



## **Mary L. Clark**

### **Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of Denver**

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.

Mary Clark joined the University of Denver as Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor in July 2020, coming from American University in Washington, D.C., where she had served as Interim Provost, Deputy Provost, and Dean of Faculty. Mary also serves as a tenured full professor at DU's Sturm College of Law, and before that, as a tenured full professor at American University's Washington College of Law. Mary brings prior law teaching experiences from both Yale Law School and Georgetown University Law Center. Throughout her career, Mary has been actively involved in community service including as a member of the Council on Diversity and Equity, Washington Latin Public Charter School as well as the Middle States Reaccreditation Self-Study Team for Schools Without Walls, a magnet public high school in Washington D.C. Mary earned a J.D. from Harvard Law School and graduated magna cum laude from Bryn Mawr College, where she has served on the Board of Trustees for the past 11 years.

She is passionate about access to education and opportunity. As a proud graduate of the public school system, Mary raised her two sons (now 20) in the public school system in Washington, D.C.

Mary is a lifelong educator, having served for over 20 years as a law professor and now as a senior university administrator, currently as Chief Academic Officer (Provost) at the University of Denver and previously as Interim Provost and Deputy Provost at American University.

Prior to her start as a law professor, Mary served as a civil rights attorney for a number of years, working principally on employment discrimination matters, but also on non-discrimination in school and college settings.

We know that when our students thrive, our city thrives. *I believe that access to excellent public education is foundational to our democracy and to the well-being of our society. I would be extraordinarily proud – and absolutely delighted – to serve on the DPS Foundation Board.*