On Thursday, September 19th the women of Sponsored Research and Programs: Joann Waite, Diane Farrell, and Kathy Hill, held a thank you banquet for all those who have worked with them to attain grants in the last year. It was held in the “Rare Books” room on the third floor of Foley Library, where about sixty professors, graduate students, and local supporters came to show their appreciation for and thank one another.

Some of the keynote speakers at the event included Joann, Diane, Kathy, and our very own president, Thayne McCulloh, who each thanked all those who showed up in their own special way. Joann stated, as tears began to form in her eyes, “I have given speeches at multiple colleges, in different states, even at national events, but never have I felt so connected to and proud of the audience I was speaking to, as I do now.” She gave her sincerest thanks to all those who have spent countless hours, weeks, even months in an attempt to gain sponsors to donate grant money to help fund undergraduate students here at Gonzaga.

Thayne ended the speeches by reminding everyone of where SRP began. He described how not even ten years ago Gonzaga was without a Sponsored Research and Programs office, and yet now it has expanded to its very own building. “The work that you all have done, and will continue to do, in collaboration with Sponsored Research deserves my deepest gratitude. Our students benefit immensely from the research that is a direct result of all of your hard work, time, and patience. Thank you all,” said Thayne. Shortly after the speeches the event concluded, and is now apart of SRP’s annual traditions.