behind the development of the Experiential Education Academy—or EEA—which she helped design to meet the professional development needs of our field. With intelligence and skill, she helped create the curriculum for the EEA. For years she presented NSEE's core workshops on experiential topics and, as such, helped train a generation of experiential educators.*

*As you can see, she believed deeply in experiential education and was committed to developing our society into a viable, evolving, informed community of practitioners and scholars—all to the benefit of students for whom she had so much passion and dedication. Her vision and humanity made her one of the more powerful voices here at NSEE.*

*We will miss Lynne deeply—her warm and engaging smile; her enthusiasm and wit; her selflessness and dedication; her easy "role up your sleeves" attitude when there was hard work to do. In short, she set an example for us all.*

*As our thoughts go out to Lynne's family and many close friends, please join with me in reflecting upon the many contributions of Lynne Montrose. We thank her for all she has done for NSEE, for the field of experiential education, and for all the students, colleagues and friends she so dearly loved.*

Jim Colbert

President, National Society for Experiential Education

## Lynne Montrose – A Brief Biography

**Bachelor of Science in Education:** 1975, University of Colorado at Boulder, Graduated with Honors, Minor in Psychology

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration:** 1987 – Regis University, *Summa Cum Laude*

**Masters of Science in Education** – 1978- *Guidance and Counseling, College Student Personnel-* University of Colorado at Boulder

Ms. Montrose specialized in the field of Experiential Education within higher education, developing, implementing and directing career planning, internships, service learning, study abroad, and leadership programs for college students. She was one of the founders of Colorado Campus Compact. Ms. Montrose also had expertise in diversity issues and academic advising. A member of the Regis University President's task force on Diversity, she was awarded the INROADS program Educator of the Year in 2005 and the Daniels Fund Scholarship program's College Coach of the Year for 2004-2005. She taught the leadership course for seven years for students selected for the Regis University President's Leadership program. In the 1990s, Ms. Montrose developed a scholarship program to bring Catholic and Protestant students from Northern Ireland to Regis to study peace and conflict.

Ms. Montrose designed and delivered numerous workshops for administrators, faculty, and students both nationally and internationally. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the *National Society for Experiential Education* (NSEE), serving two terms as Vice President. She held many leadership positions, including an appointment to the Governor's Youth Community Service Board in Colorado.

Ms. Montrose was instrumental in the re-design and presentation of a six-hour national pre-conference workshop for the NSEE Annual Conference, entitled "Fundamentals of Experiential Education." This workshop was presented in Las Vegas, Orlando, San Antonio, San Diego, Norfolk, and Kansas City.

Ms. Montrose delivered the keynote address for the faculty of Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland, in August of 2001. Also, she was the invited keynote speaker and workshop presenter for the Ministry of Education's National Youth Council on Service Learning in Singapore in July of 2001.

An active volunteer in the Goodwill School-to-Work initiative, she conducted mock interview preparation workshops for Denver Public Schools, and mentors "at-risk" students at George Washington High School.

Her article "An Overview of Experiential Education" was published in the fall 2002 edition of the Journal *Frontiers* (a national study abroad publication), with a follow-up interview published in the Camp Rising Sun *Sundial*, describing her work and commitment as a Camper Selector for over 15 years to this International Leadership Camp for youth, located in upstate New York.

## **LYNNE MONTROSE AT THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION SELECTED INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

As an NSEE Pioneer, leader, mentor, teacher, advocate, colleague, and community leader, Lynne Montrose applied her knowledge and expertise in education, psychology, guidance counseling and business administration to the mission and values of the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE). Lynne made many contributions to the development of NSEE as the premier professional development organization in experiential education. Among her many contributions:

