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Denver Scholarship Foundation Announces Leadership Transition Nathan Cadena named Chief Operating Officer

Denver, Colo. – Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) announced today that Nathan Cadena, Senior Director of Programs has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer effective February 23, 2018.

“Nathan is a seasoned and trusted leader who consistently delivers results. He is uniquely qualified to drive strategic prioritization and accountability within DSF, with a laser-focus on operational excellence,” said Lorii Rabinowitz. “He is dedicated to building our future leaders of the community.”

Cadena joined DSF in 2013, most recently serving as the Senior Director of Programs. In this role, he oversaw programs funded by private investments, the US Department of Education, the State of Colorado, and Denver Public Schools (DPS) district. As COO, Cadena will supervise all DSF college access, scholarship, and college success programs.

“I am honored to continue partnering with DPS students along their journeys to college graduation, building the future of our community,” shares Cadena. “For many years, I’ve dedicated my professional career path on the social and academic advancement of Denver’s students.”

Since its founding in 2006, DSF has awarded \$36 million in scholarships to more than 6,300 students, of whom 91 percent are students of color. Some 70 percent of DSF Scholars are the first in their family to attend college. Over DSF’s 11-year history, 76 percent of all Scholars have graduated or are working towards a degree or certificate program. DSF provides college access services to DPS students through 12 high school Future Centers serving 25 high schools and college success serves 1,800 Scholars annually through written partnerships with 31 Colorado colleges, universities and technical schools.

Prior to DSF, Cadena has worked in education for over fifteen years, within community colleges, universities, and nonprofit organizations. He has served professionally as a career counselor, advisor/instructor, financial aid administrator, and director of both college access and success programs.

Cadena is a proud TRIO Upward Bound Alum, and holds a certificate in Global Career Development Facilitation, a Bachelor of Arts in social sciences, and a Master of Education.

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About the Denver Scholarship Foundation

Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to inspire and empower Denver Public Schools students to achieve their postsecondary goals. A direct service provider, DSF provides college and financial aid advice to Denver students and families and offers a renewable, need-based scholarship to support Scholars throughout their college careers. DSF also partners with colleges across Colorado to implement retention strategies that help Denver students complete their postsecondary education. DSF aims to create systemic change to prepare Denver’s youth to succeed in today’s evolving workforce. For more information, www.denverscholarship.org or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.