



## **Kristin Heath Colon**

President & CEO, Denver Public Schools Foundation



Kristin Colon was named President & CEO of the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation in March, 2009. The DPS Foundation raises and manages funds in support of DPS, serving as the district's primary fundraising arm. In this role, Colon is responsible for overseeing the strategy, operations and fundraising for the Foundation, which managed \$10 million in funding for DPS last year. Colon also serves as a member of the DPS Foundation's Board of Directors and the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

Colon has a strong background in education fundraising. She spent 14 years at the University of Colorado Foundation, where she served as the Annual Fund Director, Director of Major Gifts, Director of Development for Colorado Athletics and Assistant Athletic Director. Colon served as a member of the Athletic Director's Game Day Operations and Marketing Team for four different Athletic Directors during her tenure at CU.

Prior to taking the helm at the DPS Foundation, Colon served as Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Além International Management in Louisville, Colorado, where she led business development efforts – including a contract with the Denver 2008 Host Committee allowing Além to serve as the event coordinator for the 10,000-person media welcome party and the Green Sunday Concert among other events during the Democratic National Convention. Colon also previously served as Director of Donor Relations for Mile High United Way, and as Travel Director for Maritz Travel based out of St. Louis, Missouri. Colon has also enjoyed a variety of stints on a number of political campaigns in Colorado, Missouri and California.

Colon graduated from Scripps College, Claremont with a bachelor's degree in psychology and an emphasis in communications. At Scripps, she was the college's first four-year letter winner in soccer, earning all-conference recognition. She was selected to appear in the 1988 annual edition of the American College Athletes Hall of Fame, recognizing athletic, scholastic and community service.

Colon serves on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado and on Mile High United Way's Promise Neighborhood's Advisory Committee. She was honored to be a recipient of the "Torch of Liberty Award" from the Mountain States Office of the Anti-Defamation League in April 2009, as a member of a family recognized for "passing the torch" of community service leadership from one generation to the next.

Born in Germany, Colon graduated from Fairview High School in Boulder. She is married to Eric Colon, and they have two sons, Heath (10) and Davis (7).