

**MILTON E. PROBY  
CULTURAL HERITAGE ROOM  
CIVIC LEADER NOMINATION APPLICATION**

**Native American nominations due 2/28/24**

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/](http://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)

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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<b>Friday, August 23, 2024</b>	Induction of Native American civic leader
<b>TBD</b>	Induction of Asian Pacific Islander 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](mailto:eldprogram@elpomar.org))*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity:**  African American  Asian Pac Islander  Hispanic/Latino  Native American

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 Ayana Garcia, ELD Program Coordinator at [eldprogram@elpomar.org](mailto:eldprogram@elpomar.org) or 719-577-7017.**

**Please return all forms via mail or email to Ayana Garcia, [eldprogram@elpomar.org](mailto:eldprogram@elpomar.org):**

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

**[www.elpomar.org/programs/elevating-leadership-development/](http://www.elpomar.org/programs/elevating-leadership-development/)**