

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



The Hospitality Industry Network

*Rocky Mountain Chapter*

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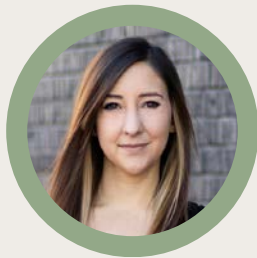


# NEWH ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

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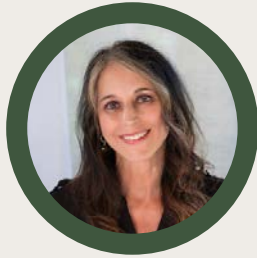
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February 15-17

# LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



## Leadership Conference

### **NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter attends the 2024 Leadership Conference!**

Our chapter sponsored a group of six to attend the 2024 Leadership Conference.

We spent two days exploring attending educational sessions, speaker panels, and incredible keynotes. At night we were able to connect at dinners and events with our hospitality network from across the world!

Special shout-out to Brittany Spinner, Vice President of Scholarship for hosting the Scholars Luncheon!

Top Left: Kyla Chambers, Brittany Spinner, Andrea Cuevara, Elizabeth Hartman, Aurora Salinas, Nicole Brindle  
Bottom Left: Nicole Brindle, Andrea Cuevara, Brittany Spinner  
Top Right: Kyla Chambers, Sheila Lohmiller  
Bottom Right: Brittany Spinner hosting the Scholars Luncheon

February 29

# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP EVENT



## Scholarship Kick-off

The NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter had a fabulous time at our second annual Student Scholarship Info Event kickoff, at the Tarkett Hospitality showroom in downtown Denver.

We were joined by 10+ students from a variety of local Colleges & Universities within the Colorado area. Our event focused networking and helping students understand the process of applying for the NEWH scholarship.

We offered free headshots by our very own chapter President, Kyla Chambers, with Kyla Chambers Photography, capturing their best side to get them ready to enter the professional world. Students also had the opportunity to network with many of our members from top local design firms.



Pictured left to right:  
Bri Somma, Kelsi Coia, Tara Astrom, Tiffany Sutta, Frank Mataipule, Megan Freckelton

April 24

# BARRE TO BAR EVENT



Above Image: Frank Mataipule, Erica Marshall, Sofie Thomson, Danielle Vassallo, Bailey Smith, Elizabeth Faraci, Eliane Kelley, Kyla Chambers

**Eliane Kelley**, our own NEWH Membership Director, led us through a fun (and intense!) barre workout sponsored by the Oxford Club.

We then promptly re-toxed with cocktails at the Oxford's Cruise Room. The Happy Hour was hosted by **TLC Hospitality** - thank you TLC and Erica Marshall!



OXFORD CLUB  
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May 9

# THINKING DIFFERENTLY

## NEURODIVERSITY PANEL



Photo by:  
Kyla Chambers Photography

### *Thinking Differently - DEI Panel Event*

**The event successfully** highlighted the intersection of interior design, hospitality, and DEI with a special focus on neurodiversity. It brought to light the crucial role of intentional design in creating inclusive spaces that accommodate diverse needs. By prioritizing inclusivity and fostering a culture of understanding and support, the hospitality industry and corporate world can significantly enhance the experiences of all individuals, including those who are neurodiverse.

#### **Thank you to our Panelists!**

Sue Harken-Houser, Steelcase  
Mei-Ling Krabbe, Stantec  
Olamide Olorunkosebi, DLR Group



Above Image: Olamide Olorunkosebi, DLR Group and member of NOMA  
Left Image: Julia Johnston, Aurora Salinas, Mei-Ling Krabbe, Olamide Olorunkosebi, Sue Harken-Houser

**Key Themes and Discussions:**

**Intentional Design for Inclusive Spaces** The panel emphasized the critical importance of intentionally planning spaces to be inclusive and welcoming for all. This involves considering a wide range of needs and preferences, especially those of neurodiverse individuals. By doing so, designers can create environments that not only comply with accessibility standards but also promote comfort, productivity, and well-being for everyone.

**DEI in Hospitality Design** The discussion highlighted how diversity, equity, and inclusion are increasingly becoming integral to the design process in the hospitality industry. Speakers underscored the need for spaces that reflect diverse cultures and identities, which in turn can enhance guest experiences and foster a sense of belonging. This approach not only benefits guests but also empowers staff, leading to a more inclusive and supportive workplace.

**Neurodiversity and Corporate Environments** One of the standout sessions focused on the experiences of neurodiverse individuals working in corporate settings. Panelists shared personal stories and professional insights, illustrating the unique challenges and strengths that neurodiverse employees bring to the workplace. They discussed the importance of creating work environments that accommodate different sensory needs, communication styles, and work patterns.

