

OUR MISSION

To advance environmental education in Colorado by fostering collaboration, mobilizing support, and driving excellence.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4 staff + 12 board members + 150 volunteers

Driving Excellence

1438 Educators grew their EE knowledge and skills through 26 professional development opportunities.

14 Leaders and programs recognized for their outstanding contributions to excellence in EE.

10 Educators became certified environmental educators by demonstrating exemplary knowledge and skills in the field.

Fostering Collaboration

52 Individuals trained in partnership with the Colorado Youth Corps Association to form the first Careers Trainers Network to ensure youth have the tools and resources they need to pursue environmental careers.

244 Attendees from across the state attended the annual Advancing EE Conference to share ideas and innovations in EE.

40 Participants explored environmental education practice and cultivated collaboration at the West Slope West Slope EE Conference.

Mobilizing Support

75 Local leaders served as members of four regional Colorado Environmental Education Leadership Councils, strengthening relationships with school districts across the state to implement the Colorado EE Plan.

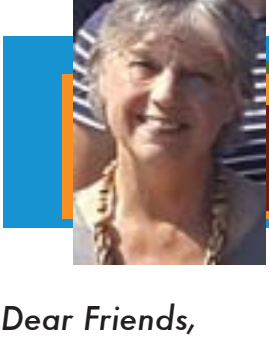
1 Big win for EE! The bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act was signed into law in December 2015, allowing federal education funds to support opportunities to provide students with environmental education and hands-on, field-based learning experiences. In 2016, CAEE actively participated in Colorado's Every Student Succeeds Act planning efforts to support school districts in utilizing federal funding for EE.

Together we can do more



800+ CAEE members reach **800,000** learners on average

Letter from the President & Executive Director



Dear Friends,



The Board

Left to Right Top: Keith Desrosiers, Laurel Olson, Joel Koenig, Natalie Brower-Kirton, Martin Ogle, Melissa Yoder, Melanie Armstrong
Bottom Left to Right: Janna Six, Sarah Johnson, Katie Navin, Michelle Finchum, Barbara Patterson

Everything we do together, as the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education, is strengthened by our combined thousand voices! Thank you to the environmental educators and supporters we meet everywhere we go - in schools, businesses, churches, parks, farms, and government agencies. Together, we are increasing the opportunities for every Colorado resident and visitor to make or deepen physical, emotional and intellectual connections to nature and communities where they grow, live, work, and play. 2016 was a year of continued growth for CAEE, but achieving 100% environmental literacy is an uphill battle.

CAEE is committed to elevating the awareness and need for environmental literacy locally, statewide, and nationally. In 2017, we will create greater opportunities for community engagement, career development, and advocacy for environmental education. We look forward to collaboration with members and partners in growing the voice and impact of CAEE.

Janna Six, Board President Katie Navin, Executive Director

Funding & Expenses



We are so grateful to all our donors and members, like you, who make environmental education strong in Colorado. Membership dues only provide a small part of our annual budget, so our sponsors, grant supporters, in-kind donors and individual contributions are critical for our success as an alliance. With your support, CAEE's Legacy Fund has grown to \$285,565.

You can request full financials by emailing director@caeec.org.

\$2,300 supports **10** educators reaching **10,000** learners

Thank you. Sponsors & Donors



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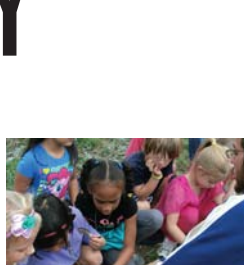


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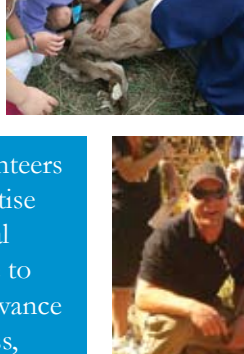


PARTICIPATE Attend CAEE events like the annual conference, professional developments and more. Make connections, learn and share. See what's coming up at www.caeec.org.

DONATE Make a financial donation to CAEE to ensure the long-term impact of programs. Visit www.caeec.org/support to learn more.



BE A LEADER Over 150 dedicated volunteers give their time and expertise to advance environmental literacy. Join a committee to build support for EE, advance diversity and inclusiveness, plan the annual conference, awards for excellence in EE, or certification. Visit www.caeec.org/volunteer to learn more.



CAEE advocates for the field and provides you with direct benefits to meet your professional needs and personal values. Visit www.caeec.org/membership to find out more.

BECOME A MEMBER

BE A VOICE Tell your leaders and decision makers how important environmental education is in Colorado. Promote EE locally, across the state, and nationally. Tell your Senators and Representatives to Support No Child Left Inside Legislation. Visit <http://www.caeec.org/advocacy> to find out more.



CAEE is an affiliate member of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE).

CAEE adopted the National Guidelines for Excellence in Environmental Education, established by NAAEE, to guide the development of balanced, scientifically accurate, and comprehensive environmental education programs.