The Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation hosted its 18th annual Achieve Gala on April 14 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. This special celebration included 1,000 business and community leaders, who joined together in support of the 90,000 students in Denver Public Schools.

“A community needs to have confidence in its public institutions, like our public schools, because we are the public. These are public schools and it is in the public’s care in which the nurturing of these institutions rest,” shared Richard A. Tagle, DPS Foundation President & CEO. It is ALL of our responsibility to ensure every student, in every school, graduates ready to lead a successful life.

The Achieve Gala was highlighted by student emcee Nya, a senior at Northfield High School, as well as two student speakers: Saedra, a junior from East High School and our keynote speaker, Moudjibatou, a senior from Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy. The event also featured DPS student performance groups such as the West High School drumline, the Strive Prep SMART cheerleading squad, the Teller Elementary School choir, and two student DJs from Lake Middle School.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and gala co-chairs Manny and Sylvia Hilario and Jeanne and Dick Saunders for making this night possible. Together we raised more than $800,000 in support of DPS students and schools. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students and helps ensure that Every Child Succeeds.