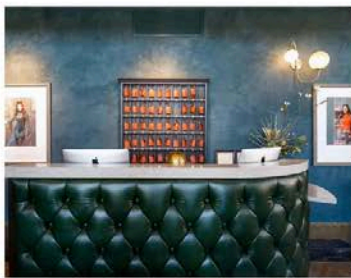
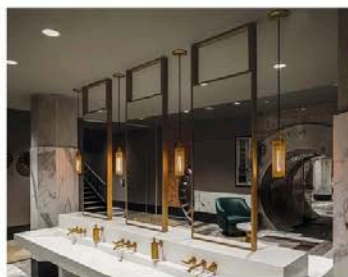


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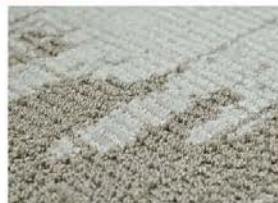
Top Image: Mei-Ling Krabbe and Sam Ward of EBECC  
Bottom Image: Aurora Salinas, Danielle Vassallo, Kyla Chambers, Jennifer Berryhill, Julia Johnston - NEWH Board Members

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'PICTURE THIS'  
TOP ID &  
Scholarship

AWARDS EVENING

JUNE 10  
6-10PM

TICKET PRICE  
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JUNE 5TH

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REGIONAL  
TRADESHOW

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024  
HYATT REGENCY DENVER AT COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER  
650 15TH STREET  
DENVER, CO 80202



## DENVER

**NEWH, INC. AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER** invite you to join industry colleagues for the NEWH Regional Tradeshow, a smaller, more intimate format, featuring the latest in hospitality furnishings. Network with suppliers, manufacturers and the design community during the NEWH Cocktail Party 5:00 – 6:00 pm

### SHOW SCHEDULE

**12:00 – 1:00 pm**

#### Panel Discussion

**Inspiring Spaces:** *A look at Colorado's newest immersive space, The Polaris Hotel at the Air Force Academy.* Panelists include Kevin Barosso, Director of Sales & Marketing and Curtis Bova, General Manager of Hotel Polaris at the U.S. Air Force Academy and Chelsea Hershelman, VP of Design + Development, CoralTree Hospitality.

**Show Hours: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

This event provides a unique opportunity for vendors to visit with existing clients and meet new prospects, while showcasing their newest products and services in an intimate, business casual environment. There will be a food and cocktail reception held in the tradeshow floor area, allowing for additional networking and extended sales opportunities!

**FREE LUNCH** provided in the exhibit hall for all attendees arriving between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Get away from the office, grab a bite on us, and enjoy the show.

**Door Prizes: 3:30 pm & 5:45 pm**

Two \$500 cash door prizes will be awarded to two lucky winners. Drawing will be held at 3:30 pm and 5:45 pm. You must be present to win. Visit the exhibitors at the show with your door prize card and collect 45 stamps to qualify. It's so simple!

**Cocktail Party: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** Enjoy additional networking time with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

### Special thanks to our DENVER SPONSORS

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**MIDDAY SNACK:** HD Walls | Lark Fontaine, LLC | LX Hausys | Studio Twist

**REFRESHMENTS:** DAC Art Consulting | Delta Faucet Co. | Eaton Fine Art | General Glass

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [newh.org/denver2024](https://newh.org/denver2024)

FREE to architects, designers, specifiers, purchasing agents, hotel owners & managers, design students and educational professionals.

We will not be allowing non-exhibiting vendors, media, and consultants on the show floor.



**Paige Latta**

University of Denver  
Fritz School of Hospitality  
Management



**MacKenzie Beyer**

Arapahoe Community College  
Interior Design



**Whitney Holland**

Colorado State University  
Interior Design

# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter has awarded a total of \$20,000 in scholarships this year. This is the largest amount that our chapter has ever awarded and we couldn't have done it without our community's immense support.

These scholarships are awarded to students pursuing a major and career objective within the Hospitality Industry (interior design, hospitality management, culinary, architecture, etc.). We had a record number of applications this year and are pleased to award to these three shining stars of hospitality.

Paige, MacKenzie, and Whitney, we can't wait to see what your future holds!

### **Meet our Scholarship Winners:**

All of our 2024 scholarship winners will be attending our Top ID + Scholarship Awards Evening Event, where we will honor and celebrate their hard work and achievements. Be sure to say hi at the event!

### **Scholarships 2025:**

Want to apply for our scholarship next year? Be on the look out in January 2025 for when we begin sharing information on that year's scholarship application dates and deadlines.

### **Did you Know?**

NEWH membership is FREE to students + full-time educators.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 TOP ID WINNERS

## *OZ Architecture*



Photo provided by OZ  
Architecture.

