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Leadership Foundation announces inaugural class of Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows

DENVER— For the first time in over a decade, the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation will debut a new program. [Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows](#), supported by the Boettcher Foundation, is designed to help community leaders further develop their leadership skills so they can increase their business and civic impact.

"With Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows, we will equip leaders with the skills they need to move the needle based on the values of Colorado's Civic DNA™—inclusivity, collaboration, shared vision, responsibility and leadership," said Leadership Foundation Executive Director Dan Lewis. "The inaugural class of Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows are leaders who embody the values of Colorado's Civic DNA, and we are thrilled to embark on this journey with them."

This is the first program from the Leadership Foundation that is rooted in skills development. Participants will have access to one-on-one professional coaching, peer feedback and tools that will help them build a personal plan to enhance their leadership.

Meet Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows:

- **Stephanie Bruno**, owner of SBWA, LLC
- **Stefanie Carroll**, senior director of philanthropy and strategic initiatives for Swallow Hill Music
- **Will Chan**, director of economic mobility for the Mayor's Office of the National Western Center & the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative
- **Savinay Chandrasekar**, executive director of Minds Matter of Denver
- **Kyle Chism**, Turner Construction
- **Pip Cousins**, founder of Elevate Momentum
- **Lee Gash-Maxey**, executive director of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce
- **Sarah Glover**, associate executive director of the Boettcher Teacher Residency for Public Education & Business Coalition
- **Jodi Hardin**, co-executive director of The Civic Canopy
- **Sarah Harman**, executive director of University Effectiveness for Metropolitan State University of Denver
- **Kenneth Ho**, senior development manager of Lennar Multifamily Communities
- **Joshua Hunt**, founder and CEO of TRELORA
- **John Karner**, director of strategic initiatives for Denver International Airport
- **Katie Kramer**, president and CEO of Boettcher Foundation
- **Karla Maraccini**, vice president of community investment for Mile High United Way
- **Sonya Marques-Correia**, chief financial officer of Clayton Early Learning
- **K.J. McCorry**, consultant for Officiency, Inc.
- **Kara Penn**, principal and owner of Mission Spark
- **Sean Precious**, instructional superintendent for Denver Public Schools
- **Brenda Roush**, development director of Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute



- **Tony Schwartz**, account executive for Rocky Mountain Public Media
- **Mark Spiecker**, president of Qualmed Pharmacy
- **Bryon Thornburgh**, director of technology for Denver Art Museum
- **Erin Trapp**, executive director of Biennial of the Americas
- **Hollie Velasquez Horvath**, director of community relations for Xcel Energy
- **Laurel Walk**, director of lending for Colorado Lending Source

The first class of Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows kicks off Friday, April 20. Follow their leadership journey with [#COCivicDNA](#).

About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation

An affiliate organization of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation educates and inspires people who want to make a difference as leaders in the community. Building strong, diverse leaders for more than 40 years, the Leadership Foundation provides the knowledge, skills, network and experience to inspire leaders to engage in issues critical to the region's success through a continuum of programs, including Leadership Denver, Impact Denver, Colorado Experience, Leadership Exchange, Access Denver, the Colorado Leadership Alliance and the Leadership Foundation Alumni Network. For more information, please visit denverleadership.org.

About the Boettcher Foundation

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