

Girum Alemayehu

Personal Biography

PhD Candidate, Businessman and Humanitarian.



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"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value." Albert Einstein

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Girum Alemayehu is a Businessman, a Philanthropist, a Doctoral Candidate of Public Policy Administration, and the co-founder and co-chairman of the **Ethiopian American Development Council**. Girum is also a founding member of a sister organization the **Ethiopian American Civic Council** based in Aurora, Colorado.

Girum was born in Ethiopia in 1966. Girum grew up with a keen interest in Science and Sports, excelling in both. Girum played Soccer in minor league clubs throughout his high school years. With a chance to become a Professional Soccer Player, Girum got a rare opportunity to join the prestigious **Addis Ababa University** where he played Soccer and pursued a degree in Philosophy.

In studying Philosophy, Girum discovered axioms like "Cogito ergo sum", "Sonum bonum" and "Tabula rasa" that stirred his imagination and ignited the fire within him to excel in his studies and success, so he can have a chance to make a difference in the world, particularly to help improve the lives Ethiopians.

While teaching Philosophy at **Alamy Agricultural University**, Girum received an opportunity to pursue a Master's Degree from **Oklahoma State University** where he received his Masters of Science in Agricultural Education in 1994. Upon graduation, Girum moved to Aurora, Colorado where he pursued a different career path in investment and business. It is in Aurora, Colorado that Girum also started organizing and helping the Ethiopian community in different capacity.

- Girum is the cofounder and cochairman of the **Ethiopian American Development Council**, a grassroots community group that focuses on human rights, education, entrepreneurship, and public policies affecting Ethiopians. Girum is also a founding member of a sister organization, **Ethiopian American Civic Council**.
- Girum plays a leading role in several **Civic Engagement** and **Humanitarian Projects** in Colorado over the past decade, including being one of the first activists to initiate the campaign for **H.Res 128** and **S.Res 168**.
- Girum is the President of the **Ethiopian and Eritrean Liquor Store Owners Association**, which has over 150 stores in the Denver Metro area.
- Girum is the co-founder and co-chairman of the **Taste of Ethiopia**, a non-profit based in Denver that promotes Ethiopian heritage, community services and a festival that attracts over ten thousand people annually.
- Girum is a **PhD Candidate** in Walden School of public policy administration.