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141 Junior Achievement teaches finer points to teens

About 90 students participated in a **Junior Achievement** event June 10 that taught the finer points of dining etiquette, professional dress, the art of small talk and how to work a room — something many professional adults struggle with from time to time.

Junior Achievement's Etiquette Dinner, sponsored by **Cricket Communications**, featured speakers on etiquette and business dress who talked to high schoolers about how to conduct themselves during business meals, and was held at the Marriott City Center in Downtown Denver.

Part of JA's Business Week program, the event also featured a "mocktail" networking activity, which taught teens how to network and conduct themselves during cocktail parties.

The June 10 event at Denver's Hotel VQ drew 46 high school students and emphasized skills such as how to balance a glass and plate while still shaking someone's hand.

FREE SWIMMING ON KAISER: Youth from the City and County of Denver will be able to use city recreation centers, including swimming pools, for free this summer because of a \$150,000 donation from **Kaiser Permanente Colorado**.

Last year, the city waived fees for teens and children, but was unable to do it again this year because of financial constraints. That was, until Kaiser stepped in with the donation.



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Donna Lynne, president of Kaiser in Colorado, said the free-admission program helps to keep kids healthy and active — two goals lauded by the nonprofit health plan, which provides health coverage and medical services to more than 483,000 people in Colorado.

When the city made the swimming and recreation centers available for free for the first time in 2008, there were 214,740 visits by youth between June 2 and Aug. 17 — an increase of 108,240 visits from 2007.

Recreation centers offer open swim, basketball, game rooms and a Food Bank

of the Rockies program that provides free food for needy families.

THE HYATT ROAD: Hyatt Hotels in Colorado banded together to assemble one of the state's largest cyclist teams in the June 27-28 Bike MS Colorado. The team is comprised of 183 riders plus 50 volunteers — all Hyatt associates, family members or friends from across the United States. The team raised \$90,000, but a Hyatt spokesman said as late donations and payments from fundraising events come in, they're "confident" about exceeding their \$100,000 goal.

Each Hyatt Hotel in Colorado contributed to the effort.

The 150-mile trip ran from Westminster's Front Range Community College to Colorado State University in Fort Collins and back.

The event, Colorado's oldest nonprofit ride, attracted more than 3,000 cyclists and 600 volunteers, with the goal of raising more than \$3 million.

BUILDING DEDICATED: The **Boy Scouts of America** dedicated the new Frederic C. Hamilton Scout Headquarters, at 10455 W. Sixth Ave., on June 22.

The 52,000-square-foot facility is named after the philanthropist and businessman whose lead gift in the capital campaign made the project possible.

Hamilton is the chairman of **Hamilton Groups LLC**, a loosely connected group of companies focused on oil production, real estate holdings and educational institutions. In 2003, he donated \$20 million for the Frederic C. Hamilton Building at the Denver Art Museum.

FOOD DRIVE DELIVERS: Thousands of Coloradans donated 45.4 tons of food for families in need during the June 20 9Cares Colorado Shares Summer Drive sponsored by KUSA-TV, which brands itself as **9News**. The food collected will go to about 130 food banks across the state, helping them restock their shelves. In addition to the food, 9Cares also collected \$17,531 that will go to purchasing food for banks in need.

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