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JULY/AUG 2015 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Meetings are held at the Chamber office, 14305 E. Alameda Ave., Suite 300 - unless otherwise noted (see calendar for details and additional meetings)

JULY

NOTE: There will be no July meetings for:

- Business for the Arts
- Transportation
- Government Affairs
- Young Professionals
- Health Series
- Defense Council
- Women in Business

The meetings will resume in August.

Chamber office closed

July 3

ChamberMaster Training

July 8 | 12 pm

Business After Hours

Boots Not Suits
July 23 | 5-7 pm
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Member Orientation

July 27 | 12 pm

AUGUST

Business for the Arts

August 4 | 8 am

Transportation

August 5 | 7:30 am

Government Affairs

August 6 | 7:30 am

Young Professionals

July 7 | 12 pm

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Job creators gather at The Chamber

With the purpose of strengthening our local economy, Sen. Cory Gardner and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce pulled together a forum of Chamber member businesses on Friday, June 19. Sen. Gardner and his senior leadership team visited with more than 25 business leaders at The Chamber offices, discussing topics including highways and transit, the VA, the Affordable Care Act, regulation reforms, energy growth, research and development for healthcare, and the Trade Promotion Authority.

"Dramatically increasing Colorado jobs is one the best opportunities we have to spur growth and reassess American Leadership," says Chamber President and CEO Kevin Hougen.

"Keeping in touch with the small business owners who are responsible for so much of our economic growth is critically important. I'm glad I was able to meet with members of the The Chamber, and I look forward to continuing communication with them as the



Business leaders gather at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce on June 19 for a forum with Senator Cory Gardner.

Senate considers legislation affecting Colorado entrepreneurs."

The diverse business community was well represented at the event by individuals from **Advanced Circuits, Aurora Economic Development Council, Boeing, Centennial Container, Children's Hospital Colorado, ConocoPhillips, Falck Rocky Mountain, FirstBank, Forsberg Engerman Company, GEO Group, Good Chemistry, Hurricane Grill and Wings, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital, Wagner Equipment Co, and Wells Fargo Bank - Business Banking.** ■

Past, present, and future Chamber leadership creates economic prosperity



(Photo taken at the April 15, 2015 inaugural meeting of the Chamber's Chairman's Circle.)

Creating jobs and wealth, and expanding healthcare: these are just some of the priorities for The Chamber, and The Chamber Chair of the Board of Directors.

Pictured, (left to right) are Chamber Chair Jason Altshuler, Director of Operations at **Westerra Credit Union**; Chair-elect Ryan Simpson, Chief Operating Officer for **The Medical Center of Aurora, HealthONE**; and Immediate Past-chair David Patterson, President of **Falck Rocky Mountain**. Through their organizations, these leaders represent jobs in healthcare and the financial industry, as well as creating and contributing to economic prosperity in the community.

The Chair is the chief elected officer of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and presides at general membership meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings. ■



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**Jason
Altshuler**
Chair

Chair'sLetter

It's all about the Relationships

leadership over the past three years, which has continued to enhance The Chamber as a progressive, vibrant organization in our community. I've had the privilege to work with these fine gentlemen (as treasurer and chair-elect) for the last couple of years, and I have learned a lot from them. I feel honored and humbled as I follow in their footsteps, and will do my best to represent The Chamber well.

Over the 114 years The Aurora Chamber of Commerce has been in existence, we have had many great leaders. When you get the chance, take 15 minutes to walk down the Chamber hallway... you can see the former Board Chair letters and pictures displayed. It is quite spectacular to see all the talented folks who have volunteered and stepped up to the challenge. When you see one of these fine ladies or gentlemen, please thank them for taking on this role and be sure to thank their business (for supporting them) as they volunteered their time to help The Chamber. Aurora has an extremely successful

Chamber because of the cohesive working relationship between our great Board of Directors (listed below) and our world-class Chamber staff (also listed below). We are so fortunate to have such a knowledgeable Chamber President, Kevin Hougen, along with his wonderful staff. I'm constantly amazed at how they know practically everyone. I feel like if I stand next to them, maybe their awesomeness will wear off on me... and I too can know more about Aurora, its wonderful businesses, and its great and diverse people.

