



Adam Sands
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At Denver Public Schools Foundation, we believe that our city is strengthened by every student who graduates ready to lead a successful life. At the DPS Foundation, we invest in accelerating progress, we connect the community to our classrooms, and we inspire confidence in the promise of public education.

Adam Sands is the Cherry Creek Market President for FirstBank, and he has worked for the bank since 2005. In this role, he has experience in many areas of real estate lending, including commercial projects in the multi-family, office, hotel, industrial, and retail sectors. Furthermore, he has significant experience managing complex construction projects. Adam directly manages and team of 70 employees, which includes the top performing commercial real estate team, residential lending, small business lending, and retail operations. Adam has served on the FirstBank's Customer Development Committee, Loan Portfolio Committee, and Operational Steering Committee. Adam is also a voting member of Loan Committee.

As Colorado's largest locally-owned banking organization, FirstBank has been providing full service banking for over 60 years. Since its first bank charter was granted in 1963, the bank has grown into a \$19 billion organization with over 125 locations and more than 2,400 employees in Colorado, Arizona, and California. FirstBank is one of the premier investors in Colorado based real estate secured loans and bonds. Not only is FirstBank a significant source of consumer and commercial lending but in the last ten years has contributed well over \$50 million to charitable organizations and countless hours of community service.

Adam has been recognized by both FirstBank and the community throughout his career. Most recently, Adam was named 40 Under 40 by the Denver Business Journal, Volunteer of the Year by the Downtown Denver Partnership, and received multiple NAIOP Awards for projects FirstBank has financed.

Adam currently serves on the Denver Civic Ventures Board for the Downtown Denver Partnership, is the Chairman of the Downtown Denver Partnership Executive Leadership Committee, member of the Housing Taskforce for the Downtown Denver Partnership, and is a member of the Finance Committee for the Downtown Denver Partnership. Additionally, Adam is a Board Member of the KATA Foundation and Incoming Board Chairman of YouthRoots. Prior involvement includes Chairman of Castle Country

Assisted Living, Board of Director for The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Treasurer for Del Notre Neighborhood Development Corporation, and Douglas County 4-H Board of Director.

Adam received his degree in Business in 2005 from the University of Northern Colorado. Since joining FirstBank, he has received his Graduate Banking degree from the Pacific Coast Banking School (University of Washington) in Seattle, WA.

We know that when our students thrive, our city thrives. *I am passionate about supporting children, and DPS aligns with where I want to spend my time and energy. We have two young children, who will attend DPS in 2021.*

