

MILTON E. PROBY CULTURAL HERITAGE ROOM CIVIC LEADER NOMINATION

The Milton E. Proby (MEP) Cultural Heritage Room is dedicated to preserving and documenting the contributions of African- American, Asian (to include Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, and MENA), Hispanic/Latino, and Native American individuals from southern Colorado. It is a place to honor leaders of color whose lives have embodied the ideals of civic involvement and leadership. Reverend Dr. Proby was one of the first civil rights leaders to have profound influence in the campaign for equality in southern Colorado. He made significant contributions within this community and the Trustees of El Pomar Foundation honor his legacy through the establishment of the Cultural Heritage Room.

In the years to come, the contributions of additional leaders of color will be memorialized here through El Pomar's Elevating Leadership Development (ELD).

ELD began in 2001 to help develop the wealth of diverse leadership potential within southern Colorado. The program identifies and encourages current and emerging leaders of color to embrace broad-based community involvement, civic engagement, and service on boards and commissions.

For more information about El Pomar Foundation or Elevating Leadership Development visit:
www.elpomar.org/programs/eld/

Mission:

To preserve and document the civic contributions of leaders of color in southern Colorado.

Goal:

Advance cross-cultural understanding and inform the broader community about diverse contributions in southern Colorado through the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room and Induction Ceremony.

Objective:

Two-dimensional exhibit at Penrose House displayed in the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room.

Past Inductees:

September 16, 2006

Sen. Casimiro Barela (Hispanic)

November 3, 2007

Lucian Amos "Sac" Jamison (Native American)

March 15, 2008

Andy Chun Song (Asian)

February 20, 2009

Fannie Mae Duncan (African American)

September 24, 2010

Eva Raigoza Baca (Hispanic)

November 14, 2011

Katharine Joyce Carpenter (Native American)

September 5, 2012

Dr. Duane Takaki (Asian)

September 27, 2013

James Ford Poole (African American)

August 27, 2014

Thomas H. Martinez (Hispanic)

August 26, 2015

Ernest House Sr. (Native American)

August 25, 2016

George Nakayama (Asian)

August 23, 2017

Pastor Emeritus James H. McMearn
(African American)

August 15, 2018

Petra Antonia Gonzalez de McCulley (Hispanic)

August 21, 2019

Laura Mae (Coyhis) Hom (Native American)

August 20, 2021

Dennis Apuan (Asian)

August 19, 2022

Dr. Kenneth Stephen Burnley (African American)

August 3, 2023

Ray A. Aguilera (Hispanic/Latino)

August 16, 2024

Gene A. Keluche (Native American)

August 15, 2025

Alfred "Fred" Padeway (Asian)

Milton E. Proby Room Selection Criteria

1. Nominations must be posthumous and a photo of the nominee must be available.
2. Must have lived in southeastern Colorado and made a civic impact in the designated area between 1876 (when Colorado was founded) to present. Southeastern Colorado is currently defined from the northern border of El Paso/Teller County to the southern Colorado State border; from the western border of Walsenburg to the eastern State border.
3. Contributions must be civic based, not to exclude major monetary gifts.
4. All nominations and research will be provided on a voluntary basis.

Nomination Process

The nomination process is on-going. Throughout the year(s) there will be a selection process for African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American civic leaders. The Selection Committee votes on completed applications, based on the nominees' accomplishments and contributions.

The Milton E. Proby Room Selection Committee

The Milton E. Proby Room Selection Committee includes ELD Program Officer (non-voting), ELD Program Coordinator (non-voting), ELD Advisory Council Co-Chairs, and selected leaders.

Induction Ceremony

ELD will host an induction ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of the honoree whose life embodied the ideals of civic involvement and leadership in southern Colorado. The ceremony will be held at Penrose House in Colorado Springs.

In the years to come, the contributions of additional leaders of color will be memorialized in the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room by the leadership of ELD.

August 2026	Induction of African American civic leader
August 2027	Induction of Hispanic/Latino civic leader



Elevating Leadership Development

A Program of El Pomar Foundation

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(Please type, save to your computer, then email to eldprogram@elpomar.org)

NAME: _____

Ethnicity: ___African American ___Asian ___Hispanic/Latino ___ Native American

If Native American, was the candidate registered with a tribe? YES_____ NO_____ Unknown_____

If yes, which tribe(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Location of Contribution(s) in southeastern Colorado (see criteria): _____

Available Photo? _____Yes _____No (Required)

Do you know of any living relatives? _____Yes _____No _____Will Research To Find Out

Relatives Information

Name(s): _____

Contact Information: _____

Nominated By: _____

Organization: _____

Phone (1): _____ Phone (2): _____

Email: _____

Documentation of Contributions:

(Use a separate page and attach articles / supporting documentation. Send as one PDF via email).

Please explain why the nominee should be selected and document their contributions by including documents such as newspaper articles, books, websites, newsletters, or letters from people who can speak of their accomplishments. The nomination should include documentation for each of the following criteria:

1. Geographic Area or Civic Involvement
 - Local/Regional/State
2. Civic Engagement
 - Area(s) of Expertise
 - Professional Community Involvement
 - Experience with Local Community Involvement
 - Success in Unifying People across Cultural Boundaries
 - Experience/Involvement with Local/ State Elected Officials
3. Leadership
 - Embodies the Spirit and Ideas of Community Stewardship
 - Demonstrated Leadership Ability
 - Mentorship That Made a Difference in the Community
 - Coordinated/Influenced Project(s) that Impacted the Broader Community
 - Political Influence
4. Additional Information

For more information on ELD and the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room or questions regarding the nomination process, contact the ELD Program Coordinator at eldprogram@elpomar.org or 719-577-7017.

You can also visit www.elpomar.org/programs/eld.

Please return all forms via mail or email to the ELD Program Coordinator at eldprogram@elpomar.org:

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