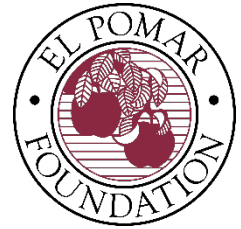


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El Pomar Foundation's Elevating Leadership Development and the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce Host Recruitment Event for Pueblo Leaders

Colorado Springs, Colo. — September 16, 2025 — El Pomar Foundation's Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) and Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce are inviting civically minded leaders from Pueblo to participate in a recruitment event on **Thursday, October 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at Center for American Values (101 S. Main St., Pueblo, CO 81003).

The event's purpose is to introduce interested participants to El Pomar's ELD program and the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Pueblo program. ELD provides personal and professional leadership development training and opportunities for leaders of color in Southern Colorado, as well as networking and engagement. Attendees will hear a presentation from Stella Hodgkins, El Pomar Senior Vice President & ELD Program Officer, about ELD's offerings. Attendees will also hear about Leadership Pueblo, an annual program of the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, whose curriculum allows for networking opportunities and solution-driven discussions about issues facing the Pueblo community. The event will present opportunities for participants to interact with ELD members and Leadership Pueblo alumni, ask questions, and obtain applications to apply to Leadership Pueblo. ELD is a free, ongoing program and provides funding assistance to third-party training programs such as Leadership Pueblo.

The recruiting event is free and open to Pueblo community members, but registration is requested using the following link:

<https://us21.list-manage.com/survey?u=f5f82fc0f6322815f34dbe0f3&id=641fb2b98d&attribution=false>

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

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

<https://pueblochamber.org/leadership-pueblo/>

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.

About Leadership Pueblo

The Leadership Pueblo Program develops future community leaders through networking, issue-based learning, and hands on projects that benefit Pueblo. The program begins each January with a retreat and continues with seven sessions covering topics such as government, education, health, resources, and the arts.

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