- She served on the **Board of Directors** and on its **Executive Committee**, serving two terms as **Vice President**.
- She was very active in building the **International SIG** due to her Study Abroad knowledge and understanding of how international internships and service-learning were embedded in experiential learning.
- She created the **Newcomer's Welcome session** on the opening night of the annual conference and lead that session for years.
- She served on the **Professional Development Committee** for years and on numerous **ad hoc committees** of the Board of Directors.
- She created the day long **Fundamentals of EE pre-conference workshop** long before the Experiential Academy existed, and conducted various pre-conference professional development workshops for the membership.
- She **planted the seed for the EEA**—during a brainstorming session in which fiscal viability was being considered, she suggested developing the pre-con workshops into a program for professional development with a curriculum, using it as a way to expand influence as well as being an additional revenue source. Little did she realize what NSEE would have when that seed was nurtured!
- She was on the ground floor with a handful of colleagues **developing the framework and curriculum** for the EEA.
- She was a member of the Experiential Education Academy **LEAD Faculty Committee** and the **Faculty Advisory Council**.
- She worked on the daily issues of the Academy for years, drafting policies & guidelines, and addressing issues & making determinations on matters brought before the Committee.
- She rolled up those sleeves literally when a group of Board members descended upon the **archives storage pod in Arlington, VA** to go through the materials and begin organizing them for access.
- She was **LEAD Faculty for the Fundamentals workshop** and **instructed two others as well** (*Principles; Student, Staff, & Faculty Issues*)
- She created the **draft of the Instructor Application**, feeling strongly that instructors needed intense screening for relevant background and experience to be in the instructor pool.
- She wrote the *Learning Process* policy that applies to all the EEA workshops
- She **liaised with NAFSA** for the benefit of NSEE.
- She published: *International Study and Experiential Learning: The Academic Context* [www.frontiersjournal.com](http://www.frontiersjournal.com) Volume VIII, winter, 2002. A follow-up interview was published in the *Camp Rising Sun Sundial*.
- She co-authored "NSEE's Joint Project: Developing the Leadership of America's Next Generation of Nonprofit Leaders Service Learning and Career Exploration through Internships" in the *NSEE Quarterly*.

**PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF LYNNE AND HER WORK IN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION  
- FROM HER FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AT NSEE -**



**Mary King**

*Those who knew Lynne well knew her as a passionate, provocative, creative problem-solver and activist who was willing to be controversial when necessary. She was a conscientious, dedicated, intelligent and vibrant team player who approached her work at NSEE with a collaborative approach to achieve shared goals. Lynne was invested in doing the best she could, whether at Regis for her students, colleagues, or programs; at NSEE for the field of experiential education and the National Society; or at Camp Rising Sun for the local and global communities. When remembering Lynne, attributes such as conscientious, dedicated, committed, intelligent, vibrant, invested, and genuine all come to mind.*

*Those who didn't know Lynne personally may remember her as the colleague with a warm, engaging smile always willing to reach out to new or long time NSEE members. Her friendly, outgoing, and enthusiastic ways were responsible for bringing many new members into the fold of the National Society. She was a role-model for her colleagues at NSEE as well as in the field of experiential education, providing an empowering context through her personal traits of support and acceptance for our professional development.*

*She was an NSEE Pioneer known for her determined ways of enhancing the Society's mission and moving it into the future. She was selfless when it came to jumping into what needed to be done. Lynne invested herself in the work of the Society, not for promotions, not for attention to her campus, not for self-aggrandizement, but for the cause itself. She believed deeply in experiential education and was passionate and determined about continually developing the Society into a viable, evolving, informed community of practitioners, scholars, and those who bridged both.*

*With Lynne's passing, NSEE has lost one of its Pioneers, one of its most passionate advocates, and one of its most influential activists. Many of us have been fortunate to work with Lynne to enhance the mission of NSEE in meeting the needs of the membership. Her collaborative ways of working with others to create and develop policy and practices and to address issues were always exercises in serious thought, respect, and humanitarian concern. Lynne was an exemplary member of the Society, selfless when it came to jumping into the work and doing what needed to be done. Her contributions to the Society spanned decades and were considerable... varied committee work, pre-con workshops for professional development long before the EEA existed, publications in professional venues, and innovative practices for academic internship centers. Lynne served on the Board as a Director and as an Officer and she was one of a handful of NSEE members involved on the ground floor of the development of the EEA to meet professional development needs. Her concern for meeting the needs of new members resulted in the development of the New-comers Welcome on the opening night of the annual conference, a program she created for the Society.*

*Our colleague was a dear friend to many and a professional who appreciated the true meaning of collegiality. Lynne was one of the Society's real treasures. Time will attest that her legacy will make a lasting difference in the fabric and culture of the Society.*

