

Executive Energy Leadership Academy Alumni

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Leadership Program

2023 Participants

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- Nicholas Foss, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Heather Halkola, VA Palo Alto Health Care System
- Joseph Hallahan, Power Africa/USAID
- Joshua Hodge, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research (CEEPR)
- Ida Mae Isaac, Colorado Energy Office
- John Liu, Huntington Industrial Partners
- Uduak-Joe Ntuk, South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Erica Pionke, Bureau of Land Management
- Ryan Pocius, Xcel Energy
- Camille Pollan, Accenture
- Heather Sherman, Battelle Education
- Ean Tafoya, GreenLatinos / State of Colorado
- Carlos Tamayo, City of Colorado Springs
- Craig Wright, IBIS
- Meghan Nutting, Sunnova

2022 Participants

- Alana Baldwin, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Lynne Barker, Blaine County, ID
- Claire Behar, Hy Stor Energy
- Monica Brummer, Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy
- Gregory Clough, Colorado School of Mines
- Paul Doucette, Battelle
- Amy Henry, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Shea Jameel, Estee Lauder Companies
- Nick Kapur, S&P Global Platts
- Justin LeVeque, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Samantha Lichtin, RMI
- Jolene Lyon, Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
- Emily Marthaler, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Jeff Morehouse, ClearPath
- Mindy O'Neill, Cold Climate Housing Research Center

- Mike Petersen, Shell
- Gregg Swartz, Toyota Motor North America
- Curtis Thayer, Alaska Energy Authority
- Adam West, Denver Public Schools

2021 Participants

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- Paul Bostrom, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit
- Rob Davis, Connexus Energy
- Sarah Dimson-Tararuj, Climate Pledge, Amazon
- Jocelyn Durkay, Colorado Energy Office
- Matt Gregori, Southern California Gas Company
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- Dominique Jackson, Colorado House of Representatives
- Michael King, Colorado Department of Transportation
- Byron Kominek, Jack's Solar Garden
- Susan McFaddin, Seven Generations
- Hugh McKean, Colorado House of Representatives
- Hillary O'Brien, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- Lynn Padgett, Ouray County, Colorado, District 1
- Zach Pierce, Office of Governor Roy Cooper
- David Rodziewicz, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
- Amber Saxton, George Mason University
- Sam Whelan, Holy Cross Energy

2019 Participants

- Salem Afeworki, Value Sustainability
- Jessica Burley, Town of Breckenridge
- Marc Campbell, Salt River Project
- Kimberly Dickey, NextEra Energy Resources
- Steven Emmen, Office of U.S. Senator Cory Gardner
- Daniel Garcia, Riverside Public Utilities
- Michelle Gransee, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Griffin Hagle, Taġiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority
- Gerry Huitt, Xcel Energy
- John Jameson, ICF
- Craig Jones, Colorado Army National Guard
- Elizabeth Kócs, UIC Energy Initiative
- Alexander Kohnen, Arizona State University
- Tyler Kornelis, Kodiak Area Native Association
- Eric Montag, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Taren Mulch, Colorado Tourism Office
- Andrés Pesca, ANDEG
- Cole Simons, ClearPath
- Christopher Smith, Colorado State Land Board

- Chrissy Sollenberger, Walton Personal Philanthropy Group

2018 Participants

- Cameran Bailey, Twin Cities Metropolitan Council
- Britta Beckstead, Western Governors' Association
- Susan Blythe, Program Manager, Brendle Group
- John Cattles, Gunnison County
- Zachary Friedman, Black Bear Energy
- John Gavan, Delta County Economic Development
- Kyle Gumto, Cardinal Health
- Mark Hartman, City of Phoenix
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- Susan Lewis, Delaware Army National Guard
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- Spencer Nelson, ClearPath Foundation
- Alex Polo, Costco Whole Sale
- Thomas Quasius, APTIM
- Anna Siefken, The Wilton E. Scott Insitute for Energy Innovation, Carnegie Mellon University
- Jared Soncrant, U.S. Senator Cory Gardner
- Jeffrey Tu, RE2H2 Energy Development LLC
- John Widerman, Town of Minturn

2017 Participants

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- Derek DiGiacomo, SCTE
- Kirby Dipert, Lockheed Martin
- Rachael Drummond, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research
- Jennifer Hale, Denver Zoological Foundation
- Natalie Hanson, Nuvista Light & Electric Cooperative
- Brian Hill, Richard King Mellon Foundation
- Cody Hooven, City of San Diego
- Kevin Kenny, Sprint
- Kyle Lauter, EDF Renewable Energy
- Jessica Lin, U.S. Department of Energy
- Sonrisa Lucero, Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability
- David Martinez, Pueblo of Laguna
- Matt Myers, EarthX
- Jim Obermaier, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Marriott International
- Scott Rupp, Missouri Public Service Commission
- Meyer Seligman, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
- Kathleen Staks, Colorado Energy Office
- Gary White, U.S. Air Force Office of Energy Assurance
- Rob Whittier, Vail Resorts
- Justin Wurth, Mortenson Construction

- Ellen Zuckerman, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project

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- Ron Arthur, Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
- Kathleen Baireuther, Austin Technology Incubator
- Cindy Beeler, EPA Region 8
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- Joel Fetter, Booz Allen Hamilton
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- Gary Jones, EPA Office of Civil Enforcement
- James Lester, Colorado PUC
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- Maren Mahoney, Arizona State University, EPIC
- Eric Manuel, NREL
- Dan Powers, CO-LABS
- Casey Reeves, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Pat Spearman, Nevada State Legislature
- Joseph Thill, NREL
- Isaac Vanderburg, Alaska SBDC
- Hannah Vargason, Natural Capital Investment Fund
- Kyle Wheeler, Prologis

2015 Participants

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- Robert Anselmi, Department of Veterans Affairs
- Michael Buckner, Creative Sensor, Inc.
- Lilly Ellen Edwards, University of Colorado
- Robert Edwards, Jr., Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP
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- Jeffrey King, Office of Economic Development and International Trade
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- Bill Peck, Cummins Rocky Mountain
- Richard Pinkham, Booz Allen Hamilton
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2014 Participants

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