## *Lone Rock Retreat*

**LOCATION: UNDISCLOSED**

Set amid the forest, meadowland, and rock promontories on a tract of land once used for agriculture, Lone Rock Retreat is an architecturally unique and visually stunning campus designed to accommodate 60 guests at a time. The indoor spaces at Lone Rock draw inspiration from the surrounding natural palette of materials and colors, helping guests to feel relaxed and recharged. Three custom restaurants, all on the lodge's lower level, are designed to increase social interaction and feel comfortable for guests who have just met and are dining together. These unique experiences include a 30-seat make-your-own pizza venue, a Colorado western saloon for 60 guests featuring an authentic bar from the 1800s, and a fresh farm-to-table vegetarian restaurant, all with individual access to an adjacent outdoor patio through large pivot doors. Also included in the adjacent seminar building is a breakout pre-function room designed to be a lunch venue, gathering space and beverage station during events. This breakout dining supports three seminar rooms and up to 120 guests.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 TOP ID WINNERS

*FAM Design*



**FAM**  
DESIGN

Photo provided by FAM Design

## *The Frenchmen Hotel*

**LOCATION: NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Full renovation of a 27-room historic hotel on Frenchmen Street in New Orleans. Designed as a celebration of culture, art and our muse, Leonor Fini, a surrealist artist known for her flamboyant style and avant-garde thinking. Our muse lived life like an actor in a play, colorful and dramatic. Colors used were vivid and unexpected. Furnishings have a sculptural, eccentric appeal and unconventional vintage pieces were sourced. Fini owned fifty cats over her lifetime, a theme represented in the details.

Celebrating female artists and the female form; the room pendants are by ceramist, Paola Paronetto and the female forms hall wallcovering is by artist, Laura Berger. The pool mural, by local Rachel Loyacono, illustrates native plants, and the suites hand-mirror wallcovering investigates representations of femininity, dissecting symbols of beauty.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 TOP ID WINNERS

## *Shalls Design Studio*



Photo provided by Shalls Design Studio

## *Four Seasons Resort & Residences*

**LOCATION: VAIL, CO.**

Four Seasons Vail Residences and Resort is situated at the front door of the history-rich Vail Village with the legendary Vail Ski Mountain just steps away. Offering private residences, standard hotel rooms, and specialty suites, as well as conference space and multiple restaurants on property, it is a full-service luxury ski resort.

Shalls Design Studio was tasked with taking three standard hotel rooms and creating a specialty 3-bedroom connecting suite to enhance the luxury suite offerings at Four Seasons. This resort-owned, 1,842 sq. ft. modern suite offers guests a comfortable retreat ideal for a family of up to six guests or friends travelling together. With two connecting rooms, this suite includes an open sitting area with fireplace, dining space and bar, three connecting king bedrooms, and three luxury bathrooms. Elevated finishes include a custom carved concrete bathtub, custom marble vanity, and exquisite limestone tile throughout.

# TOP ID 2025

Nomination deadline is June 14, 2024

APPLY  
HERE

Kimberly Timmons Interiors (KTI)

HBC Design Group

Johnson Nathan So...

NEWH 2022 Top ID

Group



## JOIN THE BOARD



Join the NEWH Rocky Mountain board - come join this unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the hospitality community while developing valuable leadership skills. You'll connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for positive change, creating a network of support and collaboration.

EXPLORE 2025 BOARD POSITIONS!

We have board + committee opportunities to suit your interest!

Reach out to Danielle Vassallo at [dvassallo227@gmail.com](mailto:dvassallo227@gmail.com)





# ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER 2024 EVENT CALENDAR

January



February

NEWH Leadership  
Conference

March

29th- Scholarship  
Kick-Off Event



April

Barre and Happy  
Hour



May

TBD-DEI Panel  
Discussion

June

10th-Top ID Gala &  
Scholarship Awards  
Evening

11th-Denver Regional  
Tradeshow



July

August

September

TBD- Hotel Tour



October

TBD- Membership Drive

Newsletter  
Fall/ Winter release

November



December

TBD- Holiday Fun



*We look forward to networking at our next  
Event.*





# SPRING RECIPES

## COUSCOUS BOWLS WITH LEMON FETA VINAIGRETTE

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups cooked couscous,
- 1 pound asparagus spears, woody stems removed
- olive oil for drizzling or olive oil spray
- kosher salt and pepper
- 1 can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup chopped fresh herbs, like parsley, basil, cilantro
- ¼ cup chopped roasted pistachios

### LEMON FETA VINAIGRETTE

- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped herbs, like parsley and chives
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- salt and pepper
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ⅓ cup crumbled feta cheese



PREPARATION: <https://www.howsweeteats.com/2022/03/spring-couscous-bowls/>

## RASPBERRY ROSE FIZZ

### COCKTAIL INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 oz gin
- 3/4 oz liqueur framboise
- 3/4 oz lemon juice
- 3/4 oz raspberry syrup
- 3 drops rosewater
- 1 egg white
- 1 1/2 oz sparkling water
- rose petal (for garnish)

### RASPBERRY SYRUP

- 1 cup raspberries
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup sugar



PREPARATION: <https://honestllyyum.com/2896/raspberry-rose-fizz/?urltpid=camp:EiziA9TPUPa0>



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