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### **Leadership Foundation's Fall Forum to Feature Four 'Game Changers'**

DENVER—The [Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation](#) has selected four of its alumni—Chris Herndon, Rebecca Holmes, Rick Petersen and Jamie Van Leeuwen—to present on how they “changed the game” in their communities in a series of fast-paced presentations at its annual [Fall Forum](#) on Dec. 4.

The theme of this year's forum is Community Game Changers, focusing on each presenter's journey in creating impact in their community around an issue he or she is passionate about. Topics and presenters include:

- Community impact with District 11 City Councilman **Chris Herndon**, who founded Northeast Denver Leadership Week, which allows students in his district to connect with area leaders and learn about career opportunities.
- Revolution in education with Colorado Department of Education Associate Commissioner of Innovation Choice and Engagement **Rebecca Holmes**.
- Neighborhood development with OZ Architecture Principal **Rick Petersen**, who worked with the Denver Housing Authority to transform the La Alma neighborhood.
- Lessons on leadership from **Jamie Van Leeuwen**, who is deputy chief of staff for Gov. John Hickenlooper and executive director of the Global Livingston Institute.

The Fall Forum is an annual event of the Leadership Foundation, bringing together its alumni and members of the public to discuss community issues. It will be emceed by **Jandel Allen-Davis**, M.D., a former board chair of the Leadership Foundation, a TEDxMile High presenter and vice president of Government and External Relations for Kaiser Permanente Colorado. All of the presenters are alumni of [Leadership Denver](#), the Leadership Foundation's flagship program, which brings together a diverse group of leaders to learn about challenges facing the Denver metro area and expand their commitment to civic responsibility and is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2014.

The event will be hosted from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, with a reception to follow, at [Embassy Suites](#). For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

***About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation***

An affiliate organization of the [Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce](#), the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation provides content, context and access to inspire leaders to engage in issues critical to the region's success. The Leadership Foundation encourages community and civic trusteeship through a continuum of leadership programs including Leadership Denver, Access Denver, the Leadership Exchange, Impact Denver, Colorado Experience, the Leadership Alumni Network and the Colorado Leadership Alliance. For more information, visit [denverleadership.org](#).

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