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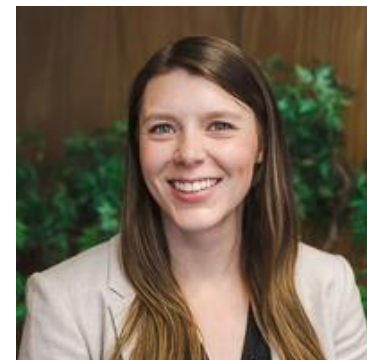
NEW ROLES AND HIRES TAKE EFFECT AT EL POMAR FOUNDATION

Colorado Springs, Colo. – May 9, 2022 – El Pomar Foundation is pleased to welcome and announce three new staff members: **Stella Hodgkins** has been hired as Senior Vice President of Opportunity of Outreach; **Shelby Pauka** has been hired as Regional Partnerships Program Manager and **Paula Nickodemus** has been hired as Staff Accountant.

Stella Hodgkins will begin as Senior Vice President of Opportunity and Outreach at El Pomar Foundation on May 16. In this role, Stella will oversee El Pomar’s Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program and work closely with ELD’s Advisory Board and Advisory Council members from Colorado Springs to Pueblo. Stella comes to El Pomar from her previous role as Corporate Citizenship Manager at GE Johnson, a company specializing in healthcare, education, advanced technology, mixed-use and cultural construction projects. In this role, she supported the company’s social impact through philanthropic and community engagement to enhance the well-being and quality of life in local communities. She currently serves on several boards and has been recognized as Builder Member of the Year by the Colorado Springs Housing & Building Association as well as a Woman of Influence by the Colorado Springs Business Journal.



Shelby Pauka began as Program Manager for El Pomar’s Regional Partnerships Program on May 2. Shelby was an El Pomar Intern from May through August 2017. She returned to the Foundation as a Fellow in the class of 2019. Since leaving the Fellowship in May 2021, she has been working at Operation Homefront as Program Coordinator for Family Support Services serving Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. In her new role at El Pomar, she will support the Regional Partnerships Program.



Paula Nickodemus began as Staff Accountant on April 4. She recently worked at Bethesda Associates as a Staff Accountant for the past five years and has extensive experience in accounting practices, accounts payable, bank reconciliation etc.



About El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities and civic and community initiatives, as well as community stewardship and leadership development programs. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with a mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current future well-being of the people of Colorado.

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