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El Pomar Foundation welcomes new Trustee, Vice President

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 7, 2020—El Pomar Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Erik Estrada to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees and the hiring of Joan Shields as Vice President of Leadership.

For more than 20 years, El Pomar Foundation has invited an alumnus of its leadership development Fellowship program to serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees. Erik Estrada began a two-year term as Fellowship Alumni Trustee on April 1, 2020, succeeding Stockmens Bank Vice President, Elly Durham, who served on the Board from 2017 - 2020.



Erik Estrada

Currently, Mr. Estrada serves as senior director in the Legal & Regulatory Department of Liberty Latin America, Ltd. Following his time in El Pomar’s Fellowship program from 2002 – 2004, Mr. Estrada served as Program Officer for Boettcher Foundation before attending law school at the University of Denver. After law school, Mr. Estrada served as counsel to Level 3 Communications and Level 3 Foundation. He serves or has served on the Board of Directors for Foothills United Way, State Housing Board, Colorado Center on Law & Policy, Community Resource Center and University of Colorado Alumni Association.



Joan Shields

Joan Shields started at El Pomar on June 29, 2020 as Vice President of Leadership. Among other activities, she will oversee the Fellowship, Internship, and Nonprofit Executive Leadership programs at El Pomar Foundation. Ms. Shields will also support internal leadership and culture. Ms. Shields brings a wealth of experience in leadership development and program management. Since 2007, she has lived in Colorado Springs and held positions of managing director, senior faculty and executive coach at Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs.

Ms. Shields will succeed Jennifer Dodd, Associate Vice President and Director of Leadership Programs, who will leave the Foundation in July to relocate to Atlanta. Ms. Dodd joined the Foundation in May of 2019 and had previously participated in the Fellowship program from 2006 – 2008.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and community stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937. To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to www.elpomar.org.

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