



Friends and colleagues of Dave Bucknam meet with Elizabeth Fortushniak at Mesa State.

(L to R) Russ Walker, Professor, Mesa State College; Paul Krabacher, Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program; Elizabeth Fortushniak; Loretta Pineda Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program.

## MESA STATE STUDENT RECEIVES DAVID L. BUCKNAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth Fortushniak, a senior at Mesa State College, is the first recipient of the David L. Bucknam Memorial Scholarship. Fortushniak is a senior majoring in Environmental Science. She hopes to someday work in the restoration and land management field.

“Fortushniak was chosen because of her experience in working in the out of doors as well as her dedication to her studies and the environment,” said Alan Bucknam, president of the David L. Bucknam memorial scholarship. “Her work, both in returning land to beneficial use and in educating others in land restoration techniques shows her commitment to the ideals embodied in the Scholarship.”

Established by family and friends of David Bucknam in 2005, this scholarship honors Bucknam and his passion for the out-of-doors, learning and living. Bucknam was the Director of the Colorado Office of Active and Inactive Mines, which reclaims and restores abandoned mined land. The Bucknam Scholarship provides financial support to a junior or senior undergraduate student who is enrolled in an area of study at an accredited college or university with a major in a field related to mine reclamation/restoration such as biology; botany; geography; geology, hydrology; environmental, range or soil science.

For more information on the Bucknam scholarship visit the website at [www.bucknam.org/scholarship](http://www.bucknam.org/scholarship).

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