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Changemakers

Agnes Vaille	1890–1925	Colorado Mountain Club founder, WWI Red Cross volunteer
Amache Ochinee Prowers	1846–1905	Southern Cheyenne mediator between cultures on the plains in the 1860s and 1870s
Amy Van Dyken	1973–Present	Olympic swimmer paralyzed from waist down; Didn't let it stop her
Anthony Garcia, Sr.	Present	Globeville muralist and public art advocate
Antoinette Perry	1888–1946	Actor, director, theatre teacher; Tony awards named in her honor
Antonia Brico	1902–1989	World class orchestra conductor, mentored many Colorado musicians
Ashlyn Maher	Present	Jeffco School Protest leader, 2014
Barney Ford	1822–1902	Escaped slavery and went on to become a prominent business leader in Denver and Breckenridge
Ben Lindsey	1869–1943	Judge who created the juvenile justice system in Colorado which became a model for the nation
Brad Feld	1965–Present	Venture capitalist, 2017 Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal for Growth and Innovation
Byron White	1917–2002	Former US Supreme Court Justice
Carl Howelsen	1877–1955	Brought ski jumping to the US from Norway, started ski industry in Steamboat
Carolina & Ramon Gonzales	1946–1974	Built Mexican–American community in CO after the Mexican Revolution by starting the Casa Mayan restaurant
Casimiro Barela	1847–1920	Longest serving Hispanic State Representative; Helped publish state constitution in English, German, and Spanish
Charles Spivak	1861–1927	Director, Denver's Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society
Chin Lin Sou	1836–1894	Chinese business leader in Denver during a time when anti–Asian discrimination was very common; His descendants still live in CO
Chipeta	1843–1924	Chief Ouray's wife; Negotiated treaties
Christine Benero	Present	CEO of Mile High United Way, 2017 Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner for Public & Community Service
Cleo Parker Robinson	1948–Present	Founder and executive director of Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble
Clifford Duncan	1933–2014	Northern Ute tribal historian
Corky Gonzales	1928–2005	Leader in El Movimiento, Colorado's Chicano rights movement
Craig Smith	Present	President of HomeAdvisor; 2015 Emerging Community Leader Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Curt & Nancy Richardson	Present	Founders of Otterbox and OtterCares Foundation; 2017 Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winners for Corporate Citizenship
Daddy Bruce Randolph	1900–1994	Community benefactor and restaurateur
Dan Ritchie	1932–Present	Denver business leader, 2015 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Dana Crawford	1931–Present	Historic preservationist and urban planning visionary; 2018 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Darin Atteberry	Present	City Manager of the City of Fort Collins, 2016 Public & Community Service Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
DJ Cavem	1987–Present	Hip hop artist promoting food justice
Dr. Richard T. Speck	1886–1965	Sole doctor in the company town of McPhee, CO and southern Colorado for over fifty years
Edward Box, Jr.	Present	Southern Ute DJ
Elizabeth Piper Ensley	1847–1919	African American women's suffrage advocate; Founder of Association of Colored Women's clubs
Ellis Meredith	1865–1955	Journalist and women's suffrage activist
Elvin Caldwell	1919–2004	Community organizer, politician and education advocate
Emanuel Martinez	1947–Present	Chicano muralist and sculptor
Emily Griffith	1868–1947	Founder of Emily Griffith Opportunity School for "all who wish to learn"
Eugene Standingbear	1906–1980	American Indian artist (Lakota)
Federico Peña	1947–Present	State legislator, first Hispanic Mayor of Denver, US Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Energy under President Bill Clinton
Florence Sabin	1871–1953	Research scientist and public health advocate
Frances Wisebart Jacobs	1843–1892	Founded the hospital now known as National Jewish as a treatment center for tuberculosis patients, One of the founders of the United Way
Gitanjali Rao	2006–Present	Teenage scientist; Developed device to test lead levels in water
Grant Wilkins	1926–2018	Survived polio, traveled the world trying to eradicate it
Hannah Marie Wormington	1914–1994	First curator of archaeology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, leading author of textbooks on the Fremont people
Hattie McDaniel	1893–1952	First African American to win an Academy Award
Irving Hale	1861–1930	Helped design one of the first electric railways in Denver with the Denver Tramway Company
Isabella Bird	1831–1904	Explorer, Author of A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains about her travel in Rocky Mountain National Park

Jack Swigert	1931 – 1982	Engineer, Astronaut aboard Apollo 13
Janet Bonnema	1938 – 2008	Engineer, First woman to work in the Eisenhower Tunnel
John Denver	1943 – 1997	Folk singer, environmentalist
John Otto	1870 – 1952	First custodian of Colorado National Monument
John Suthers	1951 – Present	Mayor of Colorado Springs, former Colorado Attorney General; 2015 Public & Community Service Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Josephine Roche	1886 – 1976	Advocate for worker's rights, owner of Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, assistant treasury secretary under FDR
