



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
2/6/2020

CONTACT:
Latia Henderson
720.982.4770

lhenderson@denverscholarship.org

Denver Scholarship Foundation Welcomes Three Board Members

Denver, CO – Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) is proud to welcome three outstanding members to its board of directors. Albus Brooks, Dr. Shannon Connery, and Dr. Gregg Kvistad, prominent leaders in the Denver community and strong supporters of education—were elected to their positions on the board earlier this month.

Albus Brooks is the vice president of business development and strategy for Milender White, a development and construction firm operating in southern California and Colorado. Mr. Brooks has pursued his calling for community development by working with young people in Denver's underserved communities. He served as the director of the Issachar Center for Urban Leadership, an organization that invests in Denver's emerging leaders. After working to elect then-Mayor John Hickenlooper as Governor of Colorado and gaining exposure to political leadership, Brooks defeated 38 opponents to become the youngest African American ever elected to the Denver City Council in 2011. Serving two terms on Denver City Council, including two terms as council president, Brooks accomplished an ambitious range of progressive legislative victories with the goal of becoming a truly inclusive city. Brooks sits on multiple boards and commissions and has been a part of the following national and international fellowship programs: The Marshall Memorial Fellowship, the NewDEAL Leaders, and the Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowship. Brooks received his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, and earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Denver.

Dr. Shannon Connery has worked as both a litigation consultant and trauma specialist in Denver for the past 20 years. She began her career with Nicoletti-Flater, where she focused on threat assessment and trauma therapy for first responders, including police officers responding to the Columbine Massacre. She has been involved in Peak Performance training for private corporations and the Arapahoe Community College Police Academy. For the past decade, she has continued to treat clients with trauma, depression and anxiety in her private practice. Dr. Connery earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree in psychology in 1997.

Dr. Gregg Kvistad is provost emeritus at the University of Denver. He was provost and executive vice chancellor at the University of Denver from 2005 until July 1, 2018. In October 2018 he began work in advancement at the University of Denver, helping to prepare for a comprehensive institutional fundraising campaign. He is a tenured full professor and previously served as Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Denver between 1998 and 2005, and as chair of the department of political science between 1992 and 1998. His published research is in the areas of postwar European politics and political theory. He previously taught at Wellesley College. Among other research awards, he has held a Fulbright Fellowship in Cologne, Germany, and a Social Science Research Council post-doctoral fellowship in Berlin, Germany. His recent professional activity includes

conference and workshop presentations on the 21st century higher education model, faculty appointments, faculty research and public policy, faculty lifecycles and post-tenure review, faculty workforce models, and technology and pedagogy. Dr. Kvistad received his doctorate and master's degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota.

###

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, denverscholarship.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).