



# EDUCATIONAL EQUITY DAY

## Letter of Commitment

*WHEREAS, Significant educational attainment gaps remain for Coloradans of color, 29.9% for Hispanic or Latinx, 41.3% for African American or Black, and 29.9% for American Indian and Alaska Native.*

*WHEREAS, Similar gaps exist when examining college-going rates and workforce earnings.*

*WHEREAS, Inequities not only exist by race and ethnicity, but also by gender, gender identity, income, ability, sexual orientation.*

*WHEREAS, The Equity Champions Coalition (ECC) represents students and administrators committed to challenging the status quo.*

*WHEREAS, The ECC has dedicated hours of thought-leadership and partnership to advance educational equity, and we applaud and honor their efforts.*

*WHEREAS, To create a Colorado for All, the Colorado Department of Higher Education and the ECC published the first-ever Report on Educational Equity in December 2020.*

*WHEREAS, The report outlines recommendations for a brighter future by building on accomplishments and redirecting efforts to make change to better support students.*

*WHEREAS, The report provides practical improvement strategies to guide ongoing activities and establish measures of success and accountability structures to promote enrollment, persistence, and completion against equity gaps.*

*WHEREAS, Leadership is an essential pillar of Colorado's equity work, and the higher education community must continue to stress the importance of equity.*

*WHEREAS, We must keep a focus on equity and set an example for others to follow.*

*Today we gather to sign and commit to the vision set in the Report on Educational Equity.*



I hereby join Gov. Jared Polis and the State  
in designating March 15, 2021 as  
**EDUCATIONAL EQUITY DAY.** \_\_\_\_\_