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Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education
Board of Directors Nominee Profiles

Beverly Grant- Beverly was born and raised in Denver and has been an entrepreneur for 21 years. Beverly's most recent business venture is an urban farmers market called Mo' Betta Green MarketPlace. Mo' Betta Green MarketPlace was launched on June 18, 2011 in the Historic Five Points Neighborhood. This market is founded on three principles: environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and food literacy. The mission of this farmers market focuses on broadening food access; providing food and nutrition literacy; supporting local business and neighborhood economy; showcasing neighborhood arts, history, and culture; shaping food policy; defining new food infrastructure and new agribusiness opportunities; and directly impacting the top four health disparities (cancer, diabetes, obesity, and heart disease) through innovation, education, interaction, and demonstration. The mission of this market also includes designing and installing edible, medicinal landscapes and yard farming in the northeast portion of Denver's Food Desert Neighborhoods. Some important outcomes of this market's model are: improved community connectedness and greater awareness of the correlation between food consumption practices and overall health/wellness. Beverly has been actively engaged with CAEE through the EE Capacity Collaborative for the last two years and continues to strive for better inclusion of disconnected populations to local food and environmental education.

Barbara Patterson- Barbara has been involved with environmental education during her entire career. She began teaching high school agriculture and natural resources in 1981. Barbara has been a member of NAAEE and CAEE on and off for thirty years including attendance and presentations at statewide and national conferences. Barbara currently serves as faculty and an instructional coach at Front Range Community College, where she started the Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources Program for high school students and later for post-secondary. Five years ago, the program added an environmental education certificate program. Barbara received her Master's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Science Education and received a fellowship from the National Science Foundation to earn her Doctorate at Colorado State University where her work focused on minimizing the achievement gap in science for non-traditional students. Barbara has worked closely with national and state-wide environmental organizations through our advisory committee, student internship program, and from networking at state and national conferences for Project Wild and Project Learning Tree. She looks forward to serving as a community college representative to provide a link to environmental education in higher education and to help us to better understand and implement the CAEE's strategic plan.