

## **EMERGING LEADER AWARD: PARKER MCMULLEN BUSHMAN**

At Boettcher, we believe in the promise of Colorado and the potential of Coloradans. Every day we champion excellence across our state by investing in our most talented citizens and high-potential organizations, because supporting their hard work and leadership will enable them to give back for years to come.

The Inspiring Brilliance Awards are a highlight of our year because it is a chance for the people who are working hard on behalf of our communities to take a step back and celebrate the impact of our work. We are delighted to be an award sponsor because it allows us to honor the hard work and leadership we hold so dear.

We are so proud to support the Emerging Leader Award. Leadership is a pillar of our work at the Boettcher Foundation, and developing the next generation of leaders is of critical importance. So, it is especially meaningful to introduce this first award.

The Emerging Leader Award honors a rising leader in the nonprofit sector – someone in their early to mid-career who has made a mark through their tenacity, energy, creativity, and exemplary leadership. Not only does this award recognize someone who has already made significant contributions but it is an acknowledgement of their potential for continued leadership.

The winner of this year's Emerging Leader Award is Parker McMullen Bushman.

In her role as the Vice President of Community Engagement, Education, and Inclusion at the Butterfly Pavilion, Parker leads the organization's programs with a focus on increased access and inclusivity. Parker has been working in the nonprofit sector for 18 years, serving on multiple boards and committees that emphasize conservation and environmental causes. She uses her

platform as a leader at the Butterfly Pavilion and externally to bring diversity, equity, and inclusion into conversations of capacity building. She has founded an online forum called Ecoinclusive, which provides resources for organizations in the DEI space. She is a sought-after speaker and trainer to help organizations be more welcoming to all volunteers and communities. We recognize Parker for her innovation and inspired thinking. She is shaping the future of our sector through her tenacity, energy, and creativity.

Please help me in honoring and congratulating Parker McMullen Bushman for the Emerging Leader Award.

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