



Joe V. Aldaz Jr.
**President & CEO, Colorado Springs Hispanic Business
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Joe Aldaz serves as the part-time President and CEO for the Colorado Springs Hispanic Chamber providing programming and services to diverse small business members enabling greater prosperity for all in Colorado Springs. He also serves as the Program Manager for Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families Onward to Opportunity Colorado career skills program, a best-in-class professional certification program for transitioning service members, Veterans, and military spouses. Joe is a highly experienced university, education, government, and nonprofit executive and has aspired to lead a post-military career of "Service before Self."



Joe retired in 2004 as an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel after a 21-year distinguished career serving as a space operations officer culminating as the Director of Athletics and Head Women's Basketball Coach at the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School. Upon retirement, Joe has led a life of public service having served in several executive roles in the nonprofit sector to include leading the Rocky Mountain USO, Chavez/Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy in Pueblo, Colorado, the Center for American Values in Pueblo, Colorado, and founder and President of the Colorado Springs STARS Basketball Academy. He was also the State Community Support Coordinator for Colorado and Wyoming for Army One Source assisting state, county, military, and corporations in supporting active-duty, guard, and reserve Service Members, transitioning Service Members, Veterans, and Families. Joe developed statewide executive-level relationships to build coalitions and alliances focused on building service capacity in the areas of employment/transition, behavioral health, legal, and faith.

Joe has served on several community nonprofit boards and is currently a board member for the Colorado Springs Hispanic Business Council – The Hispanic Chamber, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation and Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado. He was recognized as a finalist for the 2019 El Paso County Veteran of the Year by the El Paso County Community Services Department of the City of Colorado Springs and was appointed to the City of Colorado Springs Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission. Joe is also a member of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group.

Joe holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Arts degree in Space Systems Operations Management from Webster University. He is a 2020 National Latino Leadership Alliance Lideramos Fellow and recently participated in the Center for Creative Leadership's Effective Leader Program and Nonprofit Executive Leadership Program. Joe is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership Community Leadership Program and was recognized in 2010 as an El Pomar Foundation Emerging Leader Trailblazer. His Onward to Opportunity program was the 2020 Home Front Military Network Bob Carlone Community Service Award recipient, a 2021 Fort Carson Steadfast and Loyal Award recipient and the 2021 Home Field Advantage – Fisher DeBerry Support to Front Line Forces Award recipient. In his spare time, Joe has ventured into thoroughbred horseracing industry as an owner, stabled and raced thoroughbreds in Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. Joe and his wife of 38 years, Tami are the proud parents of Alyssa, a Colorado College graduate and four-year basketball letter winner working as a Film Editor in Los Angeles and Steven, a graduate of the University of Dallas and three-year basketball letter winner who works as a Process Assistant with Amazon and realtor in Denver.