



Presidents Leadership Class  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

PLC  
*Spring Newsletter*



Spring of 2018 has been, yet another time of change and new possibilities for the PLC program! We are excited to welcome four new Board of Advocates members, introduce you to our Interim Director Aaron Roof, highlight additions to our programming, and bid farewell to PLC 2014!

# Upcoming Alumni Event - Spring Lecture



## Olympics in Colorado: Gold Medal or Wipeout?

Join PLC alumni at the annual Spring Lecture! Reconnect with PLC peers, bring guests, and experience enlightened debate and opinions on what bringing the Olympics to Colorado means for the state. All PLC alumni invited! - [Want to join the PLC Alumni Group?](#)

- May 18th @ Art Network (878 Sante Fe Drive, Denver)
- Starts at 6:30pm
- Follow the [Presidents Leadership Class Alumni Facebook](#) page for details!

# The Director's Cut

It's a truly exciting time for the Presidents Leadership Class! As interim director, it has been a great privilege to work with and get to know the amazing PLC community. From faculty, staff, board members, alumni and students, PLC is a special program. With your continued support, I believe PLC will be a world class leadership development program, a model organization for developing extraordinary leaders that will be followed by universities across the state and the nation.

We will continue to work with both the CU Alumni Association and the PLC Board to strategically position PLC to provide the transformational impact on our students that many of you experienced. While the program continues to evolve (*based on our insatiable desire to improve*), at its core, PLC is unchanged. We recruit and select talented young men and women dedicated to making a positive difference in the world. We provide a close-knit community environment that challenges each student to be the best person they can be – in an inclusive and safe atmosphere but with high personal and professional standards. Through educational experiences, in and out of the classroom, we expose our students to much more than they would encounter in their academic major.

*(Aaron Roof not pictured)*



In doing so, we believe we are developing leaders of character with the intent and capability to make a lasting impact. If you have any questions or concerns about the status of the program or the way forward, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.



# Board of Advocates: Incoming Members



**Abby Robertson (PLC 1997)**, Senior Brand Development Manager for Barefoot Wine, is humbled to be a new board member. She loves giving back to PLC. She feels the positive impact made will increase exponentially as they are equipped to make the world a better place. Abby is excited to spur more alumni involvement in the PLC community that is *"incredible and inspiring."*



As an incoming board member, Cardiologist **Dr. Larry Allen (PLC 1990)** is excited to get plugged back into PLC and *"pay it forward."* He cannot wait to see where the new opportunities and challenges are to guide PLC into the future. He has just finished his term as a Boettcher Trustee and is passionate about giving back to organizations that have helped him on his path.



**Tiffany Anderson (PLC 1998)**, has been influential in transforming PLC into what it has become today and is excited to bring her perspective to the Board of Advocates. She is the Scholarship Program Director for the Boettcher Foundation and has been involved in PLC in many capacities. She is eager to dive back into the world of PLC, and to engage the alumni community with current PLC scholars.



Incoming student representative on the Board of Advocates, **Sarah Shortall (PLC 2016)**, is excited to gain a new perspective of what goes on behind the scenes of the program. As a rising junior, she hopes to bridge the gap between students and the rest of PLC - building a stronger relationship between PLC scholars and the board. Sarah is eager to see where students, in conjunction with the board, will take the program.



# PLC Programming Updates



## Global Issues in Leadership is Going Abroad!

Tropical rainforests and beaches aren't the only thing awaiting a handful of our PLC scholars this May. In less than a month, our Spring PLC Global Issues in Leadership class will be traveling to the beautiful country of Panama. Through [Envoys](#), an international educational travel provider, CU Education Abroad, and the work of Professor JulieMarie Shepherd Macklin, our PLC scholars will study the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) both on campus and for ten days in Panama. While in country, the students will split up into teams of three in order to research six specific SDG's in the context of Panama City. They will be meeting with local business owners, UN representatives, and other non-profits to gain information and build their knowledge base. PLC students will learn about how to conduct research through practicing empathy while abroad, in addition to traditional research methods. They will immerse themselves in the culture and traditions of the Panamanian people through cultural visits, tours, and other activities. Our scholars depart for their international adventure on May 11th. Make sure to follow the [PLC Facebook page](#) and Instagram [@cuboulderplc](#) to see highlights from the trip.







## Exploring Colorado with Experiential Weekends



Beyond the facilities, Chase felt that, *"hearing about life stories from successful people such as Luis Benitez, the director of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry, was easily one of the most inspiring and jaw-dropping conversations I have ever been a part of."*

Chase enjoyed the PLC connection with alumni during the weekend as it was, *"incredible to meet PLC Board Member Gretchen Bliss as well as PLC alum Doug Price. I was able to see how PLC alumni operate in the real-world and relate their work back to their involvement from the program."*

Experiential Weekends are a hallmark of PLC, allowing students to explore the major driving industries in Colorado and build a sense of community while doing so.

Chase Willie (PLC '17) described the Sports and Tourism Experiential Weekend as an *"incredible opportunity"* provided by the program. He said that, *"touring facilities such as the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs opened my mind up to all of the possible jobs that are available for me to pursue in the future."*







## Learning Leadership in the Wilderness

This year's Applied Leadership Wilderness Course (ALWC) will be a world-class outdoor adventure in the beautiful Arkansas River Valley. We will take 16 PLC students on a week-long adventure including white water rafting, rock climbing, trauma medical response, rappelling, and a multi-day mountain trek. Students will experience leadership in the gorgeous, but unforgiving, world of high alpine wilderness – where their decisions will have severe and rewarding ramifications. Our PLCers will learn and practice our core competencies – but more importantly they will learn about themselves, build self-confidence and have a life changing experience.

## PLC Graduating Seniors!



## Celebrating the PLC Class of 2014!

We will be celebrating the students of PLC 2014 at the Senior Send-off on **Friday, May 4 from 6:00-8:00pm in the British and Irish Studies Room at Norlin Library (M549)**. The event not only serves as a celebration of the senior class' accomplishments, but also as a means to formally welcome them into the PLC alumni community. The event will feature a recognition of the seniors, a senior student keynote address, and an alumni keynote address – delivered by PLC's own Dr. Angela Thieman Dino. Congratulations to the PLC Class of 2014!

## Senior Showcase

PLC senior, **Anne Lonowski**, will be moving to Denver in September to work at DaVita on the pioneer team as a business analyst. The skills Anne learned through PLC were paramount in the process of getting her position, and she intends to continue using them throughout her career. As a ChemBio Engineering student, Anne relied on PLC to help further develop her communication and critical thinking skills, and perhaps most importantly, her individual leadership style. Anne was also first connected with Jim Collins and the Good to Great project, where she now works, through PLC.

The experience not only shaped her career goals, but it also challenged her and inspired personal growth. Anne attributes much of her support and inspiration to fellow PLCers, as they have contributed to her success in a number of ways.



Whether it be running through practice interviews or playing alongside her on intramural sports teams, Anne is grateful for the PLC community and the role it has played in her college experience.