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## Teach Colorado Grants Announced

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) announced six recipients of competitive grants for recruiting college and high school students into teaching totaling \$499,743. The grants were made from the 2009-2010 allotment of funds under the Teach Colorado Grant Initiative.

The six recipients were selected by a peer review panel of DHE staff and an external reviewer. All six grantees will use the funds to provide scholarships to qualified individuals to recruit and retain them into teacher preparation programs in high-needs content areas, such as math, science, special education and English language acquisition. DHE staff will provide oversight to ensure grant funds are used in accordance with state regulations. Two of the grant recipients will claim this award as matching funds on a federal grant application, potentially bringing an extra \$504,000 in federal funds to be used in Colorado schools over the next five years.

## The recipients are:

- University of Colorado-Colorado Springs will partner with School of Mines and Troops to Teachers to recruit fifteen recent college graduates or current students with math and science backgrounds into secondary education and special education teacher preparation.
- University of Northern Colorado will provide scholarships to thirty candidates in the high need teaching of areas of science, math, special education and language acquisition. Many of the recipients are in the English as a Second Language (ESL) and Bilingual Education *Cumbres Program* and the scholarships will assist them in completing their student teaching in six districts that serve student populations with high numbers of English language learners, including Greeley-Evans 6, Adams 50, Ft. Lupton RE-8, Weld RE-1, Poudre, and Denver Public Schools. UNC will also claim this award as matching funds in its federal Teacher Quality Partnership grant application, potentially bringing in an additional \$384,000 in federal funds to be used in Colorado schools.
- University of Colorado Denver will provide scholarships to thirty students, including ten in the Urban Teacher Residency program with Aurora Public Schools. Twenty scholarships will also go to teacher candidates completing their year-long series of internships in high-needs content areas at one of UCD's Urban Professional Development Schools in three other partner districts (Denver, Mapleton, and Adams 14). UCD will also claim this award as matching funds in its federal Teacher Quality Partnership grant application, potentially bringing in an extra \$120,000 in federal funds to be used in Colorado schools.

- Colorado State University will provide scholarships to seventeen students in high-needs content areas who will complete their student teaching in CSU's Professional Development School model program with Adams 14.
- Adams State College will partner with Pueblo Community College, Otero Community
  College and Trinidad State Junior College to provide scholarships to sixty-three students,
  many of whom are enrolled in Adams' Rural Education Access Program (REAP) and
  who will go on to teach in the San Luis Valley and rural eastern Colorado, including
  Trinidad, La Junta and Lamar.
- Metropolitan State College of Denver will provide scholarships to forty-one students who will become teachers in high-need content areas and who are taking part in Metro's Urban Teacher Partnership with Denver Public Schools.

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