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Community Foundation and Boulder Chamber Announce 2020-21 Leadership Fellows

Boulder County (October 28, 2020) – The 2020-2021 class of Leadership Fellows Boulder County – a joint initiative of Community Foundation Boulder County and the Boulder Chamber – is underway, engaging 35 participants from across sectors in robust dialogue on Boulder County’s economic, civic, and cultural drivers.

“Leadership Fellows embodies our equity vision by anticipating and responding to increasing cultural diversity in our community,” says Tatiana Hernandez, CEO of the Community Foundation. “Local demographics are shifting, and the Leadership Fellows program reflects that.”

Indeed, the 11-month program strives to change the face of Boulder County leadership to be more reflective of its population by acquainting new and emerging leaders with critical issues facing residents along with the recognized leaders involved in solutions. Topics will include inclusive and transformational leadership, immigration, education, health, criminal justice, local government, the arts, and more. With an eye toward the crisis many are facing due to the pandemic, the sessions, held virtually, will also be presented through the lens of economic recovery, leading in a crisis, and health equity.

Adds John Tayer, President and CEO of the Boulder Chamber: “Leadership Fellows discussions explore a range of timely issues and provide each Fellows calls the opportunity to engage with Boulder County’s leaders, across sectors and industries. Through our partnership with the Community Foundation, Boulder County and other supporters, the Boulder Chamber is proud to help foster the next generation of our community’s emerging leadership.”

The current class of Fellows comprises a diversity of backgrounds, professional experiences, and affiliations:

Alaina Beaulaurier, Mental Health Partners
Nikole Black, Emergency Family Assistance Participant Advisory Council
Samantha Black, TRU Community Care
Amy Bowinski, Out Boulder County and Grubhub
Sarah Braverman, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA)
Graduates of the program commit to taking on formal leadership roles within six months of completing the program. Indeed, since Leadership Fellows Boulder County launched in 2009, surveys have shown that 80% of Leadership Fellows have joined a nonprofit board, commission, or campaign; 55% have assumed a new or additional leadership role in our community; 90% reported a better understanding of what it means to be an inclusive leader; and nearly all Leadership Fellows reported a deeper perspective on critical issues, countywide.

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