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Barrier Breaker	Superpower	Dates	Notable For?
Agnes Vaile	Curiosity	1890-1925	Colorado Mountain Club founder, WWI Red Cross volunteer
Amache Ochinee Prowers	Resilience	1846-1905	Southern Cheyenne mediator between cultures on the plains in the 1860s and 1870s
Amy Van Dyken	Resilience	1973- Present	Olympic swimmer paralyzed from waist down; Didn't let it stop her
Antoinette Perry	Passion	1888-1946	Actor, director, theatre teacher; Tony awards named in her honor
Antonia Brico	Determination	1902-1989	World class orchestra conductor, mentored many Colorado musicians
Barney Ford	Resilience	1822-1902	Escaped slavery and went on to become a prominent business leader in Denver and Breckenridge
Ben Lindsey	Passion	1869-1943	Judge who created the juvenile justice system in Colorado which became a model for the nation
Byron White	Passion	1917-2002	Former US Supreme Court Justice
Carl Howelsen	Creativity	1877-1955	Brought ski jumping to the US from Norway, started ski industry in Steamboat
Carolina & Ramon Gonzalez	Passion	1946-1974	Built Mexican-American community in CO after the Mexican Revolution by starting the Casa Mayan restaurant
Casimiro Barela	Resilience	1847-1920	Longest serving Hispanic State Representative; Helped publish state constitution in English, German, and Spanish
Charles Spivak	Empathy	1861-1927	Director, Denver's Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society
Chin Lin Sou	Determination	1836-1894	Chinese business leader in Denver during a time when anti-Asian discrimination was very common; His descendents still live in CO
Chipeta	Determination	1843-1924	Chief Ouray's wife; Negotiated treaties
Cleo Parker Robinson	Creativity	1948-Present	Founder and executive director of Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble
Clifford Duncan	Determination	1933-2014	Northern Ute tribal historian
Corky Gonzales	Creativity	1928 - 2005	Leader in El Movimiento, Colorado's Chicano rights movement
Daddy Bruce Randolph	Empathy	1900-1994	Community benefactor and restaurateur
Dan Ritchie	Determination	1932 - Present	Denver business leader, 2015 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Dana Crawford	Determination	1931 - Present	Historic preservationist and urban planning visionary; 2018 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Dr. Richard T. Speck	Determination	1886-1965	Sole doctor in the company town of McPhee, CO and southern Colorado for over fifty years
Elizabeth Piper Ensley	Curiosity	1847-1919	African American women's suffrage advocate; Founder of Association of Colored Women's clubs
Ellis Meredith	Creativity	1865-1955	Journalist and women's suffrage activist
Elvin Caldwell	Determination	1919-2004	Community organizer, politician and education advocate
Emanuel Martinez	Empathy	1947-Present	Chicano muralist and sculptor
Emily Griffith	Empathy	1868-1947	Founder of Emily Griffith Opportunity School for "all who wish to learn"
Eugene Standingbear	Resilience	1906-1980	American Indian artist (Lakota)
Federico Peña	Creativity	1947-Present	State legislator, first Hispanic Mayor of Denver, US Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Energy under President Bill Clinton
Florence Sabin	Passion	1871 - 1953	Research scientist and public health advocate
Frances Wisebart Jacobs	Empathy	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
Grant Wilkins	Passion	1926-2018	Survived polio, traveled the world trying to eradicate it
Hannah Marie Wormington	Curiosity	1914-1994	First curator of archaeology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, leading author of textbooks on the Fremont people
Hattie McDaniel	Courage	1893-1952	First African American to win an Academy Award
Irving Hale	Curiosity	1861-1930	Helped design one of the first electric railways in Denver with the Denver Tramway Company
Isabella Bird	Curiosity	1831-1904	Explorer, Author of <i>A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains</i> about her travel in Rocky Mountain National Park
Jack Swigert	Courage	1931-1982	Engineer, Astronaut aboard Apollo 13



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Janet Bonnema	Determination	1938-2008	Engineer, First woman to work in the Eisenhower Tunnel
John Denver	Passion	1943-1997	Folk singer, environmentalist
John Otto	Curiosity	1870-1952	First custodian of Colorado National Monument
John Suthers	Determination	1951-Present	Mayor of Colorado Springs, former Colorado Attorney General; 2015 Public & Community Service Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Josephine Roche	Empathy	1886-1976	Advocate for worker's rights, owner of Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, assistant treasury secretary under FDR
Julie & Spencer Penrose	Empathy	Julie:1870-1956	Colorado Springs philanthropists known for the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo & The Broadmoor
Justina Ford	Resilience	1871-1952	African American doctor in Five Points
Laura Gilpin	Creativity	1891-1979	Photographer of southwestern Colorado
Laura Hershey	Creativity	1962-2010	Disability rights activist, Author
Lillian Covillo	Curiosity	1921-2010	Founder of the Colorado Ballet
Marie Greenwood	Resilience	1912-Present	African American educator and author
Maud Banks Duke	Courage	1922-2013	Conservationist and outdoor enthusiast
Maurice Rose	Courage	1899-1945	Highest ranking Jewish officer who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Rose Hospital is named in his honor
Minoru Yasui	Resilience	1916-1986	Challenged the constitutionality of Japanese Internment; Advocate for the Japanese American community
Odell Barry	Empathy	1941-Present	Former Denver Bronco, first African American mayor of Northglenn
Omar Blair	Courage	1918-2004	Tuskegee Airman, First African American President of the Denver Board of Education
Palmer Hoyt	Courage	1897-1979	Editor of The Denver Post, advocate of freedom of the press
Pat Schroeder	Resilience	1940-Present	Member of Congress for more than 20 years
Philip Van Cise	Curiosity	1894-1963	Denver District Attorney in the 1920s, fought organized crime
Polly Baca	Courage	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	Creativity	1918-2008	Helped desegregate Denver Public Schools; First African American on Denver Board of Education
Ralph Carr	Courage	1887-1950	Governor of Colorado; Stood up for Japanese American community in aftermath of internment during WWII
Russell George	Empathy	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
Sam Gary	Passion	1926- Present	Philanthropist; 2016 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winner
Silas Soule	Courage	1838-1865	Refused to participate in the Sand Creek Massacre; Testified against Chivington and was killed because of it
Temple Grandin	Empathy	1947-Present	Professor of animal science at Colorado State University; Advocate for people living with autism
Teresita Sandoval	Courage	1811-1894	One of the founders of El Pueblo trading post
Tim Gill	Determination	1953-Present	Philanthropist for LGBTQ causes
Tommy Caldwell	Courage	1978- Present	Professional rock climber
Trey Parker & Matt Stone	Curiosity	Parker: 1969-Present	Creators of the TV show <i>South Park</i>
Tweet Kimball	Curiosity	1914-1999	Rancher; Developed award-winning breed of cattle; First female member of the National Western Stockshow Association
Vinny Castilla	Determination	1967-Present	Former Colorado Rockies player; one of the "Blake Street Bombers"
Virginia McClurg	Curiosity	1857-1931	Advocated for the creation of Mesa Verde National Park
William Henry Jackson	Creativity	1843-1942	Photographer of the West



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William J. & Kathy Hybl	Empathy	William: 1942- P	Philanthropists, El Pomar Foundation; 2017 Vanguard Legacy Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal Winners