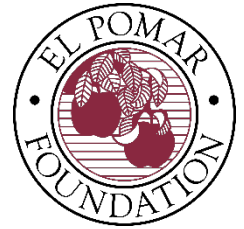


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Pikes Peak Regional Leadership Programs Partner to present “Get on Board!”

Alumni of each program get connected with community engagement opportunities.

Colorado Springs, Colo. — April 21, 2025 — Eleven regional leadership development organizations and programs, including three higher-ed institutions, came together to inspire a new wave of community engagement on the evening of April 1 at the Penrose House Garden Pavilion to host “Get on Board!” Thanks to the notable collaboration of this partnership, the Colorado Springs community was connected with, and encouraged to learn about, opportunities for board, committee, and volunteer service. Partnering organizations and programs included: Adelante Leadership Institute, Center for Creative Leadership’s Community Leadership Program, Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, CONO Neighborhood University, El Pomar Foundation’s Elevating Leadership Development (ELD), Leadership Pikes Peak powered by UCCS, Mayor’s Civic Leaders Fellowship, and Women’s Community Leadership Initiative. These community leadership entities prepare citizens for service on nonprofit boards and public sector commissions by teaching leadership skills, educating participants on key community issues and board governance, and fostering an engaged network of community leaders willing to collaborate for the greater good.

In attendance were alumni of the nine leadership programs as well as students and staff from Colorado College, Pikes Peak State College, and University of Colorado Colorado Springs’s Chancellor’s Leadership Class. They were all invited to network and connect with Colorado Springs nonprofits and city/county/state boards and commissions. In total, 60 participating entities each hosted a table at the event with the goal of connecting these leadership program alumni with meaningful service opportunities in the community.

In the lead-up to the Get on Board! event, CONO and UCCS hosted a community screening of *Join or Die*, a 2023 documentary by Rebecca and Pete Davis about the importance of becoming engaged with the community through clubs, boards, and volunteerism. “Get on Board!” participants were invited to attend this film screening to further inspire their interests in community engagement prior to attending the networking event.

The participating organizations partnered on this event, previously presented by Leadership Pikes Peak, as a collaborative effort to advance the common goals of empowering citizens through education and engagement to strengthen the collective fabric of Colorado Springs. Get on Board! seeks to empower and encourage individuals to take active roles in shaping our community.

Click here to see photos captured at the event: [EGNYTE LINK](#)

To learn more about any of the participating organizations, please follow their respective links below:

- [Adelante Leadership Institute](#)
- [Center for Creative Leadership’s Community Leadership Program](#)

- [Colorado Springs Leadership Institute](#)
- [CONO Neighborhood University](#)
- [El Pomar Foundation's Elevating Leadership Development \(ELD\)](#)
- [Leadership Pikes Peak powered by UCCS](#)
- [Mayor's Civic Leaders Fellowship](#)
- [Women's Community Leadership Initiative](#)
- [Colorado College](#)
- [Pikes Peak State College](#)
- [University of Colorado Colorado Springs \(UCCS\)'s Chancellor's Leadership Class](#)

About Elevating Leadership Development

Launched in 2001, Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) 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. In addition, the Foundation owns and operates three historic properties: 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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