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# THE CHAMBER Impact

MAY/JUN 2025

## Celebrating Champions of the Future of Business

The **69th Annual Aurora Chamber Awards Banquet – The Future of Business** was an inspiring evening celebrating the individuals and organizations driving the Eastern Metro Area forward. The Friday, April 11, 2025 event brought together more than 400 community and business leaders for a night of recognition, celebration, and some artificial intelligence fun!

Thank you to everyone who joined the celebration of excellence in leadership, innovation, and community impact.

Special thanks to the generous sponsors: The Aurora Highlands, Arapahoe County, Visit Aurora, Denver International Airport, Colorado Air and Space Port, Falck Rocky Mountain, Mesa Moving and Storage, Donor Alliance, DoorDash, and Ellofant Consulting. ■



Left to right at **The Future of Business Awards Banquet**: Chamber President and CEO Naomi Colwell; representing **Business of the Year Awardee Excel Center/Goodwill of Colorado**, Dave Bechtold; representing **Small Business of the Year Awardee De la Shey Lingerie**, Ramona Davis; **Businessperson of the Year Vic Evans**, Advantage Security; **Community Leadership Awardee Joel Boyd**, The Town Center at Aurora; **Humanitarian of the Year Debbie Stafford**, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery; **Chamber Leadership Awardee Sam McGhee**, Aurora Police Department (Ret.); **Woman of the Year Major General Laura Cielan**, Colorado National Guard; representing **Arts + Business Connection Awardee The Benson Hotel & Faculty Club**, Heidi Laursen; **Ambassador of the Year Anne Overstreet**, Minuteman Press; **Man of the Year Dr Mordecai Brownlee**, Community College of Aurora; and Chamber Chair of the Board of Directors, Kristi Kleinholz, Mesa Logistics, Storage, Moving. (Photo by Mark Smith, PhotoSmith Colorado)

## Greater Buckley Region Named a 2025 Great American Defense Community

The **Greater Buckley Region** has been nationally recognized as a **2025 Great American Defense Community** by the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) and USAA. Out of 15 submissions across the country, the Buckley Region was one of only three selected for this prestigious honor.

This award celebrates communities that go above and beyond in their support for military members, veterans, and their families. From the innovative rideshare partnership with Uber – the first of its kind in the Department of Defense – to the legislative advocacy for military spouse employment and education access for military children, the Greater Buckley Region sets the standard for military-community collaboration.

This recognition reflects the combined efforts of Aurora, Centennial,

Arapahoe and Adams Counties, and the many organizations across the Denver Metro Region that work hand-in-hand with Buckley Space Force Base. ■

To celebrate this honor, the official **Great American Defense Communities logo** is available for all Chamber members to proudly display on websites, social media, and printed materials. If you'd like to get involved or need access to the logo, please contact [Rob Devall](#), [Director of Military Affairs](#).



To see upcoming Chamber meetings  
as well as Chamber member events –  
[go to the calendar!](#)

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# President's Letter

Dear Chamber Members and Friends,



**Naomi Colwell**  
President & CEO

Spring is a time of renewal, and at The Chamber, we are embracing this season with gratitude, pride, and much forward momentum.

One of the upcoming highlights is the Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon (Friday, May 9, 2025), a powerful and moving event that brings our community together to honor the brave men and women who serve in our nation's military. This annual event is a heartfelt tribute to those who protect our freedom.

We will be honoring junior enlisted members from all branches of service (active duty, guard, and reserve). Thank you to sponsors and volunteers who make this event such a meaningful success.

