



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION ACHIEVE GALA IS APRIL 21**

**DENVER, April 17, 2015** – The Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation will host its 13th annual Achieve Gala at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. This special celebration will draw nearly 1,000 business and community leaders together in support of the 89,000 students in Denver Public Schools.

Presented by UMB Bank, the DPS Foundation's annual Achieve Gala raises money to provide programs, resources and opportunities to help all DPS students succeed. Proceeds are directed to DPS' areas of greatest priority including literacy initiatives, afterschool programs, STEM education, classroom grants, sports and more.

"Denver's community has long demonstrated its commitment to support our students and schools," said DPS Foundation President and CEO Kristin Heath Colon. "There is no greater forum to galvanize and leverage that support than the annual Achieve Gala. We are so grateful to the many supporters, sponsors, donors and attendees who make the Achieve Gala such an unforgettable celebration every year."

The event features DPS student performance groups, remarks from soon-to-be graduates and an opportunity to hear from state, city and school leaders about pressing issues facing our students and schools.

"Every year we invest in the Denver Public Schools Foundation because we believe the vitality of our community and our economy rest on a strong public school system," said Jon Robinson, CEO and Chief Lending Officer of UMB Bank Colorado. "An investment in our schools is an investment in the future of this great city."

On April 21, attendees will enjoy performances by Denver School of the Arts Jazz Workshop Band, Hamilton Middle School Swing Dancers and Band and North High School Drum, as well as a keynote speech delivered by East High School senior Raymond Pryor. The evening's program will also include remarks from Gov. John Hickenlooper, Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Superintendent Tom Boasberg.

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The evening kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, and continues at 7 p.m. with dinner and the program. Tickets will not be available onsite and must be purchased in advance at [www.dpsfoundation.org](http://www.dpsfoundation.org) or by calling (720) 423-3553.

In addition to Presenting Sponsor UMB Bank, the Achieve Gala is made possible by generous community investments from corporations and individuals. Leadership sponsors include Reception Sponsor IMA; Student Speaker Sponsor United Launch Alliance; and Valedictorian Sponsors including: The Anschutz Foundation, Marcy & Bruce Benson, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, Kristin & Blair Richardson, and Cille & Ron Williams. Additional exclusive-level sponsorships include: BBVA Compass, Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital, FirstBank, Polsinelli and United Airlines.

#### **About the Denver Public Schools Foundation**

The Denver Public Schools Foundation is Denver Public Schools' fundraising partner. We generate resources, build relationships and champion public education to help Every Child Succeed. We are built and sustained by the community; by supporting the DPS Foundation, businesses and individuals are creating positive, sustainable change in our schools and contributing to the success of our next generation. We are all DPS. For more information, visit [www.dpsfoundation.org](http://www.dpsfoundation.org).

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