As I mentioned in the title of this column, it's all about the relationships... Want to have a thriving and successful business? Well, you're going to need to know some great people! I know, you say "Jason, where am I going to meet a lot of great people who can help me with my business and connect me with my community?" (I'm so glad you asked that question.) The Aurora Chamber, of course!

Attend a business before or business after hours event, a tips and leads group, or perhaps make a new friend or business connection at a ribbon cutting. Get to know one of the Chamber ambassadors, or a Board member. Talk with one of the Chamber staff and prepare to be amazed by their

knowledge and connections. Remember, it is all about the relationships, and as a member of the Chamber - you, and your employees, have access to this "social network." Sure, you're busy - as we all are. Schedule some time in your day, reward yourself with some new friendships/business contacts, and connect with your community. After all, they're the ones who patronize your business, so be sure to thank them and patronize theirs.

Social media and technology may change the way we do business and interact, but it is never a replacement for a true business relationship. We need that handshake, eye contact, verbal and language cues... otherwise, the context is sometimes lost.

Fellow (and future) Aurora Chamber members: I hope to see you at a Chamber event in the near future, as we strengthen our relationships with our community, businesses, and each other. I want to wish all of you (and your businesses) a very happy, prosperous, and successful 2015-2016.

Jason Altshuler
Board Chair 2015-2016

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THE CHAMBER'S MISSION

The mission of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to give a voice to the business community and serve as an advocate for its members, creating a positive business environment that encourages their growth and long-term economic vitality.

DON'T FORGET: "Every employee of a Chamber member is a member of The Chamber"

Please route this issue to your sales reps, account managers, marketing directors, HR and PR departments. You can also access each month's newsletter online at our website, www.aurorachamber.org, so you can forward it to every employee in your company!

AFRL Honors 13 for 2014-15

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce's Defense Council held its 39th Annual Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon on May 8, to honor the military serving in the Metro area. For the third year, **Colorado Technical University** sponsored the event honoring twelve military members representing each of the branches of service and their Reserve and Guard components, and one civilian from the community. Also, for the first time, a military member from our commonwealth partners was honored. Other major event sponsors were **Wells Fargo** and **Northrop Grumman** as well as 44 other companies, organizations, and individuals supporting the military.

This year's key note speaker, was Major General David Buck, Vice Commander for Air Force Space Command. The Master of Ceremonies for the 10th year running, was **KEZW Radio** personality Rick Crandall, an Air Force veteran and founder and president of the **Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation**.

The twelve military honorees came from every major unit at **Buckley Air Force Base** as well as surrounding units from the Reserve and Guard components. They were selected from more than 40 nominees by a special panel of The Chamber Defense Council.

The luncheon, attended by nearly 600 military and their supporters was held at the **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Denver** and organized by the incoming Defense Council Chair, Suzanne Pitrusu with **Community Banks of Colorado**.



AFRL Awardees - (Left to right) Commonwealth Partners - Sergeant Dan Hickey (Australia), 2nd Space Warning Squadron, 460th Space Wing; Navy Reserve - AG1 Lacilee Dickson, Operational Support Unit 1920, Navy Operational Support Center; Air Force Active Duty - Technical Sergeant Daneilo Segovia-Spehar, Space Operations Wing, Aerospace Data Facility; Air Force Reserve - Senior Airman Rachel Smith, Air Reserve Personnel Center; Coast Guard - Petty Officer Brett Lee, Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit - Aerospace Data Facility Colorado; Bob Cardenas Award - Tom Lyon (FIND TITLE); Army Active Duty - Staff Sergeant Jerry Sikes, A Company, 743rd MIB, Aerospace Data Facility Colorado; Colorado Air National Guard - Technical Sergeant Rebecca Holcomb, 140th Maintenance Group; Marine Active Duty - Staff Sergeant Derek Rosse, Marine Corps Support Battalion, Company A, Aerospace Data Facility Colorado; Navy Active Duty - CTR3 Sara Surratt, Navy Information Operations Command, Aerospace Data Facility Colorado; Army Reserve - Staff Sergeant Nicholas Smith, HHC, 1st Brigade 104th TD; Colorado Army Guard - Specialist Jeremy McCombs, M1157 Engineer Detachment (Firefighters); and not pictured, Marine Reserve - Lance Corporal Brittany Christiansen, Combat Logistics Battalion 453, as she was deployed to Exercise African Lion in Morocco at the time of the AFRL Luncheon.

Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership selects new project coordinator

Jeana Capel-Jones is the new Project Coordinator for The Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership (Partnership). She comes to the Partnership with public workforce experience gained at the American Job Center in Golden, as well as years in the field of public relations and marketing at the West Chamber Serving Jefferson County and the City of Lakewood.

"Jeana's experience in community relations and organizational management will be an asset to this collaborative," says Judy Emery, Director of the Colorado Urban Workforce Alliance (CUWA) and formerly Project Manager for the Partnership. "She was also recently selected to be a part of the Workforce Development Workgroup for the State's Innovation Model Program."

The Partnership is an industry-led initiative convening workforce, education and economic development designed to meet the hiring, retention and training needs of the healthcare industry. The Partnership includes four workforce regions, key post-secondary

educators and virtually all the major hospital systems and ambulatory care facilities in the metro area.



Jeana Capel-Jones,
Project Coordinator

This sector strategy provides the framework and vehicle for direction and innovative solutions to meet the healthcare industry's changing workforce needs. Leaders from the six hospital systems and ambulatory care facilities and recruiters from the metro area identified in demand occupations that remain hard to fill and critical to business. These include specialty nursing such as critical care and operating room nurses, medical coding and billing, medical lab technicians and scientists.

Subject Matter Work Groups are beginning to explore new solutions to training in four other critical occupations: surgical technicians, pharmacy technicians, licensed practical nurses, and medical assistants.

"By listening to the needs of business, the Partnership has been able to develop and deploy industry-relevant training programs impacting the talent pipeline with qualified applicants. These programs address the skills gap that industry is currently experiencing,"

said Capel-Jones. "Working with our partners in education and in industry has made all the difference in building the bridge from education to employment."

For more information about the Partnership, contact Capel-Jones at jcapel-jones@arapahoe.gov or call 303-344-1500. ■

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events (con't.)

AUGUST

ChamberMaster Training

August 12 | 12 pm

Health Series

August 13 | 8 am

Women in Business

August 25 / 12 pm

Business After Hours

August 27 / 5-7 pm

Location TBD

(see calendar for details and additional meetings)

MemberNews

Support the 7/20 Permanent Memorial

A mass shooting occurred in Aurora on July 20, 2012, at a midnight screening of *The Dark Knight Rises*. A gunman, dressed in tactical clothing, set off tear gas grenades and shot into the audience with multiple firearms, killing 12 people and injuring 70 others.

Since then, the **City of Aurora** has shown incredible resiliency in emerging from the shadow of this violent act. Now, nearly three years later, Aurora City Council is requesting help to construct a permanent memorial for the victims. The **City of Aurora** is repurposing an existing garden on the Grounds of its Municipal Center, and overseeing the project which will include benches, coverings, and meaningful art — determined by the victims and their families.

To find out how you can support Aurora's 7/20 Permanent Memorial, text the letters "LA" to 74574, and information will be texted back to you.

AICS is an energy-saving star!

Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS) was selected as the **Xcel Energy's** May 2015 Energy Star of the Month. **AICS** was selected because it has saved nine percent this year, compared to its 2014 energy bills. The savings for the first quarter of 2015 will buy food for a week for 250 people.

