

MILTON E. PROBY
CULTURAL HERITAGE ROOM
CIVIC LEADER NOMINATION APPLICATION

The Milton E. Proby (MEP) Cultural Heritage Room is dedicated to preserving and documenting the contributions of African- American, Asian Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino and Native American individuals from Southern Colorado. It is a place to honor leaders of color whose lives have embodied the ideals of civic involvement and leadership. Reverend Dr. Proby was one of the first civil rights leaders to have profound influence in the campaign for equality in southern Colorado. He made significant contributions within this community and the Trustees of El Pomar Foundation honor his legacy through the establishment of the Cultural Heritage Room.

In the years to come, the contributions of additional leaders of color will be memorialized here through the leadership of the El Pomar Elevating Leadership Development program.

The El Pomar Elevating Leadership Development program began in 2001 to help develop the wealth of diverse leadership potential within southern Colorado. The program identifies and encourages current and emerging leaders of color to embrace broad-based community involvement, civic engagement and service on boards and commissions.

For more information about El Pomar Foundation or the Elevating Leadership Development program visit:
www.elpomar.org/programs/elevating-leadership-development/

Mission:

To preserve and document the civic contributions of leaders of color in Southern Colorado.

Goal:

Advance cross-cultural understanding and inform the broader community about the ethnic experience in Southern Colorado through exhibits, events and publication.

Objective:

Two-dimensional exhibit at Penrose House displayed in the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room.

Milton E. Proby Room Selection Criteria

1. Person nominated must be deceased and a photo must be available.
2. Must have lived in Southeastern Colorado and made a civic impact in the designated area between 1876 (when Colorado was founded) to present. Southeastern Colorado is currently defined from the northern border of El Paso/Teller County to the southern Colorado State border; from the western border of Walsenburg to the eastern State border.

Past Inductees:

September 16, 2006

Sen. Casimiro Barela
(Hispanic American Inductee)

November 3, 2007

Lucian Amos "Sac" Jamison
(Native American Inductee)

March 15, 2008

Andy Chun Song
(Asian Pacific Islander Inductee)

February 20, 2009

Fannie Mae Duncan
(African American Inductee)

September 24, 2010

Eva Raigoza Baca
(Hispanic American Inductee)

November 14, 2011

Katharine Joyce Carpenter
(Native American Inductee)

September 5, 2012

Dr. Duane Takaki
(Asian Pacific Islander Inductee)

September 27, 2013

James Ford Poole
(African American Inductee)

August 27, 2014

Thomas H. Martinez
(Hispanic American Inductee)

August 26, 2015

Ernest House Sr.
(Native American Inductee)

August 25, 2016

George Nakayama
(Asian Pacific Islander Inductee)

August 23, 2017

Pastor Emeritus James H. McMearn
(African American Inductee)

August 15, 2018

Petra Antonia Gonzalez de McCulley
(Hispanic American Inductee)

August 21, 2019

Laura Mae (Coyhis) Hom
(Native American Inductee)

August 20, 2021

Dennis Apuan
(Asian Pacific Islander Inductee)

August 19, 2022

Dr. Kenneth Stephen Burnley (African American Inductee)

August 3, 2023

Ray A. Aguilera
(Hispanic/Latino Inductee)

August 16, 2024

Gene A. Keluche
(Native American Inductee)

4. Contributions must be civic based not to exclude major monetary gifts.
5. All nominations and research will be provided on a voluntary basis.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The application process is on-going.

Throughout the year(s) there will be a selection process for Asian Pacific Islander, African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American civic leaders.

The nomination application should include specific documentation and examples of why the individual is being nominated. Some examples of documentation include newspaper articles, books, websites, newsletters, or letters from people who can speak of their accomplishments. The Selection Committee votes on completed applications, based on the nominees' accomplishments and contributions. The nomination application should include the following:

1. Geographic Area or Civic Involvement
 - Local/Regional/State
2. Civic Engagement
 - Area(s) of Expertise
 - Professional Community Involvement
 - Experience with Local Community Involvement
 - Success in Unifying People across Cultural Boundaries
 - Experience/Involvement with Local/ State Elected Officials
3. Leadership
 - Embodies the Spirit and Ideas of Community Stewardship
 - Demonstrated Leadership Ability
 - Mentorship That Made a Difference in the Community
 - Coordinated/Influenced Project(s) that Impacted the Broader Community
 - Political Influence

The Milton E. Proby Room Selection Committee

The Milton E. Proby Room Selection Committee includes El Pomar Elevating Leadership Development Director, ELD Program Coordinator, ELD Advisory Council Co-Chairs, and selected representatives from community based organizations.

El Pomar Foundation hosts ceremony to recognize the honoree.

The El Pomar Foundation Elevating Leadership Development program (ELD) will host an induction ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of the honoree whose life embodied the ideals of civic involvement and leadership in Southern Colorado. The ceremony will be held at Penrose House in Colorado Springs.

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August 2025	Induction of Asian Pacific Islander civic leader
August 2026	Induction of African American civic leader



Elevating Leadership Development

A Program of El Pomar Foundation

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(Please type, save to your computer, then email to eldprogram@elpomar.org)

NAME: _____

Ethnicity: ___African American ___Asian Pac Islander ___Hispanic/Latino ___ Native American

If Native American, was the candidate registered with a tribe? YES_____ NO_____ Unknown_____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Location of Contribution(s): _____

Contribution(s):

(Use may use a separate page for more space. Also please forward articles / supporting information via email).

Available Photo? ___Yes ___No *(Required)*

Do you know of any living relatives? ___Yes ___No ___Will Research To Find Out

Relatives Information

Name(s): _____

Contact Information: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

Organization: _____

Phone (1): _____ Phone (2): _____

Email: _____

**Why do you feel this person should be selected for display on the Milton E. Proby Room
“Wall of Fame”?**

Additional Information:

For more information on the Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room, contact the ELD Program Coordinator at eldprogram@elpomar.org or 719-577-7017.

Please return all forms via mail or email to the ELD Program Coordinator at eldprogram@elpomar.org:

ELD Program Coordinator
El Pomar Foundation
10 Lake Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

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For more information regarding the Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program

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