



**PROSPERITY  
D E N V E R**  
— FUND —

# **Safety & Housing Committee**

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# About Prosperity Denver Fund

## **Our Vision**

Accelerate the success of postsecondary education for Denver students to create an equitable, prosperous community.

## **Our Mission**

Prosperity Denver Fund, a sales tax initiative funded by Denver voters, increases the number of historically underserved Denver students who access scholarships, complete a postsecondary degree and strengthen the local economy.

# Our Team



**Matt Jordan**

CEO



**Lauren Sisneros**

Director of Programs

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# Our Impact

created a network of

**45**

community partners

reimbursed

**\$10,665,368**

for scholarships and  
support services

supported

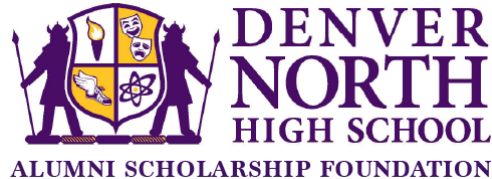
**1,900**

Denver students  
per academic year

# Some of our Supported Organizations



of Metro Denver



ENRICHING LIVES. ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

HIGHLIGHTED SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION

# Delta Eta Boulé Foundation



**“The reimbursement funds from PDF allowed us to increase the number of undergraduate scholarships and maintain our graduate scholarships at its present level. We were not able to hold our annual fundraiser gala due to the pandemic, so the PDF funds had even more importance this year.”**

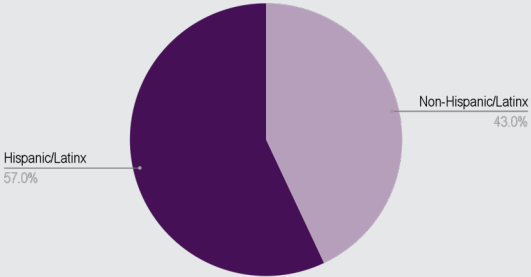
**– Albert Cooper, Delta Eta Boulé Foundation**

The Delta Eta Boulé Scholarship Program is creating the next generation of African American Leaders. Run by the Denver chapter of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the oldest African American fraternity in the country, the Delta Eta Boulé Scholarship Program grants \$2,500 over 4 years to underserved students with financial need. The funding enables Boulé Scholars to focus on their studies rather than the rising cost of tuition and expenses.

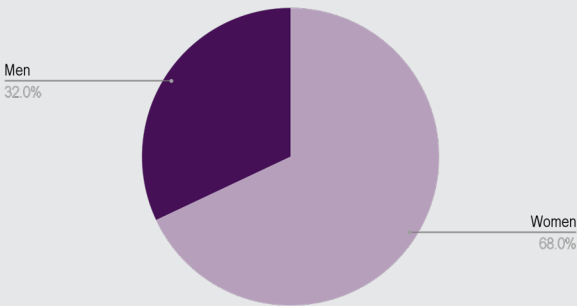
In 2020, funding from PDF was critical in keeping the vision of the Delta Eta Boulé Scholarship Program alive.