**Mary A. King, Professor Emerita, Fitchburg State University**



**Rob Shumer**

*One of the joys of being in the service-learning movement is meeting and being with some of the most wonderful people in the world. Lynne was one of those people, always bringing joy, a smile, and true caring and compassion to all she encountered. We will remember her with fondness and respect, thankful that she blessed our lives. In her memory I hope we will cherish the friendships and colleagues we've encountered over the years. We will miss you, Lynne.*

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**Sue Leister**

*Lynne was one of the first friendly faces I encountered when I ventured into the New Members meeting at my first NSEE conference. Her openness, willingness to share her knowledge and practices, were what sold me on the NSEE. I especially appreciated that she shared her template which operationalized the CAS Standards for Internships with the world. She helped me make sense of it all! For me, Lynne was one of the major "faces" of experiential education and will be sorely missed. D*

**Director, Internship Program, Alverno College**

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**Sharon Rubin**

*I first remember meeting Lynne over dinner at NSEE. She had come along with one of my friends and I was a bit annoyed to have this "interloper" with us. Her mane of curly red hair seemed frivolous. (I think I must have been temporarily out of my mind!) My annoyance turned to pleasure when she opened her mouth. She was so charming, funny, and lively, she added immeasurably to our enjoyment at dinner. When I got to know her better, as a member of the Board of Trustees and a friend, I found her to be kind, smart, and very knowledgeable about experiential learning.*

*When my daughter-in-law took a job as internship and career director of a program at CU, I told her that I would call Lynne and arrange a lunch the next time I visited Boulder. "This is one person you definitely should get to know-- she is terrific at her job and a great person." The three of us met for lunch and had a wonderful time. I knew I was leaving Christine in good hands.*

*I talked to Lynne just a few weeks before her death. She was optimistic, at least to me, and showed the spark she had always had. When I heard of her death, I felt a little hole in my heart. I'll treasure the memory of the smile on her face as she tossed her red hair and made a comment that was right on the mark.*

**Sharon Rubin, Professor Emerita, Ramapo College of New Jersey, President of the Board of Trustees, NSIEE, 1989-1991**



**Eugene Alpert**

*I served with Lynne on the NSEE board during the 90's and admired her dedication and commitment to experiential education. She was always a great person to go to for advice and counsel, and I relied upon her a lot for support when I served as president. Her wisdom and judgment were extraordinary and truly helped NSEE during its most important transitions.*

*While I usually only saw Lynne at NSEE board meetings and conferences, I planned a trip in 2006 to Denver to see her because there was the possibility that the Democratic National Committee might choose Denver as the site for its 2008 convention. Since Lynne was at Regis University and The Washington Center needed a university partner for its quadrennial national convention programs, I wanted to explore the possibility of Regis being that partner if Denver were chosen. Lynne immediately went to work to line up support with her administration and, when Denver was announced as the site, we easily formalized the partnership.*

*As it became clear that the convention was going to be a historic one—nominating either the first woman or first black candidate for president, our original plans for up to 200 students blossomed into a program with over 400 students and faculty—the largest in our history. It turned out that the program was one of the most incredible experiences for the participants—everyone was even able to get into the Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium on the final night to watch Sen. Obama give his acceptance speech. An incredible event!*

*The university was extraordinarily supportive and in every possible way made us feel welcomed and appreciated. They even hosted a high class reception for us the week before the convention in the clubhouse of the stadium, giving us all an advance peak of where the nominee would give his address. Regis provided free buses for transportation and a host of other services that made the program a true success.*

*I believe that the key to this entire experience-of-a-lifetime that created so many historical memories that will be passed down through the generations by the 400+ students and faculty was the result of Lynne Montrose vouching for The Washington Center with Regis administrators and recommending the partnership between the two institutions. Lynne was instrumental in this and other arrangements and her infectious enthusiasm for the program was truly inspiring to the students and faculty involved in the program. The Washington Center was so deeply indebted to Lynne to make this happen. And I was so glad to be able to get to know her and her husband Gary outside of NSEE meetings. Lynne was so much fun and interesting to talk to. If you wanted a lively, informed conversation on almost any social topic, Lynne was the person to seek out.*

