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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Elected officials receive leadership training awards

**July 11, 2019 – Denver, CO** - During the recent 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference, CML recognized municipal elected officials statewide who reached milestone levels in its MUNiversity program – a leadership program for Colorado’s municipal elected officials. This program was started in January 1991 by the League’s Executive Board 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 Leadership level of the program, officials must complete 60 credit hours. Officials who reached this level were:**

- Centennial: Ron Weidmann, Mayor
- Commerce City: Ricky Teter, Mayor Pro Tem
- Craig: John Ponikvar, former Mayor
- Cripple Creek: Bruce Brown, Mayor
- Firestone: Samantha Meiring, Trustee
- Fort Collins: Wade Troxell, Mayor
- Greenwood Village: Ron Rakowsky, Mayor
- Julesburg: Donna Wall, Trustee
- La Jara: Larry Zaragoza, Mayor
- Lakewood: Adam Paul, Mayor
- Lochbuie: Larry Strock, Trustee
- Longmont: Pauline Christensen, Mayor Pro Tem
- Ouray: Bette Maurer, Council Member
- Steamboat Springs: Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem
- Sterling: Dan Torres, Jr., Mayor
- Telluride: Todd Brown, Mayor Pro Tem
- Thornton: Heidi Williams, Mayor

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

- Firestone: George Heath, Trustee
- Fort Morgan: Lisa Northrup, Mayor Pro Tem
- Fraser: Eileen Waldow, Mayor Pro Tem
- Lakewood: Ramey Johnson, Council Member
- Lochbuie: David E. Ott, Mayor Pro Tem
- Mead: Colleen G. Whitlow, Mayor

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