# Demographics of Students Served

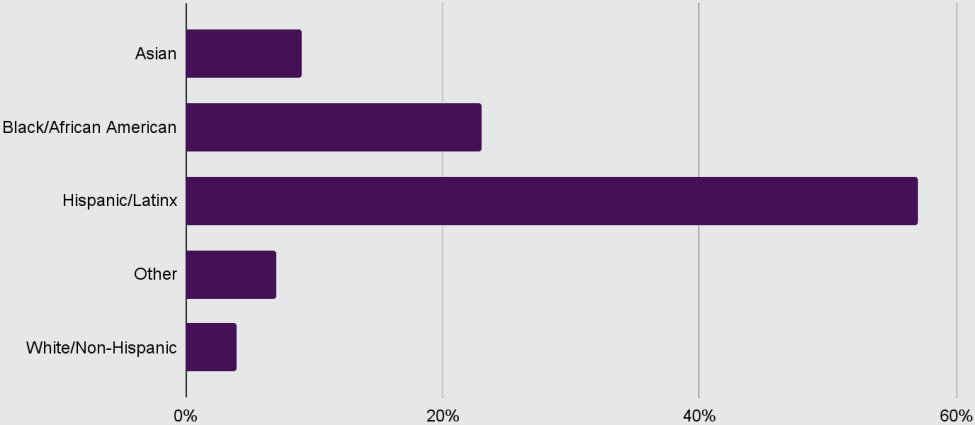
Breakdown by Hispanic/Latinx



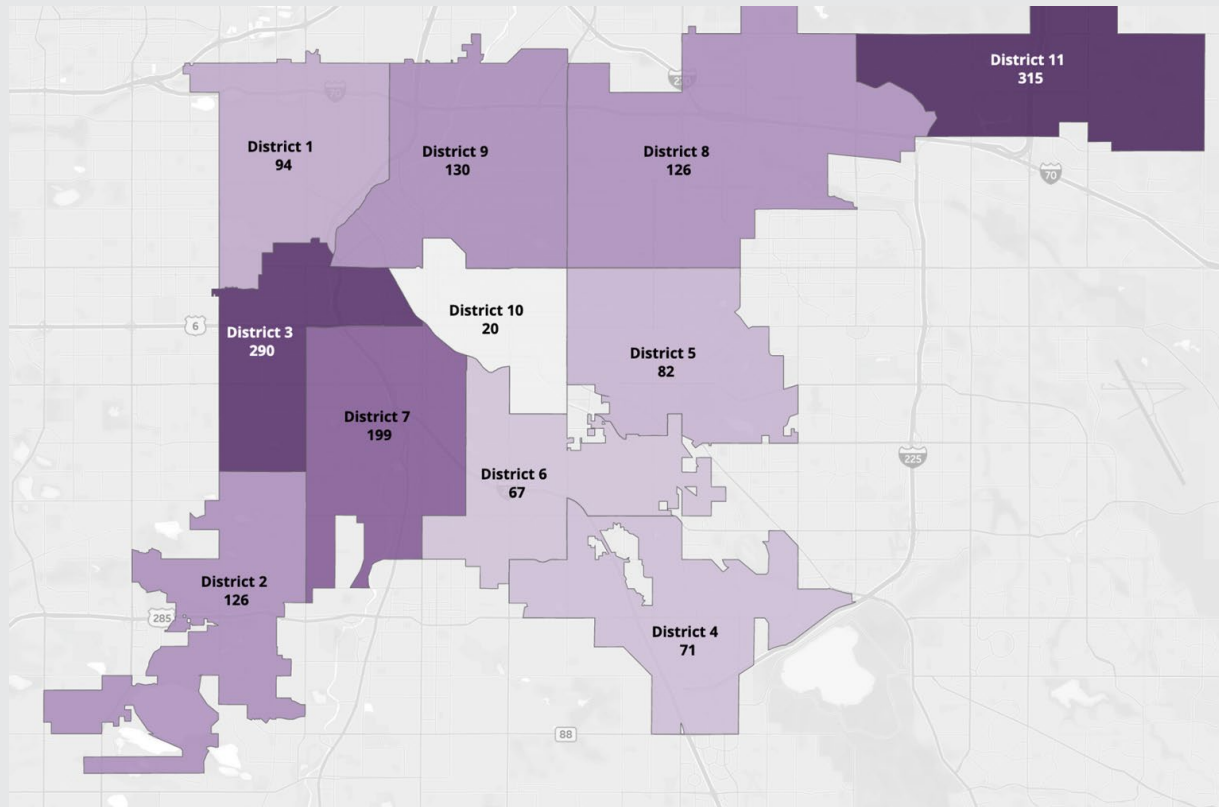
Breakdown by Gender



Breakdown by Race



# Students Served by Council District





HIGHLIGHTED STUDENT STORY: PUKSTA FOUNDATION

# Margarita “Maggie” Soltero Gutierrez



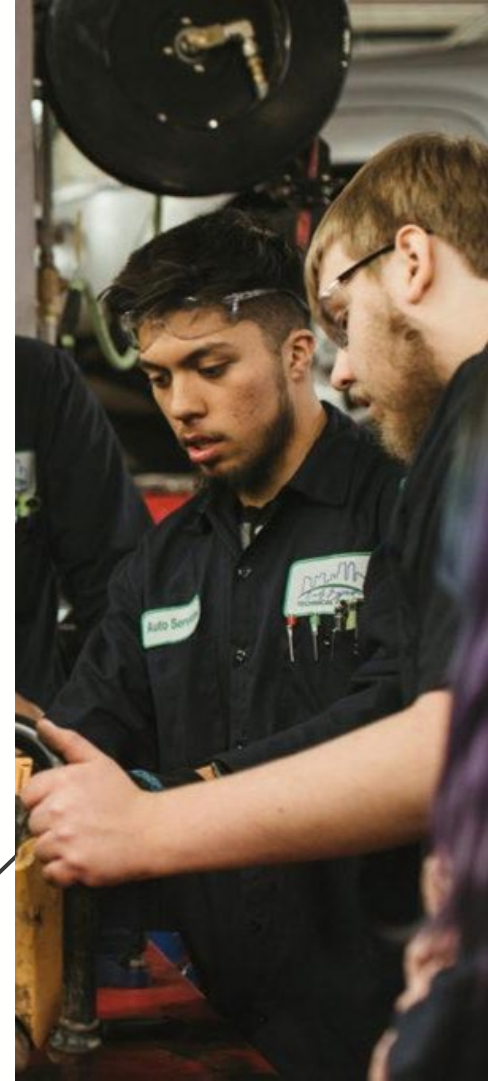
Maggie Gutierrez