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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.

What do you get when you combine a seminary trained pastor with a banker trained by CSU and FirstBank? You get me! Life is about who you are aligned with and I am blessed with great parents, a lovely wife with three beautiful daughters, I work for a great company and serve Denver's best non-profit.

We know that when our students thrive, our city thrives. *My father graduated from Lincoln High School and Emily Griffith in the late 60's. All three of my daughters attended Denver Public Schools as well. My wife is a teacher and we are believers in the concept and value of public education. My interest in the foundation board stems from a lifetime of curiosity and a desire to make things better in Denver. Positive change always starts with listening and learning and then looking for creative and effective solutions. My hope is that I can draw on my experience to make a positive impact and give back as a product of public education myself. Education is one of the main precursors to success in life so supporting equal access to quality education for all Denver students is a necessity.*

