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Elected officials receive leadership training awards

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DENVER, Colo. – Friday, June 30, 2023 – During the Colorado Municipal League’s (CML) recent 101st Annual Conference, CML recognized municipal elected officials statewide who reached milestone levels in its MUNiversity program – a leadership program for Colorado’s municipal elected officials.

CML’s Executive Board started this program in January 1991 to recognize the efforts of officials who go the extra mile to increase their knowledge of municipal government and their capacity to lead.

To reach the **Graduate** level of the program, officials must complete 100 credit hours. Officials who reached this elite level were:

- Alamosa Mayor Tyron “Ty” Coleman
- Alamosa Councilmember Liz Hensley
- Arvada Mayor Marc Williams
- Brighton Mayor Gregory Mills
- Gunnison Councilmember James Gelwicks
- La Junta Councilmember Edward Vela
- Lakewood Mayor Adam Paul
- Mancos Mayor Ellen Queenie Barz
- Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum
- Ridgway Mayor John Clark
- Windsor Mayor Paul Rennemeyer

To reach the **Leadership** level of the program, officials must complete 60 credit hours. Officials who achieved this goal were:

- Berthoud Mayor William Karspek
- Cañon City Mayor Ashley Smith

- Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko
- Centennial Councilmember Tammy Maurer
- Centennial Councilmember Don S. Sheehan
- Del Norte Mayor Pro Tem Bob Muncy
- Durango Mayor Melissa Youssef
- Eaton Mayor Pro Tem Liz Heid
- Fountain Mayor Sharon Thompson
- Fraser Trustee Katie Soles
- Fruita Councilmember Ken Kreie
- Glendale Councilmember Storm Gloor
- Glenwood Springs Councilmember Shelley Kaup
- Granby Mayor Josh Hardy
- Greeley Councilmember Dale Hall
- Lone Tree Councilmember Cathie Frazzini
- Parker Councilmember John Diak
- Pierce Mayor Pro Tem M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris
- Thornton Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Sandgren
- Trinidad Mayor Phil Rico
- Windsor Board Member Ken Bennett

Additionally, 49 elected officials from across the state achieved the **Fundamental** level of the program, for completing 30 credit hours. Visit cml.org to view a list of all award recipients at the 101st CML Annual Conference.

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