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### **Gathering of Gratitude: A celebration of the DSF Named Scholarship program**

**WHO:** Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) will honor our donors, sponsors and supporters that are helping to make college possible for thousands of DSF Scholars each year. Several key community members and philanthropist are expected to be in attendance.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Friday, January 18, 2019 | 12-1:30 pm  
Terrace Room at CU Denver's Lawrence Street Center  
1380 Lawrence Street | Denver, CO 80204

**WHY:** DSF makes college possible for thousands of Denver students each year. *Gathering of Gratitude: A celebration of the DSF Named Scholarship program* is an opportunity for the community to learn more about the impact of DSF while meeting Scholars who are benefiting from the support of the local businesses, individuals, and foundations. Through specialized partnerships, DSF is building the educational and economic future of the city and county of Denver.

- DSF awarded more than \$5.2 million in scholarships in the 2017-2018 school year; \$38 million since our founding in 2006.
- DSF awarded 1,834 scholarships in the 2017-18 school year; 6,376 since our founding in 2006.
- 74% of our Scholars are First Generation College Students (First Gen).
- 90% of our Scholars are students of color.
- 100% of our Scholars grew up in limited income (low income) households.
- 78% of our Scholars are persisting or have already graduated.
- Using our scholarship as leverage, DSF has secured over \$447 million in additional financial aid and scholarships for our Scholars.
- In the 2017-18 academic year, the Named Scholarship program funded 237 DSF Scholars.
  - Collectively 40 companies, businesses, community groups and individuals came together to establish a Named Scholarship at DSF.
  - The top five degrees pursued by Named Scholarship Scholars were in Biology, Business, Computer Science, Engineering and Political Science.
  - The highest enrollment rate for Named Scholarship Scholars were at Colorado State University, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver and University of Denver.

### **AGENDA:**

11:45 Check-in + Networking  
12:10 Structured Activity: Human Bingo, Nathan Cadena, DSF COO  
12:20 Prizes, Boxed Lunch + Seating  
12:27 DSF Overview Video

- 12:30 Welcome Remarks + Impact Share, Lorii Rabinowitz, DSF CEO
- 12:35 Structured Activity: Kahoot!, Nathan Cadena, DSF COO
- 12:55 Partner Story Share, David DeCamillis, Women in Technology (WIT) Named Scholarship
- 1:00 Remarks by Scholar Speaker, Isaac Vargas, University of Denver, Political Science, Journalism
- 1:05 Closing Remarks by DSF Board Chair, Dr. Linda Bowman
- 1:10 Group Photo + Close

### **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' (DPS) students to achieve their college 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 college 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](http://www.denverscholarship.org) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).