Alongside honoring service, we are also celebrating leadership and progress within The Chamber. We're proud to introduce our new incoming Board of Directors members to this dynamic group of business and community leaders committed to guiding The Chamber into its next

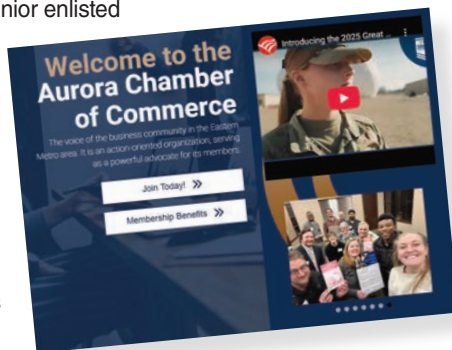
chapter: Dr. Kirsten Anderson, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery; Brendan Brown, Nelnet; Chanel Butler, Kaiser Permanente; Michael Sheldon, The Aurora Highlands; and Bill Young, The Benson Hotel and Faculty Club. Each of these leaders brings unique expertise and energy, and as a group, the Board reflects the diverse and vibrant spirit of our membership.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newly appointed Chair of the Board, Tyrone Adams, president and CEO of the Colorado Association of REALTORS. With a strong vision for innovation, collaboration, and growth, Tyrone is already making a positive impact. We are excited about the continued momentum under his leadership.

Speaking of momentum, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Chamber website! Designed with you – our members – in mind, the site is easier to navigate, more interactive, and packed with

resources to help your business thrive. From event registrations to member spotlights and economic development tools, our new digital home will serve and support our community even better than before. If you have not visited yet, please check it out at [www.aurorachamber.org](http://www.aurorachamber.org).

As always, thank you for your continued support of The Chamber. We are proud to be your partner in prosperity and progress, and we look forward to strong and successful seasons ahead.



## ChamberBoard

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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](http://www.aurorachamber.org), so you can forward it to every employee in your company!

### THE CHAMBER'S MISSION



*Our Mission is to serve and represent our members so their businesses and our community will prosper.*



# ChamberCommittees

## An Inside Look

### ARTS + BUSINESS CONNECTION

#### Technology and Creativity at Work

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

The Arts + Business Connection group met at [Minuteman Press Aurora 21](#) in March to hear from owners Darin and Anne Overstreet about the spectrum of art - and how design, printing, and the tools of technology influence final products.

Darin is on the ABC Executive Committee, both Anne and Darin are Chamber Ambassadors, and Anne was honored at the April 11, 2025, Awards Banquet as the 2024 Ken Melcher Ambassador of the Year.



Chamber members learned about the many tools used in the printing industry.

### Arts Policy Framework Fosters a Creatively Engaged Society

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**



Meredith Badler

Attendees at the April 8 ABC meeting were inspired by Meredith Badler, deputy director of [Colorado Business Committee for the Arts \(CBCA\)](#), who presented about The Colorado Arts Policy Framework.

The framework represents the state policy priorities that Colorado's creative sector has identified as necessary to foster a creatively engaged, inclusive, and thriving society. She emphasized that collaboration strengthens communities, creative workforce, and the economy.



Explore the Framework and get involved:  
[cbca.org/advocacy](https://cbca.org/advocacy)

### TRANSPORTATION

#### DRCOG Shares Vision for the Region's Future

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

By Tim Harris, Transportation Vice-chair,  
Horrocks Engineers

Representatives from [Denver Regional Council of Governments \(DRCOG\)](#) and partner, [The City of Aurora](#), briefed the

Transportation Committee on the core functions of the organization and talked about major initiatives for transportation.

DRCOG Transportation Planning and Operations Director Ron Papsdorf highlighted the Metro Vision document which creates the framework to ensure a high quality of life in the region. DRCOG Planning Program Manager Alvan-Bidal Sanchez covered the update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The 2050 RTP is scheduled to be adopted in October 2026 after financial modeling, scenario planning, and significant public involvement.

DRCOG Multimodal Planning Manager Jacob Riger and City of Aurora Senior Transportation Planner Tom-Worker-Braddock gave an update on the Colfax BRT Next project. The project anticipates an extension of the East Colfax BRT line from I-225 to E-470 to better serve the logistics centers being constructed in that area. Alternatives are currently being developed with the selection of a preferred alternative expected this fall.



Jeff Kloska

### The Eastern Metro Area's Transportation Future!

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

By Tim Harris, Transportation Vice-chair,  
Horrocks Engineers

The Transportation Committee held an informational meeting at the [Colorado Air and Space Port](#), featuring updates from Jeff Kloska, Director of the Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP), and Joe Donahue, Executive Director of the [E-470 Public Highway Authority](#).

