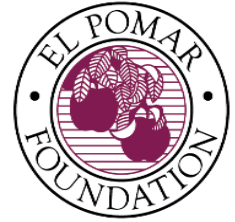


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EL POMAR FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Colorado Springs, Colo. – November 4, 2020 — El Pomar Foundation is pleased to welcome and announce three new staff members: Vice President of Opportunity and Outreach, **Zuleika Johnson**, Assistant Controller and Business Manager, **Stacy Pons** and Vice President of Communications, **Erin Hannan**.

Zuleika Johnson will begin her post January 1, 2021, succeeding Theophilus “Theo” Gregory, who will retire from the position that leads the *Emerging Leaders Development* (ELD) program he founded almost 20 years ago at El Pomar. Johnson, who currently serves as co-chair of the ELD program’s Hispanic Advisory Council and as a member of three subcommittees, comes to El Pomar from UCCS, where she has served as associate director of development, supporting the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, the Office of Sustainability and the Chancellor’s Leadership Class. In addition to her work in philanthropy and nonprofit management, and her involvement with El Pomar’s ELD program, Johnson also volunteers in the region with other nonprofit organizations and is a 2020 CSBJ Rising Star inductee.



Stacy Pons will begin her post November 9 as El Pomar’s assistant controller and business manager, succeeding Terri Hutcherson who will retire from the role after 14 years. Pons, a Certified Public Accountant, comes to El Pomar from Widefield Water & Sanitation District where she has served as controller, and brings a wealth of experience as a staff and senior accountant in a variety of public, nonprofit and governmental accounting settings.



After a brief period providing interim contracting services overseeing El Pomar’s Communications, **Erin Hannan** has been named vice president of communications for the organization. She most recently served as executive director of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. Prior to that, she held leadership positions at the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, Vladimir Jones Advertising Agency, and Guess?, Inc. in Los Angeles, California. She has served on a number of community nonprofit boards, was a recipient of the Pikes Peak Advertising Federation’s Silver Award and the Colorado Springs Women of Influence Award, and is a graduate of both Leadership Pikes Peak and Colorado Springs Leadership Institute.



El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 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, please visit www.elpomar.org.