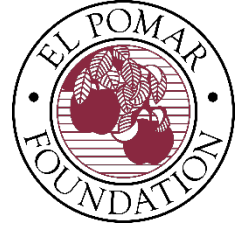


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El Pomar Foundation welcomes new Vice President of Leadership & Fellowship Program Officer

Colorado Springs, CO – June 7, 2024 – El Pomar Foundation is pleased to welcome Heather Kelley as Vice President of Leadership & Fellowship Program Officer. Effective June 3, 2024, Ms. Kelley is responsible for managing a portfolio of El Pomar’s leadership development programs, including the 33-year-old flagship Fellowship program, Internship, and Penrose Organizational and Professional Leadership Experience (PeOPLE) program. Additionally, she will provide strategic oversight and support for the Foundation’s professional development and organizational leadership needs and initiatives and serve as a regional staff member in the Regional Partnerships program.



“I look forward to this unique opportunity helping guide and shape leadership with the Fellows as early career professionals and with other leaders across Colorado,” Kelley said. “I’m excited to promote and foster leadership practices that improve the well-being of all Coloradans.”

Mrs. Kelley comes to El Pomar from Colorado College where she provided mentorship, coaching, and career consulting to graduates and alumni as well as strategic and operational leadership for the Career Center staff and interns, and oversight of a robust employer relations program. Prior to this, she lived in Eagle, Colorado leading a career exploration program for Eagle County Schools. Mrs. Kelley attended Colorado State University for her Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies and is currently attending University of Colorado Boulder for a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, and is a Certified Professional Coach.

“We are proud to welcome Heather to El Pomar and look forward to benefitting from her expertise and insight,” said El Pomar President & CEO, Kyle Hybl.

Heather Kelley will succeed Joan Shields, Senior Vice President & Fellowship Program Officer since June 2020, who has retired from the Foundation to resume her independent consulting practice.

About El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar +contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services, as well as community engagement and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations. In addition, the Foundation owns and operates three historic properties: Penrose Heritage Museum, Penrose House Conference Center, and Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.

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