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**DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NAMES LORII RABINOWITZ CEO**

*New leader steps-in to build on successful program impacting thousands of Denver students.*

Denver, CO – The Denver Scholarship Foundation has named Lorii Rabinowitz as the organization’s next chief executive officer, after an exhaustive national search. Ms. Rabinowitz will assume the role on December 1.

The leadership change comes at a high point in the Denver Scholarship Foundation’s 11-year history. The organization’s strategic investment in the community has provided \$36 million in scholarships to more than 6,300 low income graduates of Denver Public Schools who attend Colorado colleges, universities and technical schools. With a unique approach that provides counseling and support services beginning in high school and extending through college completion, Denver Scholarship Foundation’s Scholars persist in their drive to graduate by a remarkable rate of 76%.

“We’re committed to building on the positive momentum of our first 11 years” said Board Chair, Linda Bowman. “Lorii will bring her exceptional talent, deep community connections and passion for education to help us write the next chapter for Denver’s students.”

Ms. Rabinowitz has an extensive professional background in leadership, communications and community engagement, most recently as executive director of the start-up and feasibility phase for the Denver Center for Arts & Technology. Prior to that she was chief relationship officer and partner at Rebound Solutions, a Denver-based consulting firm specializing in strategy and change for a broad range of public, private, and non-profit businesses. Ms. Rabinowitz also spent nine years in business development for 9News, focused on the development and stewardship of strategic partnerships and new initiatives.

A graduate of the University of New Mexico, Ms. Rabinowitz also completed the *Gannett Leadership Program*, as well as the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce's prestigious *Leadership Denver*. Widely known in the Denver community and respected for her innovative, solutions-oriented business approach, she has achieved numerous recognitions for excellence including the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce *Chamber Champion* in 2014, Rose Community Foundation's *Roots & Branches* in 2012, and The Denver Business Journal's *Forty Under 40* in 2011.

"I am grateful for this amazing opportunity to lead an organization I have long admired," Rabinowitz said. "The Denver Scholarship Foundation has engineered tremendous gains in access to education and sustainable careers for thousands of Denver's students. It will be my great honor to work alongside the board, professional staff, and community partners to build on this important legacy for Denver's future."

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### **About Denver Scholarship Foundation**

Denver Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to inspire and empower Denver Public School students to achieve their postsecondary goals. A direct service provider, Denver Scholarship 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. Denver Scholarship also partners with colleges across Colorado to implement retention strategies that help Denver students complete their postsecondary education. Denver Scholarship 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.