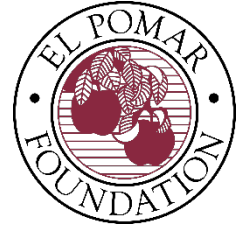


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### **El Pomar's Elevating Leadership Development Program Hosts Business Lunch for Pueblo Business Leaders**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 1, 2024** — El Pomar Foundation's Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program is inviting civically minded business leaders from Pueblo to a lunch event on **July 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center (210 N Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, CO 81003).

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 ELD Program Officer, Stella Hodgkins, about the ways the program supports businesses' ethnically diverse employees by connecting them to leadership development trainings, civic engagement opportunities, and a network of 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 aims to facilitate diverse employees' sense of connection in their community as it plays an important role in fostering employee satisfaction, productivity, and retention.

ELD is specifically inviting CEOs of private sector companies and government agencies with diverse teams who employ more than 25 individuals. Attending CEOs value community stewardship and want to encourage their diverse employees to engage in the community through serving on boards and commissions.

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

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xhj2vwk>

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. 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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