Juan Franco	Present	DACA student; National History Day winner
Julie & Spencer Penrose	Julie: 1870 – 1956 Spencer: 1865 – 1939	Colorado Springs philanthropists known for the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo & The Broadmoor
Justina Ford	1871 – 1952	African American doctor in Five Points
Kalyn Heffernan	Present	Disability rights activist; Leads a band called Wheelchair Sports Camp
Kim Jordan	1958 – Present	CEO & Founder of New Belgium Brewing, 2016 Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal for Growth and Innovation
Laura Gilpin	1891 – 1979	Photographer of southwestern Colorado
Laura Hershey	1962 – 2010	Disability rights activist, Author
Lillian Covillo	1921 – 2010	Founder of the Colorado Ballet
Lindsey Vonn	1984 – Present	World class, four-event skier
Lisa Tessarowicz	Present	Founder of Epicentral Coworking, 2016 Emerging Community Leader Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Marie Greenwood	1912 – Present	African American educator and author
Maud Banks Duke	1922 – 2013	Conservationist and outdoor enthusiast
Maurice Rose	1899 – 1945	Highest ranking Jewish officer who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Rose Hospital is named in his honor
Mikaela Shiffrin	1995 – Present	Olympic skier
Minoru Yasui	1916 – 1986	Challenged the constitutionality of Japanese Internment; Advocate for the Japanese American community
Missy Franklin	1995 – Present	Five-time Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer
Mt. Garfield Middle School students	Present	Started annual service trip to preserve Ute rock art; Won 2019 Stephen H. Hart Award for Historic Preservation
Nancy Phillips	Present	Business leader in the telecommunications industry; 2015 Growth and Innovation Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal winner
Odell Barry	1941 – Present	Former Denver Bronco, first African American mayor of Northglenn
Omar Blair	1918 – 2004	Tuskegee Airman, First African American President of the Denver Board of Education
Palmer Hoyt	1897 – 1979	Editor of The Denver Post, advocate of freedom of the press
Pat Schroeder	1940 – Present	Member of Congress for more than 20 years
Paul Major	Present	President & CEO of Telluride Foundation; 2018 Growth & Innovation Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal winner
Philip Van Cise	1894 – 1963	Denver District Attorney in the 1920s, fought organized crime
Phillip Lindsay	1994 – Present	Denver Broncos running back; Nominated for NFL Rookie of the Year in 2019
Polly Baca	1941 – Present	First Woman of Color to serve in the Colorado State Senate and First Hispanic Woman in leadership in any state Senate in the USA
Rachel Noel	1918 – 2008	Helped desegregate Denver Public Schools; First African American on Denver Board of Education
Ralph Carr	1887 – 1950	Governor of Colorado; Stood up for Japanese American community in aftermath of internment during WWII
Russell George	Present	Lifelong public servant (Colorado House of Representatives, CO State Department of Transportation & Natural Resources, various boards); 2018 Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner for Public & Community Service
Ryan Patterson	1983 – Present	Invented American Sign Language Translator as a teen; Entrepreneur
Sam Gary	1926 – Present	Philanthropist; 2016 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Sara Gebretsadik	1999 – Present	Ethiopian immigrant, advocate for education, 2018 Emerging Community Leader Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Sarah Jackson	Present	Founder of Casa de Paz, an organization helping immigrants after detention
Silas Soule	1838 – 1865	Refused to participate in the Sand Creek Massacre; Testified against Chivington and was killed because of it
Tay Anderson	1999 – Present	Youngest person to run for the Denver Board of Education
Taylor Phinney	1990 – Present	Professional cyclist; 2017 Emerging Community Leader Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Temple Grandin	1947 – Present	Professor of animal science at Colorado State University; Advocate for people living with autism
Teresita Sandoval	1811 – 1894	One of the founders of El Pueblo trading post
The Lumineers	Present	Grammy-winning folk-rock band
Tim Gill	1953 – Present	Philanthropist for LGBTQ causes
Tommy Caldwell	1978 – Present	Professional rock climber
Trey Parker & Matt Stone	Parker: 1969 – Present Stone: 1971 – Present	Creators of the TV show South Park
Tweet Kimball	1914 – 1999	Rancher; Developed award-winning breed of cattle; First female member of the National Western Stockshow Association
Vinny Castilla	1967 – Present	Former Colorado Rockies player; one of the "Blake Street Bombers"
Virginia McClurg	1857 – 1931	Advocated for the creation of Mesa Verde National Park
Von Miller	1989 – Present	Denver Broncos linebacker; Founded Von's Vision to give kids access to eyecare
Wade Blank	1940 – 1993	Founder of Atlantis Community Inc.; Disability rights advocate and ally
Wellington Webb	1941 – Present	First African American mayor of Denver
William Henry Jackson	1843 – 1942	Photographer of the West
William J. & Kathy Hybl	William: 1942 – Present Kathy: 1945 – Present	Philanthropists, El Pomar Foundation; 2017 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winners