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DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION ACHIEVE GALA IS APRIL 22

DENVER, April 18, 2014 – The Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation will host its 12th annual Achieve Gala at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. This special celebration will draw nearly 1,100 business and community leaders together in support of the 88,000 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, after-school 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 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.

“Supporting the Achieve Gala is one of the most important ways we can strengthen our city and provide the best education for our students,” said Jon Robinson, CEO and chief lending officer of UMB Bank n.a. Colorado Region. “Whatever local businesses and community leaders can do to contribute to the betterment of our students and their education is a win-win for everyone.”

On April 22, attendees will enjoy performances by Marrama Elementary School Choir, Denver School of the Arts Theatre Department, and the North High School Drum Line. The evening’s program will include remarks from Gov. John Hickenlooper, Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia and Superintendent Tom Boasberg. Daniel Ramirez, a senior at North High School, will deliver the keynote address.



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 or by calling (720) 423-3553.

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The 2014 Achieve Gala is supported by lead “Valedictorian” sponsors The Anschutz Foundation, Marcy & Bruce Benson, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, The Piton Foundation, Kristin & Blair Richardson, United Launch Alliance, and Cille & Ron Williams. DaVita, Inc. is sponsoring the Achieve Gala Reception, and Polsinelli underwrote the production of unique student-made centerpieces for the event.

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.

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