All Learning Counts
Colorado can lead the nation by awarding credit for prior learning and other work-based experiences statewide to get more students to and through a meaningful postsecondary pathway more efficiently and affordably.

Building Innovative Tools for All Coloradans
With support from several pioneering data and technology firms, Colorado agencies—from workforce, education and social services—have teamed up to build a ground-breaking web platform, MyColoradoJourney.com. This smart system will provide Coloradans with personalized, step-by-step guidance for accomplishing life goals, such as applying to college or successfully switching careers, along with collaborative case management features to connect users to the professionals that support them.

Leveraging Proven Strategies to Erase Equity Gaps
As ambassadors for equitable opportunity, higher education stakeholders should affix an equity lens to all policies and practices and level the playing field. Let’s double down strategies that work for all Coloradans, including the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, high-quality high school and collegiate apprenticeships, concurrent enrollment, and an equity-focused, outcomes-based funding formula.

For More Information
Colorado Department of Higher Education
https://highered.colorado.gov

Colorado Rises: Advancing Education and Talent Development
http://masterplan.highered.colorado.gov

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2019 CDHE Legislative Outcomes

We secured a historic $121 million funding increase designed to hold tuition flat over the next academic year (2019-2020), sharing the dividends of a thriving economy to support Colorado students and families. See how these outcomes advance our strategic goals for higher education.

**GOAL #1** Increasing Credential Completion

**Educator Loan Forgiveness Program**
To address the statewide teacher shortage, this bill creates a loan forgiveness program that will repay up to $5,000 of qualified education loans for up to five years for 100 teachers in hard-to-fill positions.

S.B. 19-003
Sponsored by Senators Zenzinger and Coram and Representatives McClachlan and Wilson

**Financial Aid for Students with In-State Tuition**
This bill allows undocumented students who meet certain qualifications to access state financial aid, making college more affordable and equitable.

H.B. 19-1196
Sponsored by Senator Moreno and Representative Gonzales-Gutierrez

**GOAL #3** Improve Student Success

**Expanding Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities**
This bill expands and improves concurrent enrollment for Colorado students by ensuring their courses are guaranteed to transfer to every public institution and establishes a grant program to help local partnerships build capacity.

S.B. 19-176
Sponsored by Senators Lundeen and Bridges and Representatives Geitner and McCluskie

**GOAL #2** Erase Equity Gaps

**Higher Education Supplemental Academic Instruction**
This bill phases in best practice approaches to remediating students by directly placing them in college-level courses paired with wraparound supports. By moving away from traditional remediation practices, we eliminate structural barriers that historically preclude students of color and adult students from a fair chance at succeeding in higher education.

H.B. 19-1206
Sponsored by Senators Lundeen and Bridges and Representatives Larson and Coleman

**GOAL #4** Invest in Affordability and Innovation

**Five-Year Review of Higher Education Funding Formula**
This bill requires the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to review the formula that allocates state funds to institutions of higher education every five years, improving transparency and aligning it more closely with the Master Plan goals.

S.B. 19-095
Sponsored by Senators Todd and Holbert and Representatives Hansen and McKean

**Dependent Tuition Assistance Program Eligibility**
This bill aligns statute with practice to make it easier for dependents of those killed or permanently injured in the line of duty to access tuition assistance funds.

S.B. 19-174
Sponsored by Senators Garcia and Hill and Representatives Neville and Buentello