



**A Message From Linda S. Bowman, Ph.D.
Denver Scholarship Foundation Board Chair**

We wanted to let you – our friends, donors and community partners – know that Dr. Nathaniel Easley has announced he is leaving the Denver Scholarship Foundation on October 2nd to become CEO of a new non-profit organization – Blue School Partners. Nate has provided ten years of wonderful service and leadership to the Denver Scholarship Foundation. We are grateful to him and know that he will be an effective and energetic leader for Blue School Partners, just as he has been for DSF.

Cathey McClain Finlon, who completed her two-year term as DSF Board Chair in June, has graciously agreed to serve as Interim CEO from October 2 until December 31st while we seek our next chief executive. Cathey is an entrepreneur who owned one of the premier advertising firms in Colorado for over 25 years. She has or continues to serve in leadership positions on such boards as the Denver Art Museum, Children's Hospital and History Colorado as well as on DSF's board. Cathey is known for her strong, strategic and visionary leadership as well as her management skills.

Over the last ten years, Denver Scholarship has transitioned from an ambitious start-up to a sophisticated promise organization that has had a real impact on many thousands of DPS students' college aspirations. DSF has become a national model by raising the bar for what constitutes success.

- We have awarded over \$33 million in scholarships to 5,600 students.
- Three-quarters of these students are persisting in their college studies or have graduated and entered the workforce.
- Ninety-one percent of these low-income students are from minority backgrounds and most are the first person in their family to obtain any kind of post-secondary credential or go to college.
- We help students and their families discover the multiple pathways that lead to success, including training for trades and other careers that require a certificate or associate's degree.

We have a strong board and executive team in place. Funding is strong. We will make college possible for the increasing numbers of Denver Public Schools' students who, with our support, are applying successfully to the college or certificate training program of their choice.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you would like to recommend for our consideration a strong candidate to be our next CEO, please contact our Chief Advancement Officer, Gregory Movesian at gmovesian@denverscholarship.org. With you as our partner, we look forward to a future where all things are possible.