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**Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler Named 2019 9NEWS Leader of the Year**  
*The Equity Project, HR Shop Founder Recognized for Community Leadership*

DENVER — Today, 9NEWS and the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation jointly announced [Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler](#) as the 2019 9NEWS Leader of the Year. The award was presented in front of 700 guests at Leading Colorado, an annual luncheon benefiting the Leadership Foundation’s Emerging Leaders Scholarship Fund. Hundreds of Leadership Foundation alumni along with B:CIVIC and Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce members cast their votes, selecting Tyler from three impressive finalists.

Tyler founded [The Equity Project](#) and [The HR Shop](#) after running operations and human resources departments for large organizations and seeing the challenges they faced around strategies for diversity, equity and inclusion.

“I’m honored to be named the 2019 9NEWS Leader of the Year,” Tyler said. “Leadership is not about us. Leadership is really what we do in service to other people.”

Tyler works not only with businesses but also with communities grappling with tough topics, from police use of force to community name changes. Tyler is also active in the community, from chairing The Denver Foundation’s board of trustees and sitting on the Bonfils-Stanton board of trustees to engaging in her neighborhood of Five Points.

“We were again inspired by the work all three of our 9NEWS Leader of the Year finalists have undertaken in the community. We are honored to present Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler with this year’s 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award,” said Leadership Foundation Executive Director Dan Lewis. “Nita challenges us all to see the diversity we have and to engage in conversations about inclusion and equity that can play a role in making Colorado better for all.”

The 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award recognizes outstanding leaders who are inspiring the community and leading the way for change. Leadership Foundation program alumni, along with members its partner organizations – the Chamber and B:CIVIC, selected the winner. This year’s finalists included Tyler and:

- [Anthony Aragon](#), director of community engagement for the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative. Aragon has dedicated his time to countless community organizations, particularly in the LGBTQ and Latino communities.



- [Andrew Schmidt](#), founding partner of Core Contractors, Roofing Systems. Schmidt has spent the last two years working to bring The Other Side Academy to Denver. This two-year vocational training school helps people break the cycles of addiction and crime.

“The Colorado spirit is defined by strong leadership. The three finalists for the 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award represent that spirit,” said Mark Cornetta, president and general manager of 9NEWS. “Nita, Anthony, and Andrew, I congratulate you on being a finalist, and, look forward to seeing your continuing work in our community.”

Each of the finalists received \$1,000 from the Leadership Foundation to donate to a nonprofit of their choice, benefitting The Center for Trauma and Resilience, the Mexican Cultural Center and Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute.

#### **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 45 years, the Leadership Foundation provides the knowledge, skills, networks 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’s Civic DNA Fellows, Leadership Exchange, Colorado Experience, Access Denver, the Colorado Leadership Alliance and the Leadership Foundation Alumni Network. For more information, please visit [denverleadershp.org](http://denverleadershp.org).

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