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El Pomar Foundation Elevating Leadership Development program opens nominations for Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room Induction and ceremony

Colorado Springs, CO – March 7, 2022- **El Pomar Foundation’s Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program is seeking nominations for its Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room Induction and Ceremony.** El Pomar and ELD established the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room at Penrose House in 2006 in honor of Reverend Dr. Milton E. Proby, a dedicated community leader and advocate for racial equality and justice in Colorado Springs. This room is dedicated to preserving and documenting the contributions of Black, Asian Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino and Native American individuals from Southern Colorado.

Each year, a member of one of these communities is inducted into the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room and honored through an induction ceremony for their embodiment of the ideals of civic involvement and leadership. This year’s induction ceremony will honor a member of the Black community in a hybrid event to be held on August 19, 2022.

Nomination applications are due by May 6, 2022 and should include documentation such as newspaper articles, letters and/or website articles to demonstrate the individual’s achievements. To be nominated, an individual must have lived in Southeastern Colorado and made a civic impact between 1876 to present, have a photo, no longer be living as the induction is posthumous, and their contributions to society must be civic in nature. Any necessary research for nomination applications should be conducted by the nominator. The nomination application can be found at: <https://www.elpomar.org/programs/elevating-leadership-development/milton-e-proby-room/>. Applications should be sent to eldprogram@elpomar.org.

About El Pomar Foundation’s Elevating Leadership Development Program

The Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program – formerly Emerging Leaders Development - began in 2001 to help cultivate diverse leadership potential in Southern Colorado. The program convenes leaders of color in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, empowering them to engage in professional development opportunities and take on community leadership roles. ELD provides scholarships to leadership development programs and introduces participants to civic engagement opportunities such as service on nonprofit and statewide boards and commissions.

About El Pomar Foundation

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 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.

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