*As a result of our new relationship, Regis University affiliated with The Washington Center and began sending interns to D.C. I was thrilled not only by that but that Lynne became the campus liaison, which meant she could come to D.C. to visit with us. Eventually her daughter, Shana, a brilliant young lady, moved to D.C. and that was another reason for Lynne to visit. I was even able to get to know Shana well enough to ask her for some help when she went to Uruguay on a fellowship to trace one of my lost relatives. Shana spent a lot of time and energy on that endeavor, for which I am most grateful. These were all great qualities I am sure she inherited from her mother!*

*The last time I was with Lynne was at the NSEE conference in Milwaukee. We had a great time watching the first presidential debate (the one Obama bombed). It was great having a like-minded person there to share in our kibitzing of Romney and Obama from our easy chairs in the hotel lounge. Great fun!*

*When educators pass on, they often leave a legacy of well-taught students. But Lynne was special and extraordinary. She impacted her colleagues and peers as well as the students she taught and mentored. She gave them opportunities that changed their lives and she has so much more to give. Lynne, I miss you.*

**Eugene J. Alpert, Senior Vice President Emeritus, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars**



**Garry Hesser**  
Sabo Professor of Citizenship and  
Learning at Augsburg College

*Lynne's strong and reconciling character was critical to NSEE's survival, augmented by her co-creation of EEA. She was also a program developer and leader of remarkable ability and mentor to many who have added much to the field. We were very fortunate to have as a colleague and friend.*

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**Pam Brumbaugh**

*My thoughts and observations about Lynne include remembering her multifaceted talents: she was a deep thinker who could sort through a complex topic and present the essence for discussion; she openly shared her ideas with all members and openly welcomed all new members by creating a new member welcome program. For years she presented core workshops on experiential topics and unhesitatingly voiced her opinion, often taking a major stand on issues. She was one of the voices of NSEE—all done with a mixture of seriousness & humor. She is greatly missed.*

**Pam Brumbaugh, Director of Experiential Education, Elon University**

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**Susan Chizeck**

*I remember Lynne as a sunny and very competent presence, always encouraging and knowledgeable.*

**Susan Chizeck, Ph.D, Director of Internships, University of Texas - Dallas**

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**Mike True**

*Lynne's life was characterized by a marvelous passion for students and experiential education. I remember many meetings, one-on-one and in committees, where her strong desire to help students always came through. My own son, Philip, benefitted from just a couple meetings with her while he studied in the Denver area and visited her at Regis.*

*She always thought "we can do better". And she often proved it by pushing us all just a bit more to improve a document, a practice, welcome newcomers, etc. She provided leadership to NSEE for many years, willingly serving in various capacities. She was also an encourager and was grateful for what people contributed. On several occasions over the years she voiced support for my own work.*

*I am saddened by the loss of such a wonderful colleague, friend, and advocate. May her soul rest in peace!*

**Mike True, Senior Associate, Talent Development & Marketing, Messiah College**





**Greg Lorenz**

I met Lynne in the summer of 2006 or 2007. I was researching best practices in experiential education, came across the NSEE website, and found Lynne's name and role as Vice President of the organization. I saw that she worked for Regis University in Denver, CO, just up the road from Johnson & Wales University in Denver where I work. I called her and introduced myself. We arranged a time to meet in her office. I expected her to give me maybe 30 minutes of time but we spent over two hours together. She shared resources, ideas, and encouragement and offered to help me in any way possible – not only as a colleague in experiential education, but as a friend – that was just how she was.

Interestingly, the next weekend, I flew to San Diego for vacation with my family. During our trip, I met a recent college graduate from Regis. I asked him if he knew Lynne. His eyes lit up and he said, "Lynne is a rock-star!" Certainly she was. I knew I had to be involved in NSEE after meeting Lynne. She exemplified everything NSEE is about – collegiality, intimacy, resourcefulness, helpfulness, and more. Over the years, Lynne was only a phone call away. I was fortunate to learn from her and with her. Her enthusiasm, humor, and kindness will be missed.

**Greg Lorenz, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Chair for the College of Arts & Sciences – Johnson & Wales University, Denver Campus**

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**Karen Zuckerman**

Lynne Montrose was a very special woman that was loved by all who knew her. She was an intelligent, kind, caring, compassionate woman who always brought out the best in people, in her family, her friends and the thousands of students and staff that she worked with at Regis University, EEA and NSEE.

