

Kathie Novak

Kathie Novak is an Assistant Teaching Professor for the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver. She also serves as the Institute Director for the Colorado Municipal Clerks Institute.

Kathie has almost 19 years of elected public service, 11 as a member of the Northglenn City Council, and an additional 8 years as Mayor. She was term-limited in 2010. During her time in public office, she served as President of the National League of Cities in 2009, and held numerous other leadership positions.

Kathie earned her Master of Science in Management from the University of Colorado at Denver, and has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and has been teaching management at the graduate and undergraduate level since 1991.

Her awards include the 2012 **John V. Christensen Award** for exemplifying the tradition of John V. Christensen in promoting and working for good, strong, representative local government and regionalism in solving mutual problems; “**9NEWS Leader of the Year**” for 2003; “**Businesswoman of the Year**” awarded by the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce; “**Excellence in Teaching Award**” from Regis University; the 2019 “**Institute Director Excellence Award**” from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and was awarded an **American Marshall Memorial Fellowship**, for travel in Summer 2002.

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Chris Fabian is Founder and CEO of both the Center for Priority Based Budgeting and Resource Exploration. Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) is a leading best practice in local government and a powerful lever for change. PBB is now practiced and applied by nearly 300 organizations across North America. PBB is currently recognized as a leading practice by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the National League of Cities (NLC), the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) as well as the Alliance for Innovation.