The team effort of staff and volunteers made this possible, along with modifications made to the building, including keeping the temperature regulated by a new thermostat, and refrigerators that can become freezers.

Xcel's audit of **AICS** was through the Non-Profit Energy Efficiency Program (NEEP), which identified ways that **AICS** could improve its energy use, and provided donations for the improvements.



APS seeking Board of Education candidates

The **Aurora Public Schools Board of Education** is seeking community members who are interested in learning more about the commitment and responsibilities associated with being a board member. The Board will have three open



seats this year, and the board election is November 3, 2015.

An informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28 at 6 pm in the Dr. Ed Lord and Patricia Lord Boardroom in the APS Educational Services Center - 4, at 1085 Peoria St., Aurora, CO 80011.

For additional information, call 303-326-1800 or visit boe.aurorak12.org/election-information/ OR www.casb.org/Domain/112.

Aurora Borealis coming to Aurora

Artists Michael Ortiz and Johnathan Lamb from Like Minded Productions are creating an eight story public art mural of the Aurora Borealis in the **Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD)**. The artwork will be on the north side of Fletcher Gardens near the MLK Library. The



artists began in June, with completion projected for August 1.

Imagery includes an artist painting the Aurora Borealis reflecting the thriving creativity found in the **Aurora Cultural Arts District**.

The mural is a collaborative effort of **Aurora Art in Public Places, Aurora Housing Authority, City of Aurora, Fletcher Gardens, and ACAD**.

Cart Races greatly benefit Comitis

The 2015 Cart Races raised \$10,315 for the **Comitis Crisis Center**. Albertsons Safeway matches dollar-for-dollar, all donations raised from the community to benefit **Comitis' Grocery Cart Races**.



Left to right: Shawna Miller and Jessica Rink with **Comitis**, Gayle Jetchick with the **Havana Business Improvement District**, and Kevin Woolsey with **Albertsons Safeway**.

Cherry Creek Schools on Forbes America's Best Employers

Forbes business magazine recently named the **Cherry Creek School District** one of America's Best Employers for 2015. Cherry Creek Schools ranked 143 on the list of 500 organizations. It was one of only seven



CASH IN ON CONSERVATION

Aurora wins challenge

The **City of Aurora** won this year's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation after garnering more pledges than any other city in the country its size.

Sponsored by the Wyland Foundation, the challenge is an annual educational outreach campaign designed to encourage people to save every drop. Cities, which are categorized by population, try to get the most residents to go to mywaterpledge.com and promise to do a few simple things to save, such as taking shorter showers or using a refillable water bottle. Participants from winning cities then draw for hundreds of prizes, including a Toyota Prius V and a \$1,000 home improvement store shopping spree.

Aurora led the competition and ultimately received 1,754 pledges. Denver participated as well, but was in a different population category. They took second place in the contest, behind San Diego.

"The Conservation Challenge is a fun and easy way to remind people about all of the different things they can do to conserve," Mayor Steve Hogan said. "I had no doubt Aurora would win, because we have been wise water users for decades."

If Aurora participants follow through with their pledges, they would save enough water to fill 112 Olympic-sized swimming pools. ■



employers, and the only school district, in Colorado to make the list. Of the seven, **CCSD** had the highest ranking.

"We are honored by the designation," **Cherry Creek School District** Superintendent Harry Bull said. "We have worked hard to create an environment that appreciates and rewards the people who make us one of the highest achieving school districts in that state and nation."

Colorado Medical Waste attends Leadership Summit, receives award

Beverly Hanstrom, President of **Colorado Medical Waste, Inc.** was one of 100 small business leaders from across the country, selected to attend the Small Business Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. in May, 2015. The group discussed pressing issues facing

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small businesses, with opportunities to talk with elected officials and members of the Obama Administration about policies to strengthen small business.

"Being chosen to attend this year's Summit allowed me a unique opportunity to discuss important issues facing my small business and other entrepreneurs today," said Hanstrom.

