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SPRING INSTITUTE HOSTS LUNCHEON EVENT CELEBRATING THE NURTURING OF INTERCULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH

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: Featuring food, fellowship, special guests, and inspiring speakers, we're celebrating how awardees and other partners in Spring Institute's network are promoting mental wellbeing and more inclusive behavioral healthcare across our intercultural community!

Who: With Emcee [Michael Abeyta of CBS Colorado](#), keynote speaker [Karina Urrego of the Colorado Refugee Speakers Bureau](#), music by [Sara Van Hecke](#), and a **committee of state legislators** serving as honorary hosts, Spring Institute will present 2026 Spring Intercultural Champion awards to:

- **Place Bridge Academy of Denver Public Schools** educates children from early childhood through 8th grade by supporting the social, emotional, linguistic and educational needs of the area's most diverse student population. PBA has been a longtime partner of Spring Institute's Adult Education and Youth Behavioral Health programs.
- **Deborah Seymour, PsyD**, is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine with the University of Colorado's School of Medicine. Dr. Seymour partners with Spring Institute's Career Pathways team in mentoring internationally trained medical graduates who are entering Colorado's healthcare workforce.
- **WellPower** is a place for recovery, resilience and well-being, known locally and nationally as a model for innovative and effective community behavioral health care. WellPower is an important referral partner for Spring Institute's Youth Behavioral Health program.

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

When: Thursday, June 25, 2026, 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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