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Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation announces 2017-18 board of directors

DENVER— The [Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation](#) announced the appointment of 10 new members and officers to its board of directors.

The following community leaders will join [36 directors](#) in service to the board in September:

- **Akasha Absher**, Chief Consulting Officer of Syntrinsic Investment Counsel
- **Rich Benenson**, Shareholder of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
- **Denise Burgess**, President and CEO of Burgess Services
- **Savinay Chandrasekhar**, Executive Director of Minds Matter of Denver
- **Jennifer Hallam**, Senior Operations Manager of BKD, LLP
- **Diane Reinhard**, Vice President of Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer of Craig Hospital
- **Jason Romero**, Vice President, Wells Fargo Private Bank of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- **Andrew Schmidt**, Partner of Core Contractors
- **Tyler Smith**, Area Manager - Community and Local Government Affairs of Xcel Energy
- **Colin Wheeler**, Senior Director of Global External Communications for Molson Coors Brewing Company

“These 10 exceptional leaders are a great representation of [Colorado's Civic DNA™](#): inclusivity, collaboration, shared vision, leadership and responsibility. They are leaders who are inspired to get involved in their communities and we are grateful to have them be a part of our board,” said Dan Lewis, executive director of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation.

The board of directors also approved the following officers to begin their term in September 2017:

- **Chair: Tara Dunn**, President of HighMark Law, LLC
- **Chair-Elect: Ruth Rohs**, Vice President of Corporate Communications of the IMA Financial Group, Inc. and Executive Director of the IMA Foundation
- **Past Chair: Darren Markley**, Market Leader, U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management
- **Secretary: Lorii Rabinowitz**, Executive Director of the Denver Center for Arts and Technology
- **Treasurer: Laura English**, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Kaiser Permanente Colorado Region

After many years of service to the board of directors, the following members will end their terms in September:

- **Justin Ball**, President of Bespoke Event Group
- **Katie Kramer**, CEO of the Boettcher Foundation
- **Ramonna Robinson**, President of GroundFloor Media/CenterTable
- **Maja Rosenquist**, Vice President and General Manager of Mortenson Construction
- **Jamie Van Leeuwen**, Senior Policy Advisor/Director of Community Partnerships to Gov. John Hickenlooper, State of Colorado

“We are grateful to our outgoing board members who have offered years of service to the Leadership Foundation,” Lewis said.



Note to editors: Headshots available upon request.

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, 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 Experience, Leadership Exchange, Access Denver, the Colorado Leadership Alliance and the Leadership Foundation Alumni Network. For more information, please visit denverleadership.org.

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