

Colorado Women's Education Foundation (CWEF)
is proud to announce our honorable speaker, **Dr. Temple Grandin**
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Temple Grandin, PhD., Colorado State University professor and renowned animal behaviorist, has lived a life challenged by autism. Her success as an adult, however, has transformed that unsteady start into a career of caring for animals and humans alike – and her story is still playing out. In August 2010, the extraordinary HBO movie, *Temple Grandin*, won seven Emmy Awards, with Claire Danes winning for Outstanding Lead Actress. “It makes me very happy,” says Grandin. “The movie serves as a tool to educate people about autism and shows that autistic children can become something.”



Little was known about autism when Dr. Grandin was a child in Boston. Her parents were told she should be institutionalized, but as fortune would have it, the advice was not followed. She is now one of the world's leaders in the design of livestock handling facilities, and has a B.A. from Franklin Pierce College, M.S. in Animal Science from Arizona State University, PhD in Animal Science from the University of Illinois, and is currently a Professor at Colorado State University. Dr. Grandin has published several hundred industry publications, many technical papers and articles, and seven books. She credits autism for her achievements, arguing that she would never have been so attuned to animal sensibilities or the fine points of agricultural engineering without the distinctive vision and hypersensitivity that comes with autism. “Animals saved me,” Grandin says.

Dr. Grandin continues to transfer her knowledge to future generations and help other autistic people, young and old. She lectures to parents and teachers throughout the U.S. on her experiences with autism. Articles and interviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *People*, *Time*, National Public Radio, 20/20, The View, and the BBC. She was also honored in *Time Magazine's* 2010 “The 100 Most Influential People in the World.”



Dr. Temple Grandin is an incredibly inspirational woman and fascinating speaker whom has overcome severe adversity through the power of education. Since 1976, CWEF has helped hundreds of Colorado women overcome their own personal adversities. Just as Dr. Grandin's achievements are remarkable and awe-inspiring so are the stories of our scholarship recipients who are now, along with Dr. Grandin, “**Paying it Forward**” to millions worldwide every day. **Join us at *Legacy of Learning* to hear her tell the story.**



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