Lynne served on the Board and Executive Board of NSEE for many years and made tremendous contributions to the field of experiential education. When NSEE was having financial difficulties and was struggling to get new members and make many new changes to the organization, Lynne emerged as a strong leader and champion for NSEE. She worked hard because of her strong belief in the work that was being done at colleges and universities throughout the country and she wanted that work to be highlighted in the field.

Lynne was a leader in so many ways; she was strong, personable, smart, and knew what needed to be done. She knew how to engage people and had a knack for making people feel comfortable. Her big smile and sense of humor always helped. At every NSEE conference, you could find Lynne presenting at both the pre-conference and the conference, drawing large groups of people to them, even after 9/11, Lynne came and presented. Once the workshop was over, Lynne didn't stop there, she continued to mentor the many folks that attended, sharing materials and teaching at the NSEE certificate program.

Also, let's not forget how Lynne always had thoughtful and helpful welcoming advice to all the "newcomers" that would attend the conference. She made herself open to helping anyone at any time often waking up and meeting people at the wee hours of the morning and late at night, helping new people feel more comfortable.

Lynne Montrose was a true leader in the field of experiential education and a friend and colleague to many. She was a caring, devoted and loving daughter, wife and mother and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

**Karen S. Zuckerman LMSW, Associate Vice President, Student Internships, Volunteers and Corporate Engagements - F.E.G.S. Health and Human Services System**



# N•S•E•E Quarterly

National Society for Experiential Education

## Celebrating Excellence in Las Vegas!

### NSEE Board Member Linda Goff and Northwestern Mutual Financial Network Representative Heather Price present awards

At the 31st Anniversary Conference of the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), held October 1 - 4, 2002 at the Riviera Hotel Conference Center, recipients of the prestigious NSEE Annual Awards were recognized as industry educational and program leaders and honored for their achievements and contributions to the organization and field.

NSEE Board Member, Linda Goff, and Heather Price, Senior Recruiting Specialist, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, presented awards in six separate categories to the following recipients:

**Trisha Thorne, Princeton University (Experiential Education Rising Leader Award)** Trisha is the Assistant Director for Community-Based Service Learning and Training at Princeton. Tricia has demonstrated a strong commitment to the field of experiential education through her coordination of non-profit advocacy organizations and experiential education tours in Central America. She has established the program at Princeton and it has grown under her leadership.



Trisha Thorne,  
Princeton University (Experiential  
Education Rising Leader Award)



Mike True, Messiah College  
(Experiential Education Higher  
Education Leader of the Year)

**Michael True, Messiah College (Experiential Education Higher Education Leader of the Year)** Michael is the Director of the Internship Center at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. He has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the field of experiential education through his service to NSEE and in particular to those professionals involved in internships. Through his teaching in workshops, Mike has mentored countless number of colleagues in the field. He instills in all a spirit of collegiality and sharing.

**Lynne Montrose, Regis University (Experiential Education Pioneer of the Year)** The Pioneer of the Year award was bestowed on Montrose, another longtime member and supporter of NSEE. Lynne is the Director of Experiential Education at Regis University in Denver, CO. Lynne is a former NSEE Board member and has been an active participant and leader in the organization and in the field of experiential education for many years. She has

been extremely active in the professional development initiatives of NSEE, and an advocate for experiential education on her own campus.



Lynne Montrose, Regis University  
(Experiential Education Pioneer  
of the Year)

## **LYNNE MONTROSE AT REGIS UNIVERSITY**

### **SELECTED INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Lynne Montrose found her professional home at Regis University. She was, as former president of Regis Reverend Michael J. Sheeran often said, "the truest embodiment of the Jesuit mission: "Education in the Service of Others."

#### **Lynne's Innovative and Energetic Leadership**

Lynne was hired in 1982 to oversee and direct the internship program for the University. Between 1982 and 2013, Lynne introduced and directed a number of related programs, including an office of Experiential Education. She was responsible for grant writing and project management and development in her department. Today, her programs have become permanent and institutionalized throughout the university. Her accomplishments include:

- 1982-2013: Appointed Director of the Academic Internship Program
- 1987: Introduction of Service-Learning
- 1992: Introduction of Study Abroad
- 1995: Introduction of Leadership Program

#### **Lynne's Commitment to Peace**

Lynne oversaw and coordinated the Northern Ireland Peace and Conflict Project. In the 1990s, she developed a scholarship program to bring Catholic and Protestant students from Northern Ireland to Regis to study peace and conflict. Lynne took an active role in advising students from Belfast studying at Regis during the spring semester.

