

## GULLY STANFORD

For more than 22 years, William "Gully" Stanford served on the staff of The Denver Center for the Performing Arts working to promote the arts on local, state and national levels. During this time, he advocated for the importance of education, helping to pass Colorado's first adult literacy bill, serving six years on the Colorado State Board of Education and serving one year on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

In 2004 Gully left the Denver Center to pursue his interests in education. He currently serves as the Director of Partnerships for College in Colorado where he fosters community, government and business collaborations to promote career and college exploration for all Colorado students.

During his impressive career, he has worked tirelessly to advocate for the importance of the arts and education. He was:

- recognized by the state Legislature for his ongoing contributions to arts and education
- an advocate for the creation and continuance of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District
- credited with helping create Denver's School of the Arts
- instrumental in the development of distance-learning programs for arts education

Gully has received many honors including: Mayor's Award for Arts and Culture (2004) Doctor of Letters (HC), Colorado Institute of Art (1998); Outstanding Elected Official, Adult Learning Source (2001); Kay Schomp Award, Denver's School of the Arts (1996); Board Award, Colorado Association for Bilingual Education (1999); Distinguished Service, Alliance for Colorado Theatre (2001); CABPES recognition (2003); Colorado Art Educators Association; Horace Mann Crystal Apple Award (2001); Colorado Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (1997); Paul Simon Award (1999); Denver Metro Chamber Champion (1997-98); Distinguished Friend of 50 for Colorado (CACI); Best Single-Minded Lobbyist, *Westword* (1990); CASB State Leadership Award (2002); CASE "Casey" Award (2003), and Outstanding Contributions, Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (2001).

Born and raised in Ireland, Gully holds a Master of Arts from Trinity College, Dublin. He is married to Dorothy Denny with whom he has two children.