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Elected Officials Receive Leadership Training Awards

July 7, 2017- Denver, CO - During the recent 95th Annual Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference, CML recognized municipal elected officials statewide who reached milestone levels its MUNiversity program – a leadership program for Colorado’s municipal elected officials. This program was started in January 1991 by the League’s Executive Board to recognize the efforts of officials who go the extra mile to increase their knowledge of municipal government and their capacity to lead.

To reach the Fundamental level of the program, officials must complete 30 training credits. Officials who reached this level were:

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| Brighton: | Dick McLean, Mayor |
| Brush: | Jeanine Anderson, Council Member |
| Centennial: | Ken Lucas, Council Member |
| Colorado Springs: | Jill Gaebler, Council President Pro Tem <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Colorado Springs: | John Suthers, Mayor <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Commerce City: | Rene Bullock, Mayor Pro Tem |
| Craig: | John Ponikvar, Mayor |
| Cripple Creek: | Steve Zoellner, Council Member |
| Cripple Creek: | Bruce Brown, Mayor |
| Edgewater: | Kristian Teegardin, Mayor |
| Englewood: | Linda Olson, Council Member |
| Firestone: | Samantha Meiring, Trustee |
| Fort Collins: | Gerry Horak, Mayor Pro Tem |
| Fort Collins: | Wade Troxell, Mayor |
| Fountain: | Gregory Lauer, Council Member <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Fowler: | Chuck Hitchcock, Mayor |
| Fowler: | Randy McKown, Trustee <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Frederick: | Laura Brown, Mayor Pro Tem <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Garden City: | Filbert Archuleta, Trustee |
| Garden City: | Lonelle Archuleta, Mayor |
| Gilcrest: | Jeff Nelson, Mayor <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Greenwood Village: | Thomas Bishop, Council Member <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Greenwood Village: | Ron Rakowsky, Mayor |
| Greeley: | Tom Norton, Mayor |
| La Jara: | Larry Zaragoza, Mayor |
| La Junta: | Frank McKenzie, Council Member <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Lakewood: | Adam Paul, Mayor |
| Lakewood: | Shakti, Council Member <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Lochbuie: | David Ott, Trustee |
| Lochbuie: | Larry Strock, Trustee |
| Longmont: | Pauline Christensen, Council Member |
| Longmont: | Bonnie Finley, Council Member |
| Longmont: | Jeff Moore, Council Member <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Loveland: | Joan Shaffer, Council Member <i>(reached level but was not at conference)</i> |
| Loveland: | Cecil Gutierrez, Mayor |
| Manitou Springs: | Nicole Nicoletta, Mayor |
| Montrose: | Rex Swanson, City Councilor |

Ouray: Bette Maurer, Council Member
 Palisade: David Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
 Parker: Amy Holland, Council Member
 Pueblo: Larry Atencio, Council Member
 Salida: Eileen Rogers, Council Member *(reached level but was not at conference)*
 Sheridan: Ernie Camacho, Council Member
 Steamboat Springs: Kathi Meyer, Council Member
 Sterling: Dan Torres, Jr., Mayor
 Superior: Clint Folsom, Mayor *(reached level but was not at conference)*
 Telluride: Todd Brown, Council Member
 Thornton: Val Vigil, Council Member
 Thornton: Heidi Williams, Mayor
 Windsor: Kristie Melendez, Mayor

The Leadership level is achieved when officials reach a total of 60 hours of training. Receiving this award was:

Boulder: Matthew Appelbaum, Council Member
 Broomfield: Bette Erickson, Council Member
 Commerce City: Steve Douglas, Council Member
 Delta: Ed Sisson, Mayor
 Firestone: George Heath, Trustee
 Frisco: Gary Wilkinson, Mayor
 Grand Lake: Jim Peterson, Mayor
 Littleton: Bruce Beckman, Mayor
 Littleton: Phil Cernanec, Council Member
 Lone Tree: Jacqueline Millet, Mayor
 Mead: Colleen Whitlow, Trustee
 Montrose: Judy Ann Files, Mayor
 Northglenn: Kim Snetzinger, Council Member
 Wray: Ronald Akey, Mayor

To reach the Graduate level of the program, officials must complete 100 credit hours. This elite level was reached by:

Alamosa: Charles Griego, Council Member
 Golden: Saoirse Charis-Graves, Council Member *(reached level but was not at conference)*
 Lone Tree: Susan Squyer, Mayor Pro Tem
 Mead: Debra Brodhead, Trustee *(reached level but was not at conference)*

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