

Governor picks Pingrey to lead State Council

Local Banker Provides New Leadership

Governor Bill Owens has tagged Mark Pingrey, President of Heritage Bank - Denver Lodo, located in the lower downtown area, to chair the Colorado Workforce Council. Council Executive Director Booker T. Graves made the announcement at the first annual Awards Banquet, held in early October. Pingrey, who co-chairs the Council's Skills Development Partnership Committee with Community College System President Joe May, replaces former Chair Keith Baumgartner, who resigned due to relocation. Graves characterizes Pingrey as someone who "understands the importance delivering personal service to local customers" and is convinced that he will bring such influence to Colorado's Workforce Development System. Pingrey is excited about his new leadership role. "In our company," says Pingrey, "each local bank branch conforms to the personality of its own unique community. I hope to encourage that same approach to all nineteen of Colorado's workforce regions, their individual workforce investment boards and their local operators." Governor Owens has also recently appointed several new council members to join Pingrey: **Mr. Mark Baisley**, President of Enspherics, **Mr. Gary Bien**, Site Manager and **Ms. Lucille Mantelli**, Public Affairs, both employed by the Eastman Kodak Company, **Ms. Mimi Roberson**, President & CEO of Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, and **Mr. Roger Smith**, Vice-President of Human Resources, HCA/HealthOne.

A Message from...

*Booker T. Graves, Executive Director
Colorado Workforce Council*

Council Members & Friends---

This breathtaking fall season for me, has been spent on the road, traveling Colorado's highways in pursuit of expanding Council membership. Often left breathless by the altitude--but even more so by the sheer beauty of the Colorado landscape--I am pleased to report that we have five more outstanding business members to move this organization forward. With their guidance, the recent success of the first annual Awards Event, and the dynamic leadership of Chairman Mark Pingrey, we are poised for success.



First Award Gala a Hit Council Hosts 100 for Evening Event

The Colorado Workforce Council debuted the first ever Performance Excellence Awards Event on October 10, 2002 to honor all nine of Colorado's federally recognized workforce regions for achievement of performance standards set by the U.S. Department of Labor. Council Chair Mark Pingrey and Community College System President Joe May recognized regional Workforce Board Chairs and directors for their efforts with plaques and letters of commitment. The letters promised each region receipt of \$42,200 of Workforce Investment Act Performance Incentive monies for outcomes posted during the first year of operating programs authorized by the new federal workforce policy. Local operators are held to seventeen performance standards, including how many program graduates secure employment and what average costs are per placement, among several other measures. Currently, the Colorado Workforce Council is in the process of implementing a Continuous Improvement Management System that will drive future awards.



Chairman Mark Pingrey (third from left) joins Dr. Joe May (left) in congratulating Adams County One Stop Director Judi Richendifer and Board Chairman Art Waskey, VP of Sales for General Air Services, Inc.



The Colorado Workforce Council is a business-led board appointed by the Governor of Colorado to maintain a network of Workforce Centers designed to respond to employers in demand of a competitive workforce. Colorado is home to nineteen local workforce investment regions.

State Youth Council Meets with Neighbors

USDOL Denver Office Promotes Regional Dialogue

Chairwoman Jo Dawn Newton and members of the Colorado Youth Council hosted their counterparts from both Utah and Wyoming State Youth Councils, in October, at the Collbran Job Corps Center, in northwest Colorado. The summit was made possible by the U.S. Department of Labor's Denver Office, to promote the exchange of ideas and to celebrate progress. Wyoming's youth are implementing a game plan that expands the scope of the Youth Council beyond the man- within the Work- force Investment Act, Utah—a single region state, is strengthening the relationship between the state youth councils by conference calls in the information age. The preferred mode of communication is cyberspace. The State Youth Council has developed its own web page [www.state.co.us/syc], posting youth policy updates and much anticipated funding announcements for the convenience of youth practitioners.

State Youth Council Discretionary Grant Awards October 2002

- 1 **Denver Office of Workforce Development**
\$15,000 - *Youth Homework Lab*
- 2 **Mesa County Workforce Center**
\$33,119 - *Workforce Keys Project*
- 3 **Larimer Workforce Center**
\$10,000 - *Youth Employment Conferences*
- 4 **Rural Resort**
\$25,000 - *School Liaison*
- 5 **Tri-County Workforce Center**
\$35,000 - *Career Pathways Model*

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Colorado Experts Tapped

Crane and Johnston Selected

Ms. Dani Crane, Youth Coordinator for the Tri-County Workforce Center, located in Golden and **Mr. Mark Johnston**, WIA Youth Employment Specialist with the Larimer County Workforce Center, in Fort Collins have been selected by the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) to participate in the 2002-2003 Workforce Investment Act Leaders Academy. Dani and Mark will join 28 of their peers from around the country. All were selected as a result of a competitive process to recruit the nation's top youth employment experts. Members of the Academy will participate in a series of five day residential seminars scheduled over the next year, with the first gathering planned for November 18-22, in Washington, D.C. NYEC intends to capitalize upon the group's front line expertise as they develop products to support local youth programs. NYEC is comprised of over 200 youth employment related organizations.

Project TRAIN in Motion

Project Coordinator Hired

Ms. Lee Carter has joined Colorado Workforce Council staff to perform project management of a \$1M grant secured from the U.S. Department of Labor to improve customer service access at each of Colorado's Workforce Centers for People With Disabilities (PWD). Tagged "Project TRAIN," the grant will support the hiring of Consumer Navigators to staff each of the state's nine workforce regions. Consumer Navigators will be critical to the success of Persons with Disabilities by identifying financial and community resources designed to facilitate success on the job. Several workforce regions will hire new employees to fill the specialized jobs; others will reassign existing workforce specialists that have demonstrated expertise with the PWD customer group. The Rural Region will employ two Consumer Navigators. Average salaries will range from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per year.

Council Calendar

Colorado Workforce Development Council

November 21, 2002

Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

9:30 AM - 12 PM

Business Outreach & Marketing Committee

November 21, 2002

Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Skills Development

Partnership Committee

December 5, 2002

Community College System

10 AM - 12 PM

State Workforce Investment Committee

February 20, 2003

Place to Be Announced

10 AM - 12 PM

Youth Council

January 16, 2003

11 AM - 1:30 PM

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