#### **Lynne's Commitment to Leadership Development**

Lynne taught the key leadership courses for students selected for the Regis University President's Leadership Program. She also taught courses in Professional Development and she designed and delivered numerous professional development workshops for administrators, faculty, and students, both nationally and internationally.

She was co-recipient of a Packard Grant: *Developing the Leadership Skills of America's Next Generation of Nonprofit Leaders*—a joint project of NSEE, Regis, and the Center for Creative Leadership Colorado Springs, which was funded by David and Lucile Packard Foundation, in 2000.

- Goals: provide undergraduate students at Regis with the opportunity to intern in a local nonprofit organization and participate in professional development institutes to support and enhance their internship experience
- Lynne was the director of the Regis University Office of Experiential Education at the time and managed the project at the University
- Lynne provided undergraduate students at Regis University with the academic coursework, leadership skills, and support they needed to guide the nonprofit sector into this century.

#### **Lynne's Commitment to Public Service**

Lynne developed numerous ways to ensure that all students would leave Regis having performed public service. She initiated or actively supported a number of public service endeavors such as off-campus academic supervised internships, travel abroad, and involvement in local community service projects over a semester.

#### **Lynne's Recognitions and Awards**

- Member of the Regis University President's task force on Diversity,
- Recipient of an INROADS program Educator of the Year Award
- Recipient of a Daniels Fund Scholarship's College Coach of the Year Award
- Keynote Address to faculty at Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland (August of 2001)
- Invited keynote speaker and workshop presenter, Ministry of Education's National Youth Council on Service Learning, Singapore (July of 2001)



**Melinda Taylor**

My mentor, colleague, and friend, Lynne Montrose, was only 63 when she passed away from thymic cancer on September 3. Hers was a struggle with an extremely rare form of cancer – and she fought bravely and energetically, as she always has with anything important.

Regis is a different institution because of Lynne, who worked there for over 30 years. Bringing internships to Regis in 1982, she then introduced service learning and study abroad to students in subsequent years, and all three continue to be strong experiential learning programs at the university. Students can hardly leave the campus without being involved in, and transformed by, one of these programs. In addition, Lynne was a mentor to all: students, faculty, staff, and even Jesuit priests. Lynne constantly demonstrated care and concern for others through serving as a life coach for all of us. As the Jesuits would say, Lynne lived what it means to be “for and with others.” I am deeply grateful to have known her.

**Melinda Taylor, Director, Academic Internship Program, Regis College**



Lynne Montrose speaks out at the NSEE 2011 Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas.

## **LYNNE MONTROSE ENGAGED IN HER COMMUNITY**

### **SELECTED INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Lynne Montrose was committed to community service and civic engagement. The values and vision she held for her professional life at Regis she applied with equal energy to local communities.

- **Colorado Campus Compact**—one of the Founders
- **Appointed to the Governor’s Youth Community Service Board in Colorado.**
- **Goodwill School-to-Work** initiative conducting mock interview preparation workshops for Denver Public Schools and mentored “at-risk” students at George Washington High School.
- **Camp Rising Sun**
  - International Camper Selector for over 15 years to this International Leadership Camp for youth, located in upstate New York.
  - Mentored Colorado Campers, oversaw the annual send-off event for new campers and alumni each summer, oversaw the reflection gathering each fall.
  - Oversaw the Colorado Alumni Association and remained involved in the lives of the alumni for years following their leadership camp experience



Lynne Montrose with friends and colleagues at *Camp Rising Sun: Creating A Better World Tomorrow By Inspiring Young Leaders Today.*

### **Impact on Youth**

Student testimonials capture the effect Lynne had on those whose lives she touched. (Excerpted from Camp Rising Sun publications.)