CASP is home to over 500 aircraft and is also licensed as a horizontal launch spaceport. Kloska shared that CASP operations reached a record high level in 2024, and improvements planned for 2025 are design of a new fuel farm and unleaded fuel tank, construction of a taxiway



Left to right: Tom Worker-Braddock; Jacob Riger; Tony DeVito, [AECOM](#) and Chamber Transportation Chair; Tim Harris, [Horrocks](#) and Chamber Transportation Vice-Chair; Alvan-Bidal Sanchez; and Ron Papsdorf.

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Joe Donahue

extension, and a fog seal project on the west ramp and taxiway-A. CASP recently executed a P3 partnership agreement with Altitude X Aviation Group to establish a Space Center of Excellence focused on research and development, testing, manufacturing and innovation along with workforce training.

The E-470 Public Highway Authority update included operations and the planned expansion of E-470. Their 2025 Master Plan sets the strategy for facility expansion to accommodate the projected traffic growth with consistent high service levels. The first 4-lane section of E-470 is projected to be completed by 2032 in the segment from I-25 to Smoky Hill Road. E-470 works collaboratively with cities, counties and area developers for additional improvements such as new or expanded interchanges.

Donahue proudly spoke of the focus on exceptional customer service for the more than 100 million transactions E-470 processed in 2024.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, AND ENERGY

### APS and CCSD Updates

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

The March meeting featured special guests Michael Giles, Aurora Public Schools superintendent, and Ashley Verville, Cherry Creek Schools director of Strategic Communications and External Affairs.

The discussion centered around the Governor's proposal to change how the state calculates school district funding. Governor Polis suggests transitioning from the current four-year average student enrollment count to a single-year count for determining per-pupil funding. This change is intended to align funding more closely with actual student numbers, eliminating allocations for students no longer enrolled. However, this approach could reduce funding for districts experiencing declining enrollment, as the averaging method currently provides a buffer against sudden drops. The committee also reviewed current legislation.

### Legislative Breakfast – at the Capitol!

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

Because the January 7, 2025, Legislative Breakfast was cancelled due to a snowstorm - and the legislative session began January 8 - The Chamber Government Affairs committee went to the State Capitol on April 1, 2025, to mingle with legislators and each other.

Many legislators took a break and joined the gathering in the first-floor west foyer, and it was a wonderful opportunity to visit the Capitol!

Cherry Creek School District generously provided a bus to transport Chamber members to and from the Capitol.

## Legislative Updates

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

April's Government Affairs meeting consisted of a legislative review by Micki Hackenberger and Elizabeth Lo with Husch Blackwell Strategies. The Committee agreed to monitor seven bills and opposed one. Their recommendations will go forward to the Chamber Board for their decision.

Previously, the committee recommended, and the Chamber Board concurred with opposing five and supporting five business-related bills. May's meeting will be focused on wrapping up the legislative session.

To see the bills go to [FastDemocracy - Fast, Simple Legislative Bill Tracking](#).

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS

### WIB Celebrate Galentine's Day

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

In honor of Valentine's Day, the Women in Business celebrated Galentine's Day on February 19 - complete with sweet treats, creative experiences, and amazing company!

Attendees had the chance to craft their own chocolate-dipped strawberries and elevate their charcuterie skills, all while building meaningful connections.

Thanks to Sandra from Verano Palate for leading the hands-on experience and to



*Creativity and delicious treats at the February Women in Business gathering.*

[Troy Williams Denver Metro Colorado Real Estate Advisor](#) RE/MAX and Joseph Robles with Homes for Heroes for their generous sponsorship.

### Headshot Session and Networking Event

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

On March 19, Women in Business hosted a headshot session and networking event to help attendees refresh their professional



*Chamber members gathered on the steps leading into the foyer - many wearing the red scarves provided by The Chamber.*



image just in time for spring. The event featured Noelle Williams with [Noelle Williams Photography](#). Williams is a heart-centered photographer with more than 12 years of experience specializing in personal milestones, branding, and headshots.