During the Summit, Hanstrom received the Sustainability Award from Congressman Mike Coffman (R-CO), for her work as a long-time local leader in the medical waste industry and innovation of new environmentally friendly technologies.

Cruise with a Vet for the Colorado Freedom Memorial

The *Cruise With A Vet* car show is Saturday, August 8, 9 am-1 pm. The event is at the Spring Hill Community Park, 756 Telluride St., Aurora, CO 80011.

The event benefits the **Colorado Freedom Memorial**, and will:

- Build awareness of The Colorado Freedom Memorial
- Raise funds for future improvements of the Memorial
- Say Thank You to Veterans for their service



The show is free to the public and everyone is invited to enjoy viewing a variety of eye-pleasing collector cars and seeing the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Great tunes will be provided by Perry Washington, The Masterpiece DJ.

Pre-registration for collector show cars is required due to limited parking for show cars. Registration fee is \$25 per car.

If you know of a Veteran who would enjoy a "sweet ride" to the car show in an collector's car, or for more information, contact John Kurowski at 303-972-8680 or john@kurowski.com or visit cruisewithavet.org for car registration and military veteran registration forms.

Visit www.cfmf.net to learn more about the **Colorado Freedom Memorial**.

Christie elected chair of ACEC

Ralph W. Christie, Chairman of **Merrick & Company**, was recently elected as the Chairman of the American Council of



Ralph W. Christie

Buckley named Community Hero



Lisa R. Buckley, CEO of American Automation Building Solutions Inc., right; is presented the Community Hero of Buckley award by Col. John Wagner, 460th Space Wing commander, left; May 14, 2015, at the Panther Den on Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. Every year, Buckley Air Force Base recognizes one individual from the local community for their efforts made toward supporting Team Buckley by presenting them the Community Hero of Buckley award. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Emily E. Amyotte/Released)

Engineering Companies (ACEC), which represents 51 state and regional ACEC member organizations. His term runs through April 2016.

Security Service Federal Credit Union a Top Ranking U.S. Call Center

Security Service Federal Credit Union's (SSFCU) Member Contact Center has earned a spot in the top 50 medium-sized call



centers throughout North America. This designation comes from BenchmarkPortal, a global leader providing benchmarking, certification, training, consulting and research to call centers worldwide.

"Our team handles nearly a quarter of a million calls, emails, faxes and social media posts every month from members around the world, and this recognition highlights our consistent dedication to our members," says Chris Allen, senior vice president for **Security Service's** Member Contact Center.

Supporting our Military

The **Aurora Chamber's Defense Council** recommended that the **Chamber Foundation** approve a \$10K gift to support **Buckley AFB's** Deployed Family/Spouses program. The **Chamber Foundation** unanimously approved the request and the check was given to the 460th Space Wing commander. The funds will be used by the Airman and Family Readiness Center to sponsor monthly dinners and events for family members and spouses of deployed members from all branches of the service.



UCHealth improving access to emergency care

University of Colorado Health (UCH) is partnering with Adeptus Health's network of

freestanding emergency room facilities, **First Choice Emergency Room**, to improve access to high-quality emergency medical care for patients throughout Colorado Springs, northern Colorado, and the Denver Metro area.

"Providing the highest level of care, close to home for our patients, is one of **UCHealth's** priorities," says Elizabeth Concordia, president and CEO of **UCHealth**. "This partnership allows patients to receive care in a more convenient way, while offering seamless transfers for patients who need hospitalization."

