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## Congratulations & Farewell



*Susana Lopez-Baker*



*Elicia Goodsoldier*

Boulder County Community Action Programs said good-bye to two staff members this Spring, Susana Lopez-Baker and Elicia Goodsoldier.

Susana Lopez-Baker, CAP Circles Coach, accepted a position with the YWCA as Director of Community, Engagement, and Equity, with a grant sponsored by Google in connection with the YWCA STEM pilot project. The programming in equity that Susana will be working on oversees strategy and vision for the Reading to End Racism, Latina Achievement Support, and Advocacy programs. Susana will be providing leadership and partnership to the community, and resources benefiting our constituents and organizations.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**MCAB Nominations  
Due June 28**

[boco.org/MCAB2019Nomination](http://boco.org/MCAB2019Nomination)

**CADC Scholarships  
Applications Due June 28**

[boco.org/MCAB2019Scholarships](http://boco.org/MCAB2019Scholarships)

**31st Annual Multicultural  
Awards Banquet (MCAB)**

Thursday, Oct. 3

6 - 9 p.m.

Boulder Jewish

Community Center

6007 Oreg Ave, Boulder

# THRIVE Conference

The fourth annual THRIVE conference took place on April 27 at Front Range Community College in Longmont. THRIVE is a bilingual conference developed by the CAP PIE Coordinator, Nino Gallo. A few years ago, while attending an asset building conference in Denver, Nino realized that Boulder County did not have many asset building educational opportunities for low-income Boulder County residents that were FREE, Bilingual, and accessible. THRIVE was born from the collaboration between several community partners and Boulder County agencies.

This year THRIVE offered workshops in the areas of business, designing your own financial future, education, social equity trends in Boulder county, social media, and home ownership. The people that attended these workshops reported that the conference helped

increase their knowledge, and they are more likely to make positive changes in their life by putting what they learned into action. The most popular topics at this year's conference were on financial fitness, how to save money, and business legal structures.

In addition to creating a space for asset building and social networking, THRIVE provided free lunch to its participants along with the opportunity to learn about resources available in Boulder County. Several Boulder County agencies and entities participated in THRIVE's resource fair, such as Boulder County Area Agency on Aging, Clinica Family Health, First Bank, and Centro Amistad. Participants were excited to learn about the wealth of services and opportunities in Boulder County, and left with a better understanding on how to access specific services if needed.



# THRIVE

Thrive Conference:  
Making Connections for a Brighter Future



# 31st Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet – Save the Date: Oct. 3

Boulder County Community Action Programs is pleased to announce we will be hosting the 31st Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet (MCAB) on Thursday, October 3 at the Boulder Jewish Community Center. All of the CAP programs will be involved in MCAB including People Engaged in Raising Leaders (PERL), Bridges Out of Poverty/CIRCLES Campaign, and Personal Investment Enterprises (PIE).

The banquet celebrates people of color who have made significant contributions in the areas of Art, Business, Community Service, Education, Government, Health, Science & Technology, Youth (19 years and under), and Partners – people from the White/Anglo community who work to promote social justice around issues of race. Since 1989, MCAB has recognized 257 community members from across Boulder County.

With generous sponsorships from local businesses, organizations, and community members, MCAB can offer

secondary education scholarships in the range of \$500 to students of low-income that are currently attending college, community college, technical school or university as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student. If you know of a deserving student, please encourage them to apply. Scholarship applications and MCAB nominations are due June 28.

MCAB nominations are available at: [boco.org/MCAB2019Nomination](http://boco.org/MCAB2019Nomination)

Scholarship applications are at: [boco.org/MCAB2019Scholarships](http://boco.org/MCAB2019Scholarships)

Given today's present climate, it is crucial that our community demonstrates its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness by supporting the Multicultural Awards Banquet with your nominations, attendance, and/or sponsorship.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Maciel Leon, CAP Division Manager at 303-441-3972 or [mleon@bouldercounty.org](mailto:mleon@bouldercounty.org).



Photos from the 2018 Banquet

# Farewell - continued

Susana was with CAP for six years and nine months, first as the PERL Coordinator for three years, then as the Circles Coach. When asked about her biggest accomplishment during her time with Boulder county, three things came to mind: 1) the streamlining of the Circles program from three sites to one; 2) re-designing the PERL/Creating Connections program; and 3) working with the commissioners to develop a method to collect demographics for those serving on boards and commissions within Boulder County.

Susana believes that the work she did for Boulder county was important because, "Diversity, inclusion and equity work are never ending. It is important to help people realize that we need to do more for disenfranchised communities. That race and income status matter. That people of all walks of life deserve to be respected regardless of their color, socioeconomic status, gender identity, age, etc. I was always proud to serve CAP because of their rich history with human rights."

Elicia Goodsoldier joined Red Wind Consulting based out of Colorado Springs as the Children and Youth Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator. She will be responsible for providing and coordinating training and TA activities for tribes across the country who are receiving grants from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

Elicia was a PERL Class of 2011 graduate, and later became the PERL Coordinator and served in that position for three years. During her time with Boulder County, Elicia encouraged her peers to continue doing the work necessary in their communities because many of the participants who walk through our doors are already plugged in, on the ground, and informed about the needs of their communities.

Through PERL, Elicia encouraged participants to bring their knowledge into the board room and/or commission meetings. Elicia shared, "Marginalized communities know that these systems were not built for them and that is why it has been an amazing experience to work to ensure that these individuals have the tools needed to work within those systems and make an impact."

CAP wishes these two well as they continue to share their gifts and talents with new agencies.



## Community Action Development Corporation (CADC) Seeking New Board Members

Community Action Development Corporation (CADC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit board under Boulder County Community Action Programs. The board was created in 1984 to provide opportunities for education, self-sufficiency, and community involvement for the disenfranchised and people with low income. This board helps secure financial support for existing CAP programming that is vital to our community.

You don't need to be an experienced fundraiser to be a successful board member -- but we welcome that too! In addition to connecting financial support to CAP programming, CADC Board members are also instrumental in planning the annual Multicultural Awards Banquet, and supporting CAP's Division Manager with their goal of developing best practices in engaging the community in asset building, and personal development opportunities.

We are looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals that have experience working with diverse populations, and are interested in making an impact in Boulder County.

If you would like to learn more, e-mail CAP Division Manager, Maciel Leon at [mleon@bouldercounty.org](mailto:mleon@bouldercounty.org) or call at 303-441-3972

