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Denver Scholarship Foundation Embraces Virtual Format for Annual Gala 2020

Denver, CO – Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) has announced that the Annual Gala, its largest fundraising event of the year, will embrace a virtual format while expanding into DSF Spirit Week for the first time in its 14-year history.

Beginning on Monday, October 5, DSF Spirit Week will offer opportunities to participate in short activities and experiences to learn more about DSF's three-part program, featuring Denver Public Schools (DPS) high school student speakers, DSF Scholar speakers and Alumni. Virtual events throughout the week include a DSF 101 event to highlight DSF's college access programming, which takes place in DSF Future Centers located inside 14 DPS high schools; a DSF 201 event to highlight DSF's college success programming in partnership with 31 postsecondary institutions in Colorado; and a networking lunch hour to connect DSF Scholars and Alumni with supporters, sponsors, and community members. The Spirit Week celebration will culminate on Thursday, October 8 with DSF Virtual Gala 2020: Celebrating with Spirit, emceed by Anne Trujillo evening anchor, Denver7.

"In an uncertain world, we know that a college degree or certificate paves the way to a brighter future for our students and their families," said Lorie Rabinowitz, chief executive officer of DSF. "Our Virtual Gala 2020 will bring together our community in a new way to support thousands of Denver students in keeping their momentum to and through college completion."

The DSF Annual Gala has raised millions of dollars to make college possible for thousands of students in Denver. Since its founding in 2006, DSF has awarded \$43.4 million in scholarships, changing the life trajectory for 7,020 Denver Public Schools graduates.

Event Co-Chairs are Marisa Hudson-Arney of Condit Csajghy LLC and Ryan Arney of Davis Graham & Stubbs, and Aimee and Jonathan Coleman of Janus Henderson Investors (DSF Board Member), who are long-time supporters of DSF.

Proceeds from DSF Virtual Gala 2020 will make it possible for thousands of DPS graduates to complete a college certificate or degree. Thanks to the generous support of the event's Presenting Sponsor, Stead Family Foundation, all event costs are underwritten, and every dollar raised will go directly to supporting students. DSF also thanks the event's Success Sponsor, Cydney and Tom Marsico, for their support of the DSF Virtual Gala 2020. Other top level sponsors include Bohemian Foundation, Denver7, The Anschutz Foundation, Aimee and Jonathan Coleman, and Britney and Dick Weil. Additionally, every dollar donated to the Gala will be matched, as available, by the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), a program administered by the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities and ticket availability please call 303.951.4140, email events@denverscholarship.org, or visit denverscholarship.org/gala.

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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](#).