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## **SPRING INSTITUTE HOSTS LUNCHEON EVENT CELEBRATING TRIUMPHS OF COLORADO'S IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE NEWCOMERS**

DENVER, COLORADO--Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning has provided programs and services promoting immigrant and refugee integration since its founding in 1979, proudly pursuing a mission to build a thriving intercultural community through learning, language access, and advocacy. The Spring Intercultural Champion Awards were established in 2015 to honor outstanding community contributions in intercultural communication and understanding. Since then, they have joyfully recognized 30+ individuals and organizations as Spring Intercultural Champions.

**What:** The theme of the 11th Spring Intercultural Champions Awards Ceremony & Luncheon is “Sparkling Success: Celebrating Triumphs of Colorado’s Newcomers.” This gathering of 125+ Coloradans will celebrate our state’s intercultural welcoming community, recognize the tremendous accomplishments and contributions of diverse immigrants and refugees, and honor three awardees who are doing remarkable work uplifting the talents and skills of Colorado's newcomers.

**Who:** With Emcee [Adam Morgan of KUVU Jazz and KOSI radio](#), music by **Los Bohemios**, and a **committee of state legislators** serving as honorary hosts, Spring Institute will present 2025 Spring Intercultural Champion awards to:

- **Denver Councilwoman Jamie Torres**, who was elected to the Denver City Council in July 2019 and previously was Director of Denver’s Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.
- **The Village Institute**, a nonprofit organization that provides holistic family support services for refugee and immigrant families in Northwest Aurora.
- **Ms. Dania Mohammed**, who was a pharmacist in her native Sudan and has been a participant in Spring Institute’s Colorado Welcome Back program for several years. She was accepted into the highly competitive Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Colorado where she is on track to graduate and resume her career as a pharmacist in Colorado.

Event sponsors include The Colorado Health Foundation, Chevron, Edward Jones, Alexander & Associates LLC, UCHealth, and over a dozen others.

**When:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025, Noon - 2:30 MST (doors open at 11:30 am)

**Where:** Hudson Gardens & Event Center, 6115 South Santa Fe Driver, Littleton, CO 80120

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