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## **Colorado State University, Pueblo's Brandon Bayer named Student Leader of the Year**

*Note: Bayer's headshot can be downloaded at [flic.kr/s/aHskRQJekA](https://flic.kr/s/aHskRQJekA)*

DENVER—Colorado State University Pueblo senior Brandon Bayer was named [Colorado Leadership Alliance's](#) (CLA) 2019 Student Leader of the Year at the CLA Summit on Jan. 26. The award is given by the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation and the Boettcher Foundation annually.

### **Get to know the Student Leader of the Year, Brandon Bayer:**



- Majoring in biomedical sciences with a minor in chemistry and leadership studies
- Bayer is committed to his community; he has dedicated more than 100 volunteer hours, including work with the Life Care Center of Pueblo helping high school students prepare for college.
- Bayer was the first student to be inducted as a voting member of CSU Pueblo's Foundation Board and was one of 20 students selected to attend the Colorado Rural Health Scholars Program at the Anschutz Medical Campus.

"Being honored means the world to me," Bayer said. "I have worked hard these last four years to improve my abilities as a leader, and I am honored to be recognized in this way. I cannot express the pride I have in my heart to represent my university."

A student from CSU Pueblo was last recognized with this award in 2012.

"We meet exceptional student leaders through CLA. It's clear our community is in good hands; Brandon is a shining example of [Colorado's Civic DNA](#) and how to lead in your community," said Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation Executive Director Dan Lewis.

Bayer will be recognized at the Leadership Foundation's [Leading Colorado luncheon](#) on March 14.

"Brandon is a dedicated leader who is actively using his voice to engage other leaders in his community — exemplifying qualities that have served him well in college and will do so into the future. He offers a model to other students on how to lead effectively," said Boettcher Foundation President and CEO Katie Kramer.

### **Get to know the Colorado Leadership Alliance**

The Colorado Leadership Alliance (CLA) unites collegiate leadership programs from across Colorado, exposing them to community issues outside their campus at an annual summit drawing nearly 200 students. Since 2009, the Leadership Foundation and the Boettcher Foundation have partnered to select a Student Leader of the Year from a CLA member college or university who shows exceptional leadership and service in the classroom, on campus and in the community.



### **About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation**

An affiliate organization of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation educates and inspires people who want to make a difference as leaders in the community. Building strong, diverse leaders for nearly 45 years, the Leadership Foundation provides the knowledge, skills, network and experience to inspire leaders to engage in issues critical to the region's success through a continuum of programs, including Leadership Denver, Impact Denver, Colorado Experience, Colorado's Civic DNA Fellows, Leadership Exchange, Access Denver, the Colorado Leadership Alliance and the Leadership Foundation Alumni Network. For more information, please visit [denverleadership.org](http://denverleadership.org).

### **About the Boettcher Foundation**

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