*Lynne has a drive and motivation to inspire young leaders that leaves an impression. She is friendly, outgoing, enthusiastic, and warm. I have looked to her for advice on colleges, internships, life plans and goals. Lynne has fostered the most incredible community in Colorado which always welcomes me home. (Sophie Schor, '08)*

*Lynne’s continuing support and accepting nature helps me to take risks in my life and be confident about who I am and what I am doing. I speak for all of the Colorado campers when I say that we are truly grateful to have Lynne as a mentor and teacher and would not be where we are today without her.*



## International Study and Experiential Learning: The Academic Context

**Lynne Montrose**

*Regis University*

### Introduction

Recently a student returned from a semester in Ireland and enthusiastically reported that it was “an amazing learning experience.” Intrigued, I asked her, “What did you learn?” She began to describe the trip, her residential situation, some humorous events that had occurred, and then she stopped. She had a relatively easy time recounting the concrete experiences of the semester, reflecting about key events that had meaning for her, but when it came time to put what she had experienced over the semester into an educational context she didn’t know where to begin. Study abroad opportunities provide some of the richest and most powerful forms of experiential learning for our students. However, there is far too little understanding of the theory and practice of this type of learning. The activity of studying in a foreign country in and of itself does not provide learning—the kind of learning that can be evaluated, graded, and accredited. How are we to understand the learning derived from out-of-classroom experiences abroad?

One approach to understanding experiential learning is to compare it to traditional classroom learning. In the summer of 2001, a brief but interesting story aired on CNN: some clever Japanese farmers in southern Japan had solved the dilemma of storing awkward, cumbersome, oblong watermelons into small, square Japanese refrigerators. The farmers inserted the seedlings into square, tempered glass cases while the fruit was still growing on the vine. The square boxes were the exact dimensions of the typical refrigerator and produced square melons that were a perfect fit. However, what may be good for watermelons may not be so good for students!



REGIS UNIVERSITY  
MEMORIAL CELEBRATION & TREE DEDICATION FOR  
**LYNNE MONTROSE**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 11**

**2:00PM – MEMORIAL SERVICE, REGIS CHAPEL**

**3:30PM – TREE DEDICATION\***

**4:00PM – RECEPTION, MOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM**

\*TREE DEDICATION IN GROTTA OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO

3333 REGIS BLVD., DENVER CO 80221

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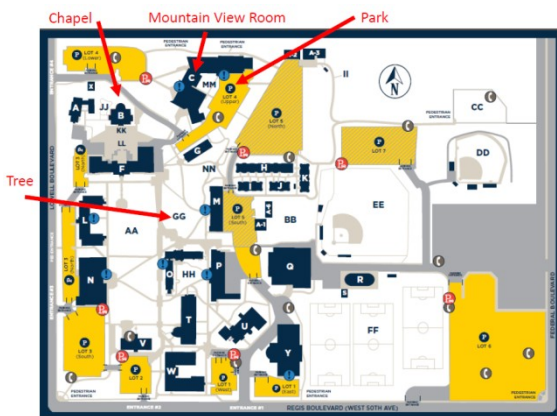
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In lieu of flowers (not part of Jewish tradition), please consider a gift in support of cancer research: To Ross Camidge, MD, PhD – University of Colorado, CU Foundation, PO Box 17126, Denver, CO 80217; To the Lynne Montrose Thymic Cancer Memorial Fund. Gifts may also be made online at [www.cufund.org](http://www.cufund.org) in Lynne's name.

Donations or volunteer time can also be made to a cause close to Lynne's heart: Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition at [www.ccjrc.org](http://www.ccjrc.org).

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**MEMORIAL CELEBRATION AND TREE DEDICATION TO LYNNE MONTROSE  
REGIS UNIVERSITY  
OCTOBER 11, 2012**



Outside O'Connell Hall, Regis University,  
near tree dedicated to Lynne Montrose

Shana Montrose at the Tree Dedication  
to her mother, Lynne.  
*"It is fitting that a tree has been planted here at  
Regis, where she nurtured so many students, by  
breathing life into them, and helping them transform  
into the people they wanted to become."*



## **LYNNE MONTROSE**

*Dedicated to experiential learning at Regis University and across the country  
Abiding love for her students by helping them find their path  
A person on campus everyone could confide in  
An example of working full-time and still putting family first  
A person committed to social justice  
Brave yet quiet leadership - never drawing attention to herself but still making a difference  
A fiery redhead and quite a gal!*



Lynne and Gary Montrose in Chicago, 2012  
celebrating Lynne's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday  
following the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NSEE Conference

*Thank you Lynne!  
Requiescat in pace*

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