



Thursday Thoughts

Congratulations to Our Youth Award Winners!

National Philanthropy Day Colorado is excited to announce our Youth award winners, sponsored by the Daniels Fund. Each winner receives a \$3,000 award in recognition of their efforts to improve their community.

2020 Outstanding Youth – Melanie Zhou



Melanie is an amazing philanthropic youth who has focused her efforts on improving mental health in our state. In fact, she founded a nonprofit -- Oasis - - and has successfully raised millions of dollars through increasing a mill bond levy in Douglas County and fundraising and speaking events. She has served on the board for YouthRoots, she's a Junior Achievement Ambassador, and she is a Youth Commissioner for Serve Colorado. Melanie was nominated by Lauren Czajka with YouthRoots.

2020 Outstanding Youth Group – Smoky Hill High School Student Government

This Aurora high school youth group has raised money for ten years for Make-a-Wish Colorado.

Over that time period, they have raised more than \$245,000, granting wishes to 32 Colorado children. This group hasn't just raised money, they have built a tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism into the fabric of the school community and developed leaders. They fundraise all year long and involve the whole community in their efforts. Smoky Hill High School Student Government was nominated by Hannah Burrin at Make-a-Wish Colorado.



The submission window is still open for general honorees. **To submit one or more honorees today, please [click here](#).**

Tune into our virtual National Philanthropy Day on Friday, November 13th to meet our youth winners and hear about the 2020 honorees!

Job Postings

Check out current job opportunities in fundraising

[See all job postings >>](#)

Seeking AFP Board Nominations



Board service is an excellent way to grow your network and build your career in a meaningful way – developing relationships with the best professionals in philanthropy. It is also a great way to give back to the profession which supports our community. **Nominate yourself, your**

favorite fundraising peer or mentor to serve on the AFP Board of Directors today! It is easy to nominate, just complete this form and send with a resume by September 15th.

“It is a real honor to serve as an AFP Colorado Chapter board member. This is a hard-working, dedicated group of professionals who really care about supporting fundraisers in their important work. It’s been one of the best board experiences I’ve had in my career.” - Ann Goldman, RMPI 2020 Chair.

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Member Moment: Board Membership, RMPI Leadership and Development Director

Madeleine Binsfrahm, Director of Development for The Women’s Bakery and AFP Board Member is also leading the way in planning and implementation for RMPI. We asked Madeleine about her inspiration for joining AFP and taking on the role of RMPI Co-Chair:

"One of the many benefits of being an AFP member is that you have unique opportunities to connect with other fundraisers in a deep and meaningful way. This year, I am co-chairing RMPI with Ann Goldman which has been an absolute honor. I have gotten to know Ann both personally & professionally and I deeply respect the work that she's doing. Through co-chairing, we've been able to lead a volunteer committee to develop an incredible conference that elevates the fundraising profession in Colorado. My AFP membership has allowed me to step into a role that provides both leadership and learning opportunities."



Learn more about Madeleine and the amazing work she does with The Women's Bakery at [AFP Member Stories](#).

[Join](#) AFP or [renew](#) your membership today!

Don't Miss The Virtual Brown Bag Next Week!

Membership, Donor Circles, and Alumni Retention and Engagement in a COVID Environment

Join us for a panel discussion with moderator **Gayle Pottle**, Interim President at Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare Foundation; **Ashley Alexander**, Director of Membership at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science; **Erin Dietrich**, Director of Alumni Engagement at the University of Denver; and **Krissy Vaio**, Development Officer & Events Manager at The Women's Foundation of Colorado, on engaging and retaining these constituent groups in today's environment. Then take the discussion even further in short breakout sessions with your colleagues.

Tuesday, August 25th
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

REGISTER TODAY

Member Spotlight

KUDOS! Celebrating the accomplishments of our members.



Black Resilience in Colorado

The Denver Foundation

Kudos to **The Denver Foundation** on launching the **Black Resilience in Colorado (BRIC) Fund**, with over \$625,000 in support in just the first 7 weeks! The BRIC Fund will direct resources to address systemic racism and its impact on black communities across the seven-county Metro Denver region. The goal of this fund is to distribute up to \$1M in the first year to nonprofit organizations led by and serving Black communities to support critical work and address funding disparities between white led and Black led organizations. Thank you for being a leader in addressing systemic racism in the nonprofit community!

To learn more, visit [The Denver Foundation](#).

If you would like to submit a Kudos! for an organization or fundraiser doing great work in diversity, equity and inclusion, please email info@afpcc.org.

Upcoming AFP Events

September 4th

NPD Honoree Submissions due
[Nominate Here!](#)

September 11th

RMPI!
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September 15th

AFP Board Nominations Due
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