Currently, there are 12 **First Choice Emergency Room** locations, with two more under construction. The facilities will be renamed **UCHealth ER**. ■



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RibbonCuttings



Recycle now and save the future! - Owners Vlad and Lana Rozendorf proudly cut the ribbon to their family business **Genesis Electronics Recycling of Colorado**, located at 2045 S. Valentia St. Unit 15, Denver, CO 80231. **Genesis Electronics Recycling of Colorado** is one of the leading companies in sustainable and responsible recovery of end-of-life electronics. End-of-life management of E-waste includes reuse of functional electronics, refurbishment and repair of electronics, recovery of electronic components, recycling e-waste, and disposal. Their environmentally sound processes and complete data destruction ensure compliance with R2 requirements. Learn more at www.genesisrecyclingco.com or call 720-881-7238. (5/14/15)

Newly renovated quality and comfort at Courtyard by Marriott - Denver Stapleton

Jodie Martin-Witt and Chaelynn Pacheco excitedly cut the ribbon to celebrate the newly renovated **Courtyard by Marriott - Denver Stapleton**, located at 7415 E. 41st Ave., Denver, CO 80216. At **Courtyard by Marriott - Denver Stapleton**, guests can enjoy rooms with plush bedding, stylish bathrooms, free high-speed internet, comfortable outdoor spaces to plug in, as well as a fire pit, business center, 24/7 market, a bistro restaurant, and 24-hour access to exercise equipment! Learn more at www.marriott.com/courtyard/ or call (303) 333-3303. (5/19/15)



Experienced Printers for all your printing needs!

Great Western Printing, Inc. - Celebrating 23 years in business, owners of **Great Western Printing, Inc.**, Mark and Connie Werner cut the ribbon to their success! **Great Western Printing, Inc.** is located at 1826 S. Ventura St., Aurora, CO 80017, and is the first Denver/Aurora printer to offer high quality offset and digital printing along with signs, banners and trade show displays, accessories and promotional items. They are a Denver/Boulder BBB A+ Accredited business and recipient of a Gold Star Award since 2009. Learn more at www.gwprintingusa.com or call (303) 671-9291. (4/23/15)



This is "Love at 425°" - Store Owner, Mike Challis (left), CEO of **Papa Murphy's**, Ken Calwell (center) and Store Manager Darrick Fehring (right), cut the ribbon celebrating **Papa Murphy's** newest location in Southlands at 25791 E. Smoky Hill Rd., Aurora, CO 80016. **Papa Murphy's** is known for their "take-n-bake" pizza that customers choose what they want on it, then take it home to bake. Ingredients include fresh hand grated mozzarella, hand sliced vegetables, and dough made from scratch, daily. **Papa Murphy's** the fifth-largest pizza company in the United States and the #1-Rated Restaurant Chain. Learn more at www.papamurphys.com or call (720) 621-8509. (4/23/15)



A Fine way to park and travel!

Owners, Mike and Sherry Fine, break ground to Aurora's newest airport parking facility. **Fine Airport Parking** originated in Tulsa, OK and has been operating in surrounding areas for more than 25 years. **Fine Airport Parking** is one of the safest and fastest ways for airport travel, and they offer a wide array of amenities including valet parking, auto detailing, oil changes, and refreshments. Learn more at www.fineairportparking.com. (6/2/15)

Planning your future can be fun! -

Congratulations to Sean Cooper, President and CCO of **Fit Financial Consulting, LLC** on a successful business and ribbon cutting! **Fit Financial Consulting, LLC** is a Registered Investment Advisor working with individuals and families on financial planning, retirement planning, portfolio, security, and annuity analysis, budgeting, and money management.

Sean believes that "brining money and finance to the forefront of people's minds, and discussing it openly, can lead to a happier, healthier life, much the same way staying physically fit can." Learn more at www.fitfinancialconsulting.com or call 720-808-6976. (4/23/15)



Flavored Crust Pizza? Count me in!! -

Franchise owners Joel and Sheryl Aford cut the ribbon and welcome the community to their first **Hungry Howies Pizza** location in Colorado, at 6040 S. Gun Club Rd. #F4, Aurora, CO 80016. **Hungry Howies Pizza** has emerged as a major competitor in the pizza marketplace and consistently ranks in the top 10 of the nation's largest pizza franchises. They are the "Home of the Original Flavored Crust Pizza", with 8 different flavor options, calzone-style subs, salads, and gluten free options available. Learn more at www.hungryhowies.com or call (303) 627-4694. (5/18/15)

