

Ridgefield woman named rising star

Cheri Cole, a Ridgefield resident was given the Rising Star Award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Cole received the award during a conference Feb. 24 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Director of Alumni Relations and the Penguin Athletic Club, Cole is also an administrator with the Clark College Foundation.

The Award honors professionals with three to five years experience, and recognizes the accomplishments of promising individuals whose early success bodes well for future leadership and achievement.

Winners demonstrate innovation, professionalism, and strong leadership qualities. They are chosen by the executive committee of the district board in the fields of development, alumni relations, and communications.

Cole was nominated by Candy Bennett, a Clark College colleague, for her work to make the College's alumni association one of the best in the nation.

Cole was appointed director of Alumni Relations in 2001. Membership increased from 96 to more than 500, and the



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board of directors grew to 25, made up of current and past community leaders.

Cole is also director of the college Booster Club and Penguin Athletic Club.

"We are proud of Cheri Cole's accomplishments and are thrilled by this recognition of her work," said college president Dr. R. Wayne Branch.