

DPS Foundation Welcomes New Leader

Please join the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation in welcoming our new leader, Verónica Figoli, who has been named president and CEO. Verónica will be gradually transitioning to this role by early April. She replaces Kristin Colon, who left the DPS Foundation in December to [serve as the Foundation CEO and VP of Advancement for Colorado Mountain College](#).

In her new role as president and CEO, Verónica will serve as our organization's leader in fundraising and community engagement to support the long-term vision and annual fundraising goals of the DPS Foundation. She will represent the DPS Foundation's goal to generate resources, build relationships and champion public education to impact system-wide achievement so that every child can succeed.

A strong supporter of DPS, Verónica joins our team from the DPS Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) where she [served as Chief Officer](#) for four years. Under Verónica's leadership, FACE saw significant growth, fostering strategic partnerships with community members and corporations in order to broaden and strengthen the programs and resources offered to help families become academic partners for their students.



"It takes all of us for Every Child to Succeed," Verónica said. "I am excited to galvanize the community around investing in our future by investing in our kids."

"Verónica not only brings deep knowledge of DPS and the DPS community, but she also has a passion for education and serving DPS students," said Craig Umbaugh, chair of the DPS Foundation Board of Directors. "We are confident that she will skillfully lead the DPS Foundation in its efforts to drive community investment in our schools. The Board also is very grateful to Karen Radman for her leadership during this interim period."

Karen, Vice President of Development for the DPS Foundation, has [acted as interim President and CEO](#) since December.

The community will have a chance to meet Verónica at the [DPS Foundation's Achieve Gala](#) on April 21, and at the [2016 Colfax Marathon](#) events on May 14 and 15 when she will be running her first 5k in support of DPS students and families.