ITT Technical Institute **ITT**

Education for the Future! -

Director Lisa Meyerderks, Director of Finance Cindy Donahue, and Congressman Mike Coffman cut the ribbon celebrating **ITT Technical Institute's** move to a new campus located at 12500 E. Iliff Ave., Ste. 100, Aurora, CO 80014. **ITT Technical Institute** is committed to helping men and women develop skills and knowledge to pursue opportunities in many of today's promising career fields including electronics, drafting and design, criminal justice, business, information technology, health sciences, and nursing. They emphasize helping students to develop skills and knowledge in technical areas that can have practical value in the workplace. Learn more at www.itt-tech.edu or call (303) 695-6317. (5/6/15)



Yummy pizza created by YOU! -

Netzer Katriel, General Manager of **Uncle Maddios Pizza Joint**, cuts the ribbon to their newest location at 10601 E Gardens Dr, Ste 105, in Aurora. **Uncle Maddios Pizza Joint** is a place where everything is fresh, from the pizza dough that's made in-store each day to the locally-grown veggies that are delivered every morning. With limitless options, it is up to the customer to build their own pizza with three different dough options, six different sauce options and over 45 different cheese, meat or veggie toppings. Learn more at www.unclemaddios.com or call (303) 363-9075. (5/15/15)

Leadership Aurora Class of 2015 Graduates “with honors!”

Following 10 months of being together as the self-designated “Best Class Ever,” the Leadership Aurora Class of 2014-2015 Graduated on June 4 at the Aurora Municipal Center.

Many class members commented on how much they had learned, as well as how much they enjoyed the camaraderie of – and connection with – their classmates. Denise Denton, Executive Director of Aurora Health Access penned a poem about her experience in Leadership Aurora. Here is an excerpt:

I learned ‘bout our city,
our officials, our cops,
Our water, our history,
No wonder it rocks!
We toured theaters and shelters,
News rooms and schools;
Got a new ‘preciation,
‘bout how this city rules!....
And then there’s the people,
I met this past year,



Leadership Aurora Class of 2014-2015.

That we ALL make good leaders,
is now so very clear.

To see a complete listing of the LA 2015 class, go to
www.aurorachamber.org/leadership-aurora/current-class.

Applications for the 2015-2016 Leadership Aurora Class are being taken until July 15. Information about the program and an online application are at
www.aurorachamber.org/leadership-aurora. ■

MemberRenewals

Acme Distribution Centers, Inc.
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Backflow Consulting Testing & Repair, Inc
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Bellco Credit Union - Aurora City Place
Boeing
Broadview Animal Clinic
Brock Publishing
Bryan Construction, Inc.
Camp Bow Wow-Aurora
CBS Outdoor
Cherry Creek Nursing Center
ClearPath Accountants, LLC
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage - Rapp
Colorado Bankruptcy Law Group, LLC
Colorado Lending Source
Colorado Technical University
Comedy Works South at the Landmark
Community College of Aurora - Foundation
Community Computer Connection
Concentra Medical Centers - Southeast/ II
ConocoPhillips
Courtyard by Marriott - DIA
Creative Counseling Center, LLC
Cruise Planners-Live 2 Travel
Dennis, Russell Enterprises
Denver Community Credit Union
Denver Fisher House Foundation
Denver South Economic Development Partner
Don's Mailing Service
Education Foundation for the Colorado National Guard
Faison Office Products Company, LLC
Falck Rocky Mountain
Garden Plaza of Aurora
Gateway Business Park/ The Pauls Corporation
GEO Group, The
Grand Design, Inc
Grandma's Handyman Service, Inc.
Grease Monkey - Oil Shack, LLC

Green Acres Adult Community
Havana Business Improvement District
Holiday Inn & Suites DIA
Hurricane Grill & Wings
Hyatt Regency Tech Center
InnovAge Greater Colorado PACE - Chambers
Insula Design Studio, PC
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Jordan Road CARSTAR Collision
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McGrath, Jane
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