



# TIAA-CREF and MSU Denver to Adopt Bruce Randolph School

Collaboration will provide educational support to school, including supplies, financial education and tutoring programs for students, parents and faculty



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**DENVER, August 13, 2013** – TIAA-CREF, a leading financial services provider, Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Denver Public Schools Foundation today announced a collaboration to provide educational support to more than 450 students, along with parents and faculty members, at Bruce Randolph, a public school for grades 6-12.

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Working together, the organizations identified a number of specific needs of the Bruce Randolph community and have developed several programs to assist students, parents and faculty throughout the school year, including:

- **Back-to-School Supplies and Campus Beautification** – Today volunteers from TIAA-CREF, MSU Denver and Bruce Randolph will work on projects to improve the campus. In addition, TIAA-CREF will donate \$5,000 and new school supplies collected through the company’s Backpacks and Knapsacks School Supply Drive.
- **Tutoring Programs** – Starting in October 2013 and running throughout the school year, TIAA-CREF and MSU Denver volunteers will tutor high school students at Bruce Randolph.
- **Job Shadow Event** – In February 2014, TIAA-CREF will host a job shadow event at TIAA-CREF’s office in Denver for approximately 50 students to give them an overview of career choices in the financial services industry.
- **Financial Literacy Workshops** – In April 2014, to coincide with National Financial Literacy Month, TIAA-CREF employees and MSU Denver faculty will hold workshops on the basics of financial literacy for high school students, parents and Bruce Randolph faculty.

“TIAA-CREF is devoted to education, and we believe it’s our duty to make a positive impact on our community,” said Ray Bellucci, Denver-based senior managing director for institutional client solutions at TIAA-CREF. “We are excited to collaborate with MSU Denver and the Denver Public Schools Foundation to

ensure Bruce Randolph students have the tools they need to succeed in school and in the future."

"MSU Denver has a long-standing relationship with Bruce Randolph, and together with TIAA-CREF and the Denver Public Schools Foundation, we are dedicated to transforming lives in our community," said Mark Potter, associate vice president for academic and civic collaboration at MSU Denver. "We want to show students the value of higher education and remove perceived barriers that may limit future opportunities."

"This program will not only ensure that our students excel in the classroom, but the job shadowing and financial literacy workshops will help prepare them for life beyond high school," said Antwan Wilson, assistant superintendent for post-secondary readiness in Denver Public Schools.

As a financial services organization with deep roots in education, TIAA-CREF supports a variety of initiatives to improve school communities, including a similar collaboration with UNC Charlotte and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools to provide educational support for Charlotte's Governor's Village schools. TIAA-CREF also works with Junior Achievement to teach financial education in Title 1 schools throughout the country and collaborates with the Council of Graduate Schools and 34 universities to develop financial education programs for college students.

### About TIAA-CREF

TIAA-CREF ([www.tiaa-cref.org](http://www.tiaa-cref.org)) is a national financial services organization with \$523 billion in assets under management (as of 6/30/2013) and is the leading provider of retirement services in the academic, research, medical and cultural fields.

### About Metropolitan State University of Denver

MSU Denver ([www.msudenver.edu](http://www.msudenver.edu)) is the leader in transforming the lives of its 23,000 students and communities in Colorado. The university enrolls the highest number of students of color among the state's four-year colleges. It offers 55 majors, 90 minors and master's degrees in accounting, teaching and social work and boasts more than 74,800 alumni, the bulk of whom remain in Colorado after graduation.

The Center for Urban Education (CUE) at Metropolitan State University of Denver supports and promotes the most effective teachers for high-need urban schools. CUE currently partners with Denver Public Schools providing supplemental services to MSU Denver students who are preparing to teach through the Teacher Education Department. CUE facilitates pre-service teacher placements in urban schools and provides paid and volunteer tutoring and service opportunities in schools to help pre-service teachers and other university students build their professional experience.

## About Denver Public Schools and the Denver Public Schools Foundation

Denver Public Schools (DPS) is committed to providing an outstanding education for every student to prepare them for college, career and life. The Denver Public Schools Foundation is DPS' fundraising partner, generating resources and building relationships between the community and its schools to help every child succeed. The School Partners Program is an initiative of the DPS Foundation, which cultivates, nurtures and sustains meaningful relationships between DPS schools and the Denver community, such as this one. To learn more, visit [www.dpsfoundation.org/partner](http://www.dpsfoundation.org/partner).