

Douglas County Democratic Women Scholarship

Simply put, I cannot choose just one pillar of a fair society as put forth by the Democratic Party, just as I cannot choose two or three or even nine. I love the Democratic Party because I have found *each* of these descriptors to be defended persistently and relentlessly and because all these causes and values intertwine to create something so much more than just a political party. To create a mass of people coming together because they care about their communities on a local, national, and global scale, but more than that they care deeply about the people in those communities. Each pillar of the Democratic Party Credo sets forth a policy agenda; from Graduated Income Tax to the Equal Rights Amendment to the Affordable Care Act. The wonderful thing about this is that in each part of our oh so 'radical agenda' there is promise to fight for the lives, rights, and wellbeing of all people. People of every origin, every gender, every color, every sexual orientation, every end of the political spectrum. This promise that is full and flourishing and in the hearts and minds of millions of Americans is what makes the Democratic party so great. Time and time again, at Democratic functions, I've heard Douglas County Democratic Chair, Kimi Cole, say "There is nothing better than a room full of Democrats." I, for one, know this to unequivocally true. The Democratic Party has an energy fueled by those very ideals the Credo presents to us. Ideals that bring incredible, passionate, caring people to a single room. Ideals that have made the Democratic Party feel like home. I am undeniably proud to embrace this Credo and to be a Democrat because it means stepping up and defending working class Americans, single mothers, and rural communities. It means saying the names of Black Americans who have been shot and rising against a growing threat to our reproductive rights. It means caring for people and about the democratic process.