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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION RELEASES NEW REPORTS ON OUTCOMES FOR COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DENVER – The Department of Higher Education, led by Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, is releasing new reports following the outcomes of Colorado’s public high school graduates.

This DHE information-sharing project, called District at a Glance, links data from the Colorado Department of Education with data from the DHE and the National Student Clearinghouse to report on the progress of students as they move through Colorado’s public schools and into colleges and universities.

The District at a Glance reports provide information on college enrollment, first-year college progress, concurrent enrollment and remedial education. The indicators are broken down by school district and, in a searchable database, by high school.

Two-page reports highlighting Colorado’s High School Class of 2011, by school district, are being mailed to K-12 school district superintendents this week. These reports also are posted on the Department of Higher Education website in PDF format for easy printing.

In addition, these data are available in a searchable database on the Department’s website. This database also includes data from prior years, dating back to 2009, as well as a breakdown by high school.

P-20 efforts such as this are important as the global economy shifts to occupations requiring more highly-skilled workers. By 2020, 74 percent of Colorado’s jobs will require education beyond high school, according to the Georgetown Center for Education and the Workforce.

Colorado leads the nation in the movement to align education from preschool to postsecondary and in the use of data to improve student outcomes. This information-sharing initiative is another step forward in the collaboration between K-12 and higher education.

To visit the online searchable database,

<http://highered.colorado.gov/i3/DistrictHSSummary.aspx>

To see the reports in PDF format,

<http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/districtataglance/districtglancedefault.html>

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About our P-20 alignment work:

With the support of a Core to College grant, the Department of Higher Education has invested in a dedicated staff member and communications in order to serve as a resource and to provide technical assistance in aligning Colorado's education systems from preschool to postsecondary. The DHE, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education, is able to provide education leaders and policymakers with easy-to-understand local and state trends and outcomes. This allows our state to leverage the growing number of opportunities for connecting data points across the education pipeline and, ultimately, into the workforce. Other examples of our P-20 work include the [Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness endorsed diploma](#) and proposed revisions to the state's [college admissions](#) and [remedial education](#) policies.

Colorado was one of ten states to receive a Core to College grant in 2011 from the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. The initial award was \$200,000 per year for three years but that amount was later increased by \$77,500 for a grant total of \$677,500. Funding is provided by the Lumina Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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