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Denver Public Schools Foundation Achieve Gala is April 27
Celebration marks 25 years of investing in DPS students

DENVER – The Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation will celebrate its 25th Anniversary at its sold-out Achieve Gala at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. This special celebration will draw nearly 1,000 DPS parents, educators, business and community leaders together in support of the more than 90,000 students in Denver Public Schools and will honor the DPS Foundation’s history of galvanizing the community on behalf of public education and investing in DPS students.

This year’s event, *“Celebrating Yesterday, Embracing Tomorrow,”* will look back at the DPS Foundation’s longtime track record of impact on DPS students’ lives and anticipate a strong future through the voices and talents of the DPS students—past and present—who will take part in the evening’s entertainment. The event will include 2014 Gala student speaker and North High School alumnus Daniel Ramirez, now on a pre-med track in his third year of college; Elijah Beauford, a senior at Manual High School whose career education classes will help him fulfill his dream to become a general contractor so that he can improve the quality of life in low-income neighborhoods through improved housing; and an ensemble of four DPS musical groups of different genres that will perform together unlike ever before.

“Students have been at the center of the DPS Foundation’s work since its inception, and at the Achieve Gala, students take center stage. This event celebrates what’s possible when we all come together, parents, students, business and community leaders,” said DPS Foundation President and CEO Verónica Figoli.

The 25th Anniversary Achieve Gala is presented by United Airlines and kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, and continues at 7 p.m. with dinner and the program. This year’s Gala Chairs are Kelli and Cedric Buchanon, DPS Foundation Board of Directors Member and City President-Denver, BBVA Compass; and Jennifer and Brian Frenkel, DPS parents. The event’s Honorary Chairs are Sen. Michael Bennet & Susan Daggett and Gov. John Hickenlooper and First Lady Robin Pringle Hickenlooper.

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The Denver Public Schools Foundation is Denver Public Schools' fundraising partner, generating resources, building relationships and championing public education to impact system-wide achievement in order to realize the vision of *Every Child Succeeds*. The DPS Foundation engages the entire community in support of DPS' more than 90,000 students and nearly 200 schools. Learn more at www.dpsfoundation.org.