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Ready, Set, College! to return for third year

Program created by Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation alumni

DENVER—Alumni of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation have found a permanent home for their event to celebrate first-generation college students. The third annual Ready, Set, College! will be hosted on Saturday, July 29, with Mile High United Way.

Founded by the 65 participants of the Leadership Foundation's 2015 class of [Leadership Denver](#), Ready, Set, College! is a day that provides the tools, resources and support for first-generation college students as they get ready to embark on their first year of college. In 2016, participants of the Leadership Foundation program [Impact Denver](#) led the event.

"We ask our alumni to take their knowledge of community issues and their connections with each other and channel that into action in an area they're passionate about. For our alumni from Leadership Denver and Impact Denver, that was education – and we are thrilled that Ready, Set, College! will continue with the support of Mile High United Way," said Leadership Foundation Executive Director Dan Lewis.

Ready, Set, College! will continue through the Mile High United Way [Tocqueville Society](#) – a group of 400 philanthropic leaders who collectively invest more than \$10 million annually in the organization.

"This is a win for our business community," said Mile High United Way President and CEO Christine Benero. "Ready, Set, College! aligns naturally with our work to ensure every individual is afforded the opportunity to succeed. I can't think of a better way to mobilize our community."

About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation

An affiliate organization of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation educates and inspires people who want to make a difference as leaders in the community. Building strong, diverse leaders for more than 40 years, the Leadership Foundation provides the knowledge, skills, networks and experience to inspire leaders to engage in issues critical to the region's success through a continuum of programs, including Access Denver, Colorado Experience, Colorado Leadership Alliance, Impact Denver, Leadership Denver, Leadership Exchange and the Leadership Foundation Alumni Network. For more information, please visit denverleadership.org.

About Mile High United Way

Working side-by-side with the community, Mile High United Way takes on the biggest issues facing metro Denver. Our united approach changes the odds for the children, families and individuals in our community, and moves them out of poverty. We believe every child has the right to a safe and stimulating place to learn, and that when every youth in metro Denver graduates prepared for college or career, our community is stronger. We also know that when



people don't have their most basic needs met, longer-term goals like financial stability, are out of reach. When we work together, we make a lasting, holistic and sustainable impact on our community. Learn more at unitedwaydenver.org or for sponsorship information visit unitedwaydenver.org/luncheon.

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