

**THE FINALISTS FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL 2010 COLORADO ROCKIES  
HISPANIC ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

*Each individual is honored for their positive contributions to the Hispanic community with an onfield, pregame ceremony during September. The overall winner is announced before the game on Sunday, September 26. Call (303) ROCKIES for more information.*



**RICK COPE - BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF METRO DENVER**

- Director of Club Operations for Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (B&GCMD); a B&GCMD staff member for 19 years, Rick has touched the lives of thousands of youth in the city of Denver, whether as a mentor, leader or coach. His relentless work ethic keeps him at the Clubs well past a normal workday, and many of the youth he has mentored come back to the Clubs as adults to provide younger members the same support Rick provided them.
- As a member of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver (GRID), Rick seeks solutions for keeping Denver's youth out of gangs.



**MARLENE DE LA ROSA - MILE HIGH PARENT CAMPAIGN**

- Visionary behind the Mile High Parent Campaign in conjunction with Denver Public Schools (DPS), the first ever district-wide parent engagement campaign designed to motivate parents to spend 30 minutes a day connecting with and supporting their children, with the goal of accumulating 5,280 minutes during the school year. The program is gaining national attention.
- Along with assisting with her children's sports programs, Marlene also volunteers her time to DPS' Parent Advisory Council, the Circle of Latina Leadership, the National Council of La Raza and the Latin American Educational Foundation, among others.



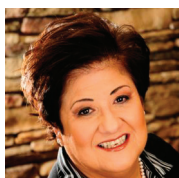
**JAMES MEJIA - DENVER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

- President of Denver Preschool Program, a program approved by Denver voters in 2006 to provide high-quality preschool education for all Denver children. In addition, as a past member of the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Board of Education, he helped found Ana Marie Sandoval school (pre-5), DPS' first dual language curriculum school.
- A lifelong community leader, James is the president of the board at Denver Athletic Club, and has served as a board member for foundations like the Council of Foreign Relations, and has even created his own, the Garcia-Mejia Education Foundation.

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**ARMANDO RAMIREZ - RADIO PERSONALITY**

- Radio personality on various talk radio stations, communicating and advising listeners on self-improvement topics, world events and medical news. Each show has the focus of helping people in the Hispanic community with issues affecting them, especially those who are perhaps new to the U.S. and/or are unfamiliar with the family, medical or employment resources available to them.
- Not satisfied with just talking on the radio, he puts his advice in motion by helping listeners off the air, literally walking them through bureaucratic or other processes to make sure they don't feel taken advantage of, and they, in turn, learn independence.



**AGNES TALAMANTEZ-CARROLL - ¡ARRIBA MI NEGOCIO!**

- President of Agnes Talamantez Carroll & Associates, a firm that provides business education and training, from which she started ¡Arriba Mi Negocio! to extend her expertise to Spanish-speaking immigrants, completely free of charge. In her seminars, she advises people on how to start their own business, from the paperwork, to the legal matters, to the marketing plan. Her weekly radio show of the same name—for which she buys her own air time—includes guest speakers, call-ins and advice.
- The curriculum for Agnes' seminars—whose attendance has doubled in 2010—has drawn national recognition.



**DARYL TRUJILLO - UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

- Volunteers extensively, with the Denver Rescue Mission, Denver Samaritan House, Delores Project (for homeless women), Volunteers of America. He makes it a priority that the employees within his department at the USPS are actively involved in the community, hosting various outreach events which provide opportunities for employee participation.
- A member of the Knights of Columbus for 20 years, Daryl looks for ways to help organizations as well as individuals, coaching softball and baseball for 10 years, helping the elderly with moving needs and providing school supplies to needy kids.



**DEBBIE TRUJILLO - KEYBANK**

- Created the Hispanic marketing/outreach program at Key Bank, implementing bilingual communication materials making information about bank services more accessible to the Hispanic community. She also volunteers as a mentor for young Hispanic women on business through the Circle of Latina Leadership, and as a sales trainer for Mi Casa's Teller Training Program.
- Active longtime member and current Chair-Elect of the Hispanic Chamber, playing a vital role in key political, economic and social issues affecting local schools, non-profits, businesses and individuals in the Hispanic community.

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**JEANETTE TRUJILLO-LUCERO - FIESTA COLORADO**

- Founder, director and teacher at her own dance studio, out of which she founded Fiesta Colorado in 1997, a performing and educational outreach non-profit whose mission it is to preserve the cultural traditions of the Spanish and Mexican performing arts. The performances impact over 60,000 people each year, including the thousands of young men and women who perform.
- Cultural pride, respect and education are Jeanette's focal points, not only promoting dance as a way of expressing and teaching others, but she supports all Hispanic Arts, volunteering for the Lakewood Arts Commission and Englewood Arts Council.