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**GREATER DENVER IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING IN
NATIONAL SKILLS & CREDENTIAL INSTITUTE**

*Spring Institute One of Six Organizations Representing Greater Denver Community at Institute Organized by
White House Task Force on New Americans*

DENVER, CO – Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning is one of six organizations representing the Greater Denver Immigrant and Refugee Support Community at the National Skills and Credential Institute in Washington, D.C. this week.

The Institute, organized by the White House Task Force on New Americans, is a peer-learning forum aimed at facilitating the labor market success of foreign-born educated professionals. Sessions include “Maximizing the Skilled-Immigrant Experience and Outcomes,” “Navigating Occupational Licenses and Other Useful Credentials,” and “The Promise of Bridge Programs for Foreign-Educated Immigrants.”

Benjamin Harris, Program Manager of Colorado Welcome Back at Spring Institute, a program designed to help foreign-trained medical professionals re-establish healthcare careers in Colorado, is one of the participants from the Greater Denver Community.

“It has been a great opportunity to come together with groups from all over the nation and collaborate on the work we are doing with highly skilled immigrants and refugees,” said Harris. “I’m excited to come back to Colorado with new knowledge on how to fill the demand for linguistically and culturally competent healthcare providers in Colorado by tapping into the pool of internationally trained medical professionals.”

Representatives from Greater Denver Immigrant and Refugee Support Community:

- Benjamin Harris, Program Manager, Colorado Welcome Back, Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
- Hillary Frances, Instructional Dean, Adult Education & Language Learning Center, Emily Griffith Technical College
- Noyes Combs, Grant & Program Manager, Colorado Department of Human Services
- Cecil Velázquez, Director of Small Business Development, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver
- Will Chan, Program Administrator for Services to Immigrants and Refugees, Denver Public Library
- Carrie Thiele, Training Programs Manager, African Community Center

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