Attendees enjoyed a relaxed, studio-style session with one outfit and one polished look, guided by Noelle's warm approach and modern artistic style. In addition to the photoshoots, the event provided a great opportunity for our members to network, share ideas, and build community.

## Leveraging Social Media to Boost Business

**Wednesday April 16, 2025**

At the April 16 Women in Business meeting, Caitlin Bower, title executive with Fidelity National Title shared powerful insights on how to use social media strategically to grow your business. Attendees left the session feeling inspired and equipped with innovative ideas.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### Incorporating Yoga Principles

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

At the March 12 Young Professionals gathering at Stanley Marketplace, attendees experienced an interactive session at Cheluna Brewing, led by Rise Yoga at Stanley Marketplace.

Participants explored how to incorporate yoga principles into career development and daily work routines to create a more mindful and harmonious workplace. Whether they were seasoned yogis or brand new to the practice, everyone walked away with valuable tools to enhance focus, balance, and well-being in the professional world. They also were treated to a refreshing beer at Cheluna.



*Young Professionals at the Stanley Marketplace.*



*It was a full house at the April 16 Women in Business meeting about Leveraging social media.*



*Young Professionals discuss AI innovation versus practice with Jason Balakier of Executech.*

### AI: Innovation vs Practical

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

At the April 2, 2025, Young Professionals meeting, a small but lively group gathered at The Chamber office for a thought-provoking conversation about balancing cutting-edge advancements with ethical and practical considerations in AI technology. Jason Balakier of Executech led the discussion, sparking great questions and meaningful dialogue around the future of innovation.

## MILITARY AFFAIRS

### Colorado National Guard Joint Force Headquarters

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

February's BRMAC meeting was hosted by the Colorado National Guard Headquarters, where members gathered in the heart of Colorado's state military leadership. A highlight of the meeting included

celebrating Major General Laura Clellan, who was announced as the Aurora Chamber's 2025 Woman of the Year—a well-deserved honor recognizing her leadership and lasting impact on the military community. Special thanks to [ENT Credit Union](#) for sponsoring the breakfast and helping us fuel great conversation.

### Colorado Air and Space Port Hosts BRMAC

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

The March meeting took BRMAC to the cutting edge of aerospace at the Colorado Air and Space Port, a key regional partner in advancing defense innovation. Members had the opportunity to explore a unique facility shaping the future of aerospace and connectivity in our region. Thanks to [Maxx Properties](#) for their generous breakfast sponsorship and continued commitment to supporting service members and their families.

Each meeting reinforces BRMAC's mission to create meaningful partnerships and shared solutions across Aurora, the Denver Metro, and beyond. ■



# From Leadership Development to Lasting Impact: How Leadership Aurora Shaped My Path

By Richard Lewis, President and CEO,  
RTL Networks, Inc

When I joined the 2011 class of Leadership Aurora, I expected to learn more about civic engagement and leadership strategies. I didn't anticipate how profoundly it would influence my leadership philosophy, professional path, and approach to community building - or how closely it would align with values I already held from earlier in life.

As a U.S. Air Force Academy graduate and 10-year Air Force veteran, I was grounded in service, discipline, and leadership. The military shaped how I lead teams, stay mission-focused, and value community—especially the kind formed around bases like Buckley Space Force Base. Leadership Aurora reinforced those beliefs and added new layers.

The program offered more than insight into sectors like government, education, and healthcare—it offered a panoramic view of values-driven leadership in action. Through immersive experiences and collaboration with a diverse cohort, I was challenged to lead with purpose. It deepened my sense of community responsibility and still guides my work today at RTL Networks and the RTL Foundation.

At RTL Networks, we deliver advanced IT and cybersecurity solutions to defense and commercial clients, emphasizing accountability, inclusion, and service - especially to veterans and our broader community. Leadership Aurora reinforced the importance of this value-based leadership.

The most visible reflection of that philosophy is the RTL Foundation. What began as a passion project became a nonprofit advancing entrepreneurship, history, technology, and the arts in underserved communities.

