



Meet Our Community

Our featured members.

The Dynamic Couple

Magdalena currently serves as the CSHG Vice-President.

Magdalena Arellano-Aguayo is a retired Physician Assistant who served the Denver community at Sandos Westside Health Center for over 25 years. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado at Denver and her graduate degree at the Colorado University Health Science Center. Magdalena served on various boards and committees during her time as a Pediatric PA and was recognized with awards including The Lena Archuleta Community Service Award and 1st annual Magdalena Aguayo Reach Out and Read Colorado Literacy Champion of the Year Award in 2007. Other awards include Employee of the Year for the City and county of Denver and the Mayor's Outstanding Service Award in 1992 and the Bernie Valdez Award for Health in 1998. In 2019 Magdalena was recognized by the Latinas First Foundation with The Trailblazer Award. After retiring in 2007, Magdalena continued to serve in several volunteer positions, such as the Denver Latino Commission, AARP El Comite, Chairwoman of the Mile Hi American GI Forum and the Board of Directors for Rude Park Day Care Center. Presently Magdalena volunteers with Denver Public Schools as a Spellbinder, AARP Colorado, CALMA Board of Directors, and Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy.

José is an active member and volunteer.

José Aguayo has been a member of the Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy since 1998. He is one of seven children born to Marciano and Jovita Aguayo, immigrants who fled the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1920. Like all the Aguayo children, José was born in Sedgwick, Colorado. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the US Army and served for three years with the 82nd Airborne Division. After his discharge from the Army in 1962, Aguayo received a degree in Advertising Art and worked as a graphic designer for the next 25 years. He worked for Coors Brewing Company with the title of Manager of Corporate Identity and Allied Businesses. He then earned an MA degree in Cultural Anthropology and Museum Studies from the University of Denver. Jose worked as Director of Design for the Colorado Historical Society before founding and directing the Museo de Las Americas from 1991 to 2003. Aguayo has served on many professional, community and veteran organization Boards of Directors. He continues to live in Denver, Colorado where he writes about military and Latino history. He is the author of *The Color of Duty: Stories of Latinos in the American Military* and *Caciques y Conquistadores* and essays in *La Gente: Hispano History and Life in Colorado and Western Voices*.

