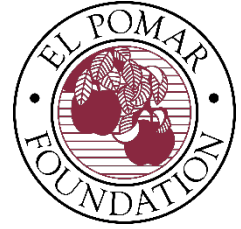


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El Pomar's Elevating Leadership Development Program Hosts Business Breakfast for Colorado Springs Business Leaders

Colorado Springs, Colo.— May 22, 2024 — El Pomar Foundation's Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program is inviting civically minded business leaders from Colorado Springs to a breakfast event on **June 26, 9:00-10:30 a.m.** at Penrose House (1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80906).

The event's purpose is to raise awareness of the ELD program as a resource for local businesses to develop their employees and connect their companies with the broader community. Attendees will hear a presentation by El Pomar Senior Vice President & ELD Program Officer, Stella Hodgkins, about the ways the program supports businesses' diverse employees by connecting them to leadership development trainings, civic engagement opportunities, and a network of other diverse leaders in the community. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

These resources are invaluable to business leaders because involving employees in civic engagement activities increases community stewardship and contributes to a positive business image and broader community connections. ELD also aims to facilitate diverse employees' sense of connection in their community as it plays an important role in fostering employee satisfaction and retention.

This event is free and open to business leaders, but space is limited and registration is required:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/55zyaqz>.

To learn more about the event or the about Elevating Leadership Development, please visit:

<https://www.elpomar.org/programs/eld/>

About Elevating Leadership Development

Launched in 2001, Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) -- formerly Emerging Leaders Development -- removes barriers to access to a variety of community leadership development opportunities for leaders of color from Colorado Springs to Pueblo, opening doors to professional development and community leadership roles. The program also hosts the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room Induction Ceremony, dedicated to preserving, documenting, and honoring the contributions of African American/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 group of honorees and is celebrated in the annual Milton E. Proby Induction Ceremony at Penrose House.

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 in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services, as well as community engagement and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations, including three historic properties open to the public: Penrose Heritage Museum, Penrose House Conference Center, and Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun. 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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