

May 2018

You Helped us Get Here – Come Help us Celebrate



ACG Denver is celebrating 20 years since it formed as a Chapter on June 14th at *the ART, a hotel*. Just as Colorado has evolved and grown over the years, so has ACG Denver. We are so very proud of our history and the people who helped us become one of the best places to do business in the state of Colorado! This special event is a unique opportunity to connect with the extended ACG Denver community of past, present, and future members. Space is limited. [Register today!](#)

Leadership 20 Now Accepting Applications



Leadership 20 is a seven-session leadership development course that takes place in the fall of each year. Each session is interactive, fun and practice-based. Participants will be able to immediately apply what they learn in sessions to everyday business situations. The course work sets the context for effective leadership behavior through experiential-based learning that has practical application of the learned skills.

Equally as important to the educational component is the formation of a peer group of Leadership 20 colleagues that will become a hub of professional networks for years to come. Now in its 12 year, Leadership 20 has a highly engaged alumni group. Not only do participants develop a network with their cohort, but additionally have immediate access to the nexus of all Leadership 20 graduates.

For more information: [Leadership 20 Overview and Videos.](#)

Upcoming Events

June 12, 2018

[June Membership Luncheon: Grease Monkey-From Turnaround to Growth](#)

June 14, 2018

[20th Anniversary Celebration](#)

July 18, 2018

[Corporate Executive Breakfast \(see attendance Requirements\): Diversity and Inclusion: Good for Business](#)

August 14, 2018

[August Membership Luncheon: Colorado and International Business-What Does it Mean for You?](#)

September 20, 2018

[Rising Stars in M&A](#)

September 25, 2018

[Corporate Executive Breakfast \(see attendance Requirements\): CEO Market Outlook: Do National Trends Mirror Local Perspective?](#)

October 9, 2018

[October Membership Luncheon: Business Exit Case Study](#)

November 8, 2018

[Dealmaker's Forum](#)

November 15, 2018

[Corporate Executive Breakfast \(see attendance Requirements\): The Optimists Dilemma –](#)

Ward Cerny Receives ACG Global Meritorious Service Award



ACG Global recently presented six of its members, including ACG Denver's Ward Cerny, with its Meritorious Service award for their exceptional leadership and longtime contributions toward the advancement of the organization. Awardees are nominated by peers for their distinguished volunteer service and leadership within the association.

"Every organization knows that the dedication of its volunteers is the truest measure of its value and success," said J.B. Dollison, chairman of the ACG Global board of directors. "ACG is no exception. This year's award recipients are natural leaders who have generously given thousands of volunteer hours. It's our honor and privilege to recognize them."

Ward Cerny is a past president and a longtime board member for ACG Denver. His enthusiasm and leadership contributed to the success of the chapter's Rocky Mountain Growth Conferences and the attraction of new members. His volunteer experience also extends to an array of chapter committees. Cerny is a vice president at Alliance Bernstein where he advises individuals and institutions on investment strategies. Congratulations, Ward!

Grease Monkey - From Turnaround to Growth



John Adams arrived at Grease Monkey in 2012 as President and CEO facing a turnaround situation. The business was in a spiral of 8 years of negative growth and no new franchisee prospects on the horizon. John needed a winning strategy to build the company into one that customers, franchisees, and employees valued. After conducting extensive market research and executing a very detailed strategic plan, new opportunities started to surface and the business eventually surpassed industry growth rates. Come to the June 12th luncheon to learn more of this great story. [Learn more and register here.](#)

[Preparing for a Rainy Day.](#)

December 11, 2018

[December Membership Luncheon: Colorado B-Corps](#)

Welcome to New Members

John Adams
Full Speed Automotive

Ivan Drobnyak
Bannockburn
Global Forex

Rick Hillbrand
Cottrell Printing

Rebecca Jackson
Consultant

Amy Kelling
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