A cornerstone of the Foundation is the BIPOC Nonprofit



Richard Lewis

Development Center, which supports 18 BIPOC-led nonprofits serving over 150,000 Coloradans. We also created the RTL Gallery and RTL Media Studios to provide platforms for marginalized voices in art and media.

Leadership Aurora reminded me that leadership is a responsibility - to uplift others, stay engaged, and drive change. Whether through RTL Networks' initiatives in veteran hiring and STEM education or through the RTL Foundation's dynamic community-building efforts, my work today reflects a vision deeply influenced by my Leadership Aurora experience.

I remain profoundly grateful for the relationships, lessons, and inspiration that emerged from my time in the program. That spark of leadership continues to fuel my passion for service, innovation, and building a more inclusive and thriving community for generations to come. ■



## Member Contribution

### Mobilizing Human Capital

Understanding communication styles is crucial for improving team collaboration, leadership, and overall productivity. The DISC assessment, a behavioral profiling tool, provides insight into individual work styles, strengths, and potential challenges.

DISC identifies four main behavioral types:

- **Dominance (D):** Those who are assertive and results-driven
- **Influence (I):** those who excel in social settings and inspire others
- **Steadiness (S):** those who are patient and reliable and
- **Conscientiousness (C):** those who are accurate and structured

By identifying these traits, organizations can align job roles with behaviors, fostering a more

efficient and harmonious work environment.

Key Benefits of DISC Assessments:

1. **Enhanced Communication:** Employees learn to adapt their communication styles based on colleagues & circumstances; reducing misunderstandings and fostering collaboration.
2. **Improved Teamwork:** By understanding diverse work styles, teams can optimize task delegation, ensuring a balance of strengths and minimizing conflicts.
3. **Better Leadership Development:** Leaders can tailor their management approach to individual employee needs, enhancing engagement and performance.
4. **Recruitment and Talent Placement:** Hiring managers can ensure getting the right people in the right positions.

5. **Increased Productivity:** Matching roles with individuals' work style leads to higher efficiency and job satisfaction.

By integrating DISC assessments into HR strategies, organizations cultivate a healthier happier and more effective workforce, driving business success in an increasingly competitive landscape.

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*This article provided by Donald Hahn of Hahn Consulting, a Certified Behaviors Analyst  
716-432-5741*



# MemberNews

## Aurora-South Metro SBDC Welcomes New ED

Ashvina Patel has been named the new Executive Director for the [Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#).

Patel joins the SBDC with deep ties to the City of Aurora, serving as Chair of the Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission, where she has been dedicated to fostering inclusivity and economic growth for the city's diverse communities.

Raised by entrepreneurs and a former restaurant owner herself, she brings firsthand experience of small business ownership, alongside over a decade of strategic leadership in business development.

"With experience in program development, relationship-building, data analysis, and driving organizational growth, we are excited to see where Ashvina leads the team and businesses in Arapahoe and Douglas counties," said Jeannine Rustad, City of Aurora Planning & Business Development director.



Ashvina Patel



internal IT department with the expertise of a managed service provider (MSP). It is a good fit for organizations with in-house IT staff that may need specialized assistance, off-hours coverage, or other flexible options that combine the skills of both teams for comprehensive IT support. Co-managed IT provides an alternative to hiring extra staff, offers cost savings, and enables agility.

## Aurora School Honored at State Capitol for Military Family Support

On April 10, 2025, leaders from Buckley Space Force Base joined Aurora Chamber Military Affairs Director Robert Devall at the Colorado State Capitol to celebrate a major milestone in support of military-connected students. Governor Jared Polis and Education Commissioner Susana Córdova awarded

Colorado's first-ever Purple Star School designations to 27 schools statewide.

Among the recipients was Edna and John W. Mosley P-8 School, the only school in Aurora Public Schools to receive the honor. The Purple Star designation recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting students from military families through transition programs, staff liaisons, and accessible family resources.

