

“Fifteen years ago, I was a 12-year-old girl in fifth grade. At the time, I was mostly focused on my friends and which horse I would be riding that week in Westernaires. Yule marble and the bigger picture of law and legislature were of no particular interest to me; let alone did I believe it would have any real impact on my life as an adult. Now, in 2019 looking back over the last 15 years, I realize that this project did more for me as an adult than I ever could have imagined.

In the years since, I've grown up and gone to college where I majored in Music Business and minored in Law Studies. I realized my initial love for the law and lawmaking process started with this project. Having learned about how bills become laws and then how those laws are enforced, spurred a curiosity that has lasted me a lifetime. Now, while I ended up not going to law school and further pursuing the law and legislative processes, I do currently work for law enforcement; and I absolutely love it! So, thanks to the Yule marble project, I guess it did the trick; in a weird round-about sort of way! However, the Yule marble project did so much more.

It created a second family for me. I met my best friend Caitlin in Girl Scouts, and we are friends to this day over 20 years after we first met. It gave me another mother figure in Leslee Randolph, whom I can still call when needed and who wouldn't be surprised if she came home to find me on her couch. It gave me a group of girls that I could be around and just be myself. This family started long before Yule marble, but Yule marble brought us closer. While I have lost touch over the years with many of the girls on this project, I know if I were to run into them again or reach out to them again, they would have my back in a heartbeat; and I would have theirs. Time knows no boundaries when it comes to true friendship and love. The Yule marble project to me was something so much bigger than just creating a state rock. It was a catalyst to build communities; both the little one around me and the larger community of the State of Colorado.

I think about this project every-now-and-then when something is said in conversation or when reminiscing with friends and family; and I'm thankful for it. It's pretty awesome to say that I was part of a group of young, ambitious women that took on the seemingly impossible and succeeded.”

- MiKayla Loseke