



Dear Friends,

When I reached out to you at the end of 2021, I shared that the Denver Education Attainment Network (DEAN) was preparing to expand its impact. **I am excited to announce that we are officially becoming The Attainment Network.** Moving forward, DEAN will be organized as a project of The Attainment Network. It is because of our strong implementation strategy in Denver that we now have the opportunity to expand our reach to dramatically increase the number and diversity of Colorado learners who complete education and skills training that leads to family-living wage employment.

We are proud to have been recognized in the [Colorado Student Success and Workforce Revitalization Task Force Report](#) as a “promising practice.” Aligned with the Task Force’s vision for Colorado’s higher education and workforce ecosystem, The Attainment Network is aligning partners in ways that strengthen regional and state talent pipelines. We will continue our work of building networks that transform education-to-workforce systems, erase persistent and pervasive equity gaps, expand opportunities for learners, and meet the economic demands for a highly skilled and educated workforce.

As we all know, no single policy, program or organization can solve the complex problems of educational attainment and social mobility alone. We must work together to develop and amplify effective regional practices and connect those practices with state policy and initiatives to create an efficient education-to-career ecosystem in Colorado.

The Attainment Network is built on the powerful shared principle that education fuels our state’s economic engine. By working between and among education- and workforce-centric institutions, organizations, and local and state agencies, The Attainment Network ensures a prioritized and sustained focus on learner-centered career-connected experiences. We provide strategy, technical assistance, funding, and connection driven by a shared education-to-career vision.

As The Attainment Network, we embark on our next chapter. We look forward to working with you to establish a scalable and replicable model for an innovative education-to-workforce system that develops a diverse, talented workforce prepared for current and future Colorado jobs.

Best,

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P.S. as The Attainment Network comes online, be sure to watch for our new website launch this spring!