The Purple Star Program was established through House Bill 24-1076, signed into law in 2024. Schools that meet the program's rigorous criteria play a critical role in building stability and community for children whose families serve.

The event highlighted the deep partnership between Aurora schools and the military community. ■



Buckley Space Force Base leadership, state leadership, and Robert Devall, Chamber director of Military Affairs (upper right corner) at the Capitol.

## Exigent Technologies Launches Co-Managed IT

[Exigent Technologies](#), a technology services partner that uses The Exigent Method of long-term vision combined with quarterly agility, has expanded its solutions portfolio to include

Augment, a co-managed IT service. Augment combines the convenience of an



## Pam Martinez Joins The Chamber

Pam Martinez has joined the Aurora Chamber of Commerce as Sales Manager.

As she steps into this new role, Pam looks forward to connecting with local business owners, fostering new partnerships, and helping our community thrive.

Before starting at The Chamber, Pam was the director of business development for Troy Williams, a Homes for

Heroes Affiliate at RE/MAX Professionals and USMC Veteran.

In that role, she was following her passion for supporting everyday heroes in the community. In her new role as Sales Manager for The Chamber, she is still supporting heroes – business heroes – in their quest for growing their

businesses and becoming involved in the community.

Pam has also served for the past 5 years as a travel coordinator for the National Western Stock Show. From October through February, she manages travel for VIPs, rodeo queens, judges, photographers, announcers, and yes — even the occasional rodeo clown!

She's also a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 1, where she stays involved in causes that support veteran communities. ■



Pam Martinez



# Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses

Ribbon cuttings  
mean business: **115 Jobs**



**New York Life** – 2000 S Colorado Blvd, Ste 1100, Tower 2, Denver, CO 80222

The Chamber was honored to attend the Grand Opening of New York Life, The Colorado General Office, which provides quality financial strategies and offers insurance and financial products. Cutting the ribbon is David Hughes, MBA, CLF, LUTCF, Managing Partner for New York Life Colorado General Office. (3/11/2025) <https://www.newyorklifecolorado.com> (303) 744-2000



## QuikTrip

18525 E 32nd Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80011 &  
16875 E Colfax Ave, Aurora, CO 80011



The first QuikTrip in Aurora on E 32nd Parkway celebrated a ribbon cutting on February 20, 2025, with Store Manager Brian Thommes, cutting the ribbon. In attendance at the event were Aurora City Council Mayor Pro Tem Steve Sundberg, Aurora Chamber President and CEO Naomi Colwell and Chamber Ambassadors Chartashia Miller, TT Coaching with Results; Kristine Minty, Rex Environmental Testing and Consulting; and Danielle Lammon, Allstate Insurance/Danielle Shannon Agency. (2/20/2025) [QuikTrip 4235: Convenience/Gasoline retailer in Aurora, CO](https://locations.quiktrip.com/co/aurora/18525-e-32nd-pkwy) (303) 264-2010

QuikTrip celebrated another ribbon cutting in Aurora on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 16875 E Colfax Ave. QuikTrips are now open throughout the Metropolitan area, providing gas and a wide variety of food and beverages, along with many convenience store offerings. QuikTrip gives back to the communities it serves, donating five percent of net profits to charitable organizations in those communities. (3/19/25) <https://locations.quiktrip.com/co/aurora/16875-e-colfax-ave> (303) 583-1479





**Launch Pad Brewery – new location! – 1077 Cedar St, Ste A, Bennett, CO 80102**

Launch Pad Brewery celebrates the ribbon cutting of a second location in Bennett, CO! The new space is a huge step forward for a business that's been fueling community and craft beer lovers alike. Congratulations to the entire Launch Pad team on this exciting launch — Bennett just got a whole lot tastier! Cutting the ribbon is owner, founder, and brewmaster David Levesque, surrounded by adoring beer fans, including Chamber Director of Events Sophie Bibbey; General Manager (and a whole lot more) Erin Levesque; Chamber Board Chair Kristi Kleinholz and Board Member Alan Antolak, Visit Aurora President and CEO Bruce Dalton; and Chamber Ambassador Sanjay Tyagi, Schooley Mitchell of Denver. (3/20/2025) <https://launchpadbrewery.com/> (303) 745-4599



