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### **The Ball Foundation makes College Possible through mentorship program**

Denver, Colo. – The Ball Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Ball Corporation, is partnering with the Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) to help Denver Public Schools (DPS) graduates picture themselves as future engineers, plant managers, and information systems officers through a mentorship program and an annual gift of \$50,000 to DSF.

On Thursday, January 31, from 3:30-5pm, at the Ball Corporation Boulder Campus (1600 Commerce St. Boulder, CO, 80301), DSF and Ball employees will kick off the second annual DSF Scholar mentorship program. Through an established partnership, 11 DSF Scholars focused on STEM careers have been selected to participate in a year-long mentorship program.

The goal of the DSF and Ball collaboration is to mentor the Ball Scholars, exposing students to STEM and giving them opportunities to explore STEM-related concepts and develop a passion to pursue a job in a STEM field. Throughout the six-year partnership, Ball has invested nearly \$230,000 in scholarship dollars to aid DSF Scholar in enrolling to four-year colleges in Colorado.

“Growing a workforce that can meet the challenges of the science, math and engineering industries of tomorrow is a concern for all of us in these industries and Ball wants to support and take an active role in cultivating our future employees and business leaders,” said Chris Chavez, executive director of The Ball Foundation.

DSF makes college possible. Through our three step DSF model of college access, scholarship and college success, more than \$5.2 million in scholarships were awarded in the 2017-2018 school year; \$38 million since our founding in 2006. The demographics of our DSF Scholars are among the most under-represented in college, as 74% are the first in their families to pursue a postsecondary education. Partnerships like this make it possible for DSF to provide critical services to all Scholars to ensure they have the right support need to persist and graduate from college.

“We are so proud to partner with The Ball Foundation to help students from Denver go on to exciting careers in the STEM field,” said DSF CEO Lorii Rabinowitz. “Through its financial investment, as well as the time and talent of its employees, Ball will help Denver students imagine themselves working in the STEM industry, and then we’ll work together to provide students with the scholarships and support services they need to make it real.”

Media are invited to attend all portions of the event and are asked to RSVP to Latia Henderson ([lhenderson@denverscholarship.org](mailto:lhenderson@denverscholarship.org)).



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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](http://www.denverscholarship.org) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

### **About The Ball Foundation**

The Ball Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Ball Corporation. Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations to fund programs that create a positive, measurable impact in four key areas linked to Ball's business and strategy, including: recycling, disaster relief, food security and STEM education.

### **About Ball Corporation**

Ball Corporation supplies innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for beverage, personal care and household products customers, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ 17,500 people worldwide and 2017 net sales were \$11 billion. For more information, visit [www.ball.com](http://www.ball.com), or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).