

Gold Filings



November-December Gold Filings 2020

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Thank you to all our members who contributed to Project Thanks!!

Each year Amador County Interfaith Food Bank coordinates Project Thanks which provides traditional Thanksgiving dinners for families who otherwise may not have one.

On October 17th you received a Gold Filings describing this program and asking your contribute through our AAUW Amador branch. This year you contributed a total of \$665 enabling the food band to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 13 families. Thank you!!

Giving Tuesday

We are participating in **Giving Tuesday** for the second year in a row to help fund our scholarship and Tech Trek programs. This effort is especially important now because we will not have a Home Tour in April 2021 and this will be the second year in a row - this year because of Covid. **Giving Tuesday** is December 1, 2020.

Donations are made through the Amador Community Foundation and are entirely tax-deductible. All donations -online and by check- must be made on Tuesday December 1st to qualify for these matching funds.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations must be made on December on 1st to qualify for matching funds-

Go to giveamador.org

Click on DONATE NOW

Click on the AAUW logo at the top of the page on the left side

DONATIONS MADE VIA CHECK

There are three ways to drop off checks on December 1st-

1-Drop off checks dated 12/1/2020 in mail slot 12:01AM to midnight December 1 to ACF at the address below-

Amador Community Foundation
571 S. Hwy 49, Jackson
Phone: 209.223.2148

OR

2-Drop off checks dated 12/1/2020 in person 9AM – 5PM on December 1st to ACF at the address below-

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OR

3- Drop off checks on December 1st dated December 1st from 11AM – 3PM in the parking lot at address below-

St. Katharine Drexel Church
11361 Prospect Dr, Jackson

Any and all amounts are welcome, appreciated and important.
Thank you.

Remembering Tech Trek

As the final chapter to our Tech Trek and Scholarsip reports, we proudly share with you the essay below by Chelsea Tinsley. We believe you'll find it inspiring and enjoyable. It is so gratifying to see how our programs are helping young students.



Remembering Tech Trek

by Chelsea Tinsley

Thinking back on my time as a Tech Treker, I realize that my journey as a female in the sciences was impacted very early on by many driven and intelligent women who had likely experienced a very different set of challenges pursuing a career in STEM than I have over the years. As a young girl, I didn't think much of the fact that Tech Trek was an all-girls science camp of course and simply remember coming away from the experience thinking "wow, science is so cool!". So naturally, and thanks to the support of my mom who is also a female scientist, I decided to pursue a career in the sciences because I was captivated. I completed a Bachelor's of Science in Biological Sciences at Cal Poly with an emphasis on Human Anatomy and Physiology. While at Cal Poly I was very involved with the College of Science and Mathematics as an Ambassador and Student Government Representative, motivated by the desire to improve student experience in COSAM and to entice high school students to pursue a path in the sciences as well. It was during my time at Cal Poly that I started to grasp the apparent differences female scientists experience in STEM. My best friend who was studying Chemistry was the *only* female in all of her upper division math classes. When I would collaborate with Ambassadors from the School of Engineering on campus, I noticed that an overwhelming majority of them were males. Yet, in most of my biology classes and amongst my friends that were pre-med, I felt that the balance of the sexes was pretty even. Since graduating and keeping in contact with many of my friends from Cal Poly who are now working professionals in their chosen STEM fields, I've realized that this pattern I saw in the classroom is very much the same in the workplace: with Chemists and Engineers being among some of the only females at their job, and female Doctors and Nurse Practitioners outnumbering their male colleagues.

When I went back to visit Cal Poly as a new alumnus, a speaker said something that has stuck with me for many years "the most important thing to do in your professional life, is to find a mentor". I took this advice to heart and after spending a couple years after Cal Poly dabbling in different jobs as a Laboratory Scientist, and a caregiver for Hospice patients, I was lucky enough to find a mentor while working a job in Recruiting. Thanks to him, I made the decision to go to nursing school and never looked back. I graduated from Oregon Health and Science University with a Bachelor's in Nursing, and am currently working my dream job as a Labor Delivery and Postpartum RN.

Reflecting back on the opportunity that I had to participate in Tech Trek, I now realize that I was fortunate to have had access to so many female mentors in the sciences from such an early age; and without knowing it at the time, they were taking me under their wing along with so many other young girls to empower and inspire us to be the change they wanted to see for women in STEM.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in November & December!

November

Sonny Graves
Dot Haislet
Norma King
Bonnie Krupp
Katie Scott
Christine Van Fleet

December

JoAnn Chevrette
Diane Christensen
Suzanne Nicholson
Loretta Porteous
Michele Powell
Kelly Trottier

Sunshine Cards Sent Since the Last Gold Fiiings

Kete Kramer in sympathy for the passing of her husband, John Ingvoldstad