**Turbo Tint – 1690 S Abilene St, Unit 108, Aurora, CO 80012**

Congratulations to Nick Donaldson (with scissors) on opening his first Turbo Tint location at 1690 S. Abilene St Aurora, CO 80012. The business specializes in automotive tint and has numerous options for architectural tint for home and business windows, as well. In attendance were Chamber President and CEO Naomi Colwell and Chamber Ambassadors Brian Weiher, Trusted Risk Advisor, Colorado Insurance Broker, Chartashia Miller, TT Coaching with Results; BK Martin, Ent Credit Union; Sanjay Tyagi, Schooley Mitchell of Denver; and Phil Gibson, Unity Group at Keller Williams. (2/19/2025) <http://www.turbotint.com> (303) 376-8225



**HCA HealthONE Aurora emergency room – 1501 S Potomac St, Aurora, CO 80012**

HCA HealthONE Aurora's emergency room facilities got a facelift! The renovations provide a soothing atmosphere in the patient reception area and improve the function of the ER based on valuable input from nursing and clinical teams. "Special thanks to our colleagues and friends at [Aurora Chamber of Commerce](#), [Arapahoe County Public Health](#), [Galen College of Nursing](#) and [Cherry Creek Innovation Campus](#) for helping us celebrate!" said HCA HealthONE Aurora President and CEO Scott Rausch (back row, left side). (2/21/25) <http://www.auroramed.com> (303) 695-2600



# **MemberRenewals**

Acme Distribution Centers, Inc  
 Adolfson & Peterson Construction  
 AdventHealth Parker  
 American Automation Society  
 Arapahoe County  
 Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office  
 Arapahoe Libraries  
 Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center  
 Associates Insurance Group  
 Aurora Fitzsimons Rotary Club  
 Aurora Singers  
 Barker, Mo  
 Bradley M. Pierce Legal Services, Inc  
 Centennial Airport /  
     Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority  
 Center for Work Education and Employment  
 City of Aurora - City Management  
 Comcast  
 CommonGround Golf Course  
 Community Medical Services -  
     Opioid Treatment Program  
 Cops Fighting Cancer  
 Courtyard by Marriott - DIA  
 Denver International Airport - DEN  
 Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver -  
     Central Park  
 Felsburg Holt & Ullevig  
 First Command Financial Services  
 Global Construction LLC  
 Grand Design, Inc  
 Great Western Printing, Inc

Green Worldwide Shipping, LLC  
 Harmony Master Homeowner's Association  
 Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport  
 Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport - Tower Road  
 Hoffman Weber Construction  
 Hogan, Becky  
 Home2 Suites by Hilton -  
     Denver International Airport  
 Homewood/Tru by Hilton Denver Airport -  
     Tower Road  
 JJ Custom Openings, LLC  
 KeyBank - E. Smoky Hill & Buckley Road  
 Leading Edge Commercial Capital, LLC  
 Leidos  
 Len Lyall Chevrolet, Inc  
 Majestic Realty Co  
 Moriarty Underhill, LLC

Myers, Lynn  
 MyEyeDr  
 Oakwood Homes  
 RE/MAX Leaders - David J Barber  
 RE/MAX Professionals - Homes for Heroes  
 Real Fig Advertising + Marketing  
 Red Rocks Self Storage  
 RTL Networks, Inc  
 SUM Financial Services Group  
 Sunny Homes and Associates, Inc  
 The Salvation Army - Aurora Corps  
 UCHealth  
 UCHealth ER - Green Valley Medical Center  
 UMB  
 Westerra Credit Union - 3700 E. Alameda  
 Westway Enterprises, LLC  
 Westword Newspaper IV Digital Services  
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# **NewMembers**

Adams County Health Department  
 ArchWell Health  
 Canine Partners of the Rockies, Inc  
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 QuikTrip  
 Red Ark Roofing  
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 The Funding & Strategy  
 Collaborative  
 The Suits Agency, LLC  
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