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# James Cantu

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Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage: American Indian

Programs:

- Leadership Plenty

Year Completed:

2005

Civic Involvement:

- AISES
- NELC
- Wellbriety

Areas of Expertise:

- Community Volunteer/Leader

Service Area of Interest:

- Nonprofits: Environment



# Marguerite Cantu

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**Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage:** Native American Indian/Ute & Cherokee

**Programs:**

- Center for Creative Leadership
- Leadership Plenty
- Board Governance Training

**Year Completed:**

2004  
2005  
2007

El Pomar Foundation Scholarship Recipient

**Civic Involvement:**

- UCCS Senior Instructor, Dept. of Communication
- Co-Chair, NALF
- Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room Selection Committee
- OTC-FLAME-Diversity Presenter,
- Keynote Speaker 2006 Inroads
- Grant recipient to International Faculty Development Seminars 2007-Building a Multiracial, Multicultural Society in South Africa
- UCCS College of Education Advisory Board, Matrix Center Planning Board

**Areas of Expertise:**

- Community Volunteer/Leader, Education, Event Planning, Program Consultant

**Service Area of Interest:**

- Nonprofits: Education; Youth; Culture; Civil Rights, Social Action, Advocacy; Environment



# Amber Cote

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**Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage:** Native American/Asian

**Programs:**

- Leadership Pikes Peak
- Board Governance

**Year Completed:**

2009  
2008

**Civic Involvement:**

- PPAC, Board of Directors
- Program Director, FutureSelf
- LPP
- Native American Advisory Council
- Multi Cultural Youth Leadership Initiative
- Spring Board Project Volunteer
- Catamount Volunteer
- Community Prep School Board of Directors
- Dream City 2020

**Areas of Expertise:**

- Community Volunteer/Leader
- Event Planning

**Service Area of Interest:**



# Fred Gauna

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Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage: Native American/Hispanic

## Programs:

- Leadership Pikes Peak
- Board Governance
- CNE Grantwriting Workshop

## Year Completed:

2005  
2008  
2009

El Pomar Foundation Scholarship Recipient

## Civic Involvement:

- Native American Leadership Forum
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Black Chamber of Commerce
- Latino Alliance
- Pueblo Friendship Pow Wow Association
- El Pomar Multicultural Youth Leadership Initiative

## Areas of Expertise:

- Community Volunteer/Leader, Education, Human Resources, Event Planning, Fundraising

## Service Area of Interest:

- Nonprofits: Animals, Protection, Welfare, Zoo; Arts, Culture, Humanities; Civil Rights, Social Action, Advocacy; Education; Employment/Employment Training; Environment; History, Historical Preservation; Homelessness and Affordable Housing; Human Services; Military; Youth



# Debra Howell

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**Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage:** American Indian (Pawnee & Flandreau Santee Sioux)

Programs:

- Leadership Pikes Peak

Year Completed:

2008

El Pomar Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Civic Involvement:

- Lone Feather Council
- Native American Womens Association
- Pikes Peak Intertribal Youth U.N.I.T.Y
- D11 Title VII Parent Committee

Areas of Expertise:

- Community Volunteer/Leader

Service Area of Interest:

- Nonprofits: Civil Rights, Social Action, Advocacy; Human Services; Youth



# Carolena M. Jackson

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Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage: Navajo

Programs:

- Board Governance Training

Year Completed:

2007

Civic Involvement:

- Colorado Springs Diversity
- Native Hearts Family
- School District 11, Title VII Indian Education

Areas of Expertise:

- Community Volunteer/Leader, Education, Health Care, Human Resources, Event Planning, Fundraising, Program Consultant

Service Area of Interest:

- City/County Board or Commission
- Nonprofits: Animals, Protection, Welfare, Zoo; Arts, Culture, Humanities; Business Promotion and Tourism; Education; Employment/Employment Training; Environment; Government; Health, Mental Health; History, Historical Preservation; Sports, Recreation; Youth



# Kateri Kerwin

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Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage: Navajo

Programs:

- Leadership Pikes Peak
- Board Governance Training

Year Completed:

2004  
2007

El Pomar Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Civic Involvement:

- Native American Women's Association of Colorado Springs
- Colorado Women's Hall of Fame
- University of Notre Dame Native American Association

Areas of Expertise:

Service Area of Interest:

- Nonprofits: Social Services, Children and Families



# Lawrence Martinez

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Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage: Native American

Programs:

- Center for Creative Leadership
- Leadership Pikes Peak

Year Completed:

2006  
2007

El Pomar Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Civic Involvement:

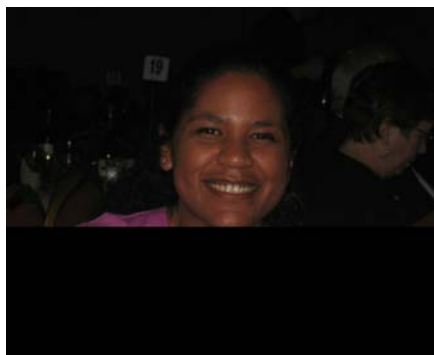
- El Cinco De Mayo Board member
- Children Connecting with Artistic Communities
- NALF Member
- Harrison High School BACC Committee
- El Paso County District Court Inversion Program

Areas of Expertise:

- Business Management, Community Volunteer/Leader, Health Care, Event Planning, Fundraising, Marketing & Public Relations

Service Area of Interest:

- City/County Board or Commission
- Nonprofits: Arts, Culture, Humanities; Children: Child Care, Development, Protection; Civil Rights, Social Action, Advocacy; Government; Safety, Crime Prevention



# Crystal Rizzo

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Ethnicity/Cultural Heritage: Native American – Southern Ute

Programs:

- Center for Creative Leadership/CLP

Year Completed:

2008

El Pomar Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Civic Involvement:

- Member of Sueño Americano
- White Bison Wellbriety Center Coalition
- Democratic Latino Initiative
- Colorado Springs Gay and Lesbian Center
- NAACP

Areas of Expertise:

- Community Volunteer/Leader
- Event Planning

Service Area of Interest:

- Nonprofits: Civil Rights/Social Action/Advocacy, Education, Sports and Recreation, Government, and Youth