Excellence in Leadership Alumni [1]

Each November, Excellence in Leadership Program alumni reunite for the Excellence in Leadership Luncheon and Lecture.

Hosted by the Office of the President, the event recognizes an ELP alumnus who has shown exemplary leadership at the University of Colorado. The luncheon provides alumni an opportunity to reestablish connections, attend a leadership lecture, and congratulate this year’s award recipient.

Nominate a CU leader for the ELP Award

Each year, the Excellence in Leadership Award honors an Excellence in Leadership Program graduate who has shown exemplary leadership at the University of Colorado.

Nominees should demonstrate, in one or more areas, the following attributes:

- Leadership of organizations, departments or teams
- Leadership of projects, programs and/or research
- Fiscal management and/or fundraising
- Student instruction

Coming Soon

Past award recipients

2021 Winner
Sharon Matusik
University of Colorado Boulder

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [2]
- CU Connections spotlight [3]

2019 Winners
Regina Kilkenny
University of Colorado Denver

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [4]
- CU Connections spotlight [5]

Kelly Fox
University of Colorado Boulder

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2018 Winner

Megan Bell
University of Colorado Colorado Springs

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- CU Connections spotlight [7]

2017 Winners

Brenda J. Allen
University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus

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Penina Axelrad  
University of Colorado Boulder  

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- CU Connections spotlight [10]  

2016 Winner  

Sandy Hicks  
University of Colorado System Administration
• CU Connections award presentation coverage [11]
• CU Connections spotlight [12]

2015 Winner
Thomas Christensen
University of Colorado Colorado Springs

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2014 Winner

![Patricia Rankin](image_url)

**Patricia Rankin**  
University of Colorado Boulder

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2013 Winner

![Diane Sieber](image_url)

**Diane Sieber**
2012 Winner

Steve Zweck-Bronner
University of Colorado System Administration

2011 Winner
Garrison Roots  
University of Colorado Boulder

- View the presentation (PDF) of site-specific art created by Professor Roots.
- Professor Roots passed away in December 2011, shortly after receiving the award.

2010 Winner
Laura M. Argys
University of Colorado Denver

- CU Connections spotlight [22]

2009 Winner
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James S. Voss, University of Colorado Boulder scholar in residence and Roubos chair

Leadership in Challenging Environments

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