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Mike Pardun Joins Denver Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors

Denver, CO – [Denver Scholarship Foundation \(DSF\)](#) Board of Directors recently elected Mike Pardun as its newest member. Founded in 2006, DSF is committed to closing long-standing educational and economic achievement gaps through college access and success.

Pardun is the Chief Executive Officer of Denver based Standard Alcohol, Inc. – a clean tech specialty chemicals producer, focused on next generation fuel additives. Prior to Standard Alcohol, Pardun served in various leadership roles in industry, private equity and venture capital. Additionally, he has spent much of his adult life advocating for education and opportunities for all children, regardless of birth or circumstances. Prior to joining DSF, Mike served for nearly a decade as a Director (and Chairman) of Denver Kids Inc. as well as a being mentor in that organization for the past 14 years.

“I am truly honored to join the board of directors for Denver Scholarship Foundation. DSF is an elegant next step for me, ensuring that the graduates of DPS have a world of post-secondary options open to them. A degree or certificate, whether it be from a technical college, community college or university has the potential to boost a person’s trajectory in so many ways. I believe in building the economic future of the city and county of Denver and feel that the DSF mission is a monumental step towards making our city a better place to live for everyone.” shares Pardun.

His appointment comes at a high point in DSF’s 12-year history. The organization’s strategic investment in the community has provided \$38 million in scholarships to more than 6,300 low-income graduates of Denver Public Schools who attend Colorado technical colleges, community colleges and universities. With a unique approach, that provides college advising and support services beginning in high school and extending through college completion, DSF Scholars persist in their drive to graduate by a remarkable rate of 78%.

“We are excited to welcome Mike Pardun to DSF’s Board of Directors,” said Lorii Rabinowitz, Chief Executive Officer for DSF. “Mike is passionate about serving our community and we are very fortunate to have him on our board as we continue to strengthen our work in the Denver community.”

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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' (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 or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).