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

Nominate an ELP alumnus [2]

2019 event details

The 2019 Excellence in Leadership Luncheon and Lecture will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 22, 2019 at the Brown Palace Hotel, Ballroom A.

An invitation will be emailed to guests. Please RVSP by Nov. 8, 2019.

Past award recipients

2018 Winner
Megan Bell  
University of Colorado Colorado Springs  

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [3]  
- CU Connections spotlight [4]

2017 Winners

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

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [5]  
- CU Connections spotlight [6]
Penina Axelrad
University of Colorado Boulder

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [5]
- CU Connections spotlight [7]

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2016 Winner

Sandy Hicks
University of Colorado System Administration

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [8]
- CU Connections spotlight [9]
Thomas Christensen
University of Colorado Colorado Springs

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [10]
- CU Connections spotlight [11]

2014 Winner

Patricia Rankin
University of Colorado Boulder

- CU Connections award presentation coverage [12]
- CU Connections spotlight [13]

2013 Winner
Diane Sieber  
University of Colorado Boulder  
- CU Connections award presentation coverage [14]

2012 Winner

Steve Zweck-Bronner  
University of Colorado System Administration  
- CU Connections award presentation coverage [15]  
- CU Connections spotlight [16]

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.
Laura M. Argys
University of Colorado Denver

- CU Connections spotlight [19]

2009 Winner
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