

## **Rotary Fort Collins Quad-Club DEI Fellowship presents**

## Professionalism: A conversation with Albany County (Wyoming) Sheriff Aaron Appelhans



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Please join the Fort Collins Rotarians' DEI Fellowship for an engaging conversation about Professionalism in the DEI context! Aaron Appelhans was elected Sheriff of Albany County (Laramie) December 2020. He'll share his unique experiences and perspectives on being the state's historic first black Sheriff. He brings a whole new meaning to the state's moniker, "The Equality State," giving young people from diverse backgrounds something to aspire to and bringing new perspectives into law enforcement.

Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022

All welcome for Lunch: 11:30-1:00

Fort Collins Lincoln Center

More details www.rotarycluboffortcollins.org

Register here <a href="https://is.gd/svo7EI">https://is.gd/svo7EI</a>

Aaron's portion: 1:00-2:00 – no registration needed

Zoom link ID: 494 943 309 Passcode: 439685



Sherriff Aaron Appelhans grew up in Denver Colorado, and was previously a sergeant at the University of Wyoming Police Department. He was appointed Sherriff of Albany County by the Albany County Board of Commissioners on Dec. 11, 2021.

While African Americans have served in most county positions, Appelhans is the first Black man to serve as sheriff, as per University of Wyoming Professor Emeritus Phil Roberts.

The historic significance of his appointment is not lost on Appelhans. Not only does it take Wyoming closer to living up to its moniker, "The Equality State," he said, but it gives young people from diverse backgrounds something to aspire to. "I am one of those people who do feel that law enforcement really needs to take a good, hard look at what we do," Appelhans said. "Are we serving our community?"

"I get to be an example now for other people that look like me or come from similar backgrounds or come from underrepresented populations, that they can get into law enforcement and they can move their way up and they can effect change in their communities," Appelhans said.

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Come and see Albany County Wyoming Sherriff Aaron Appelhans speak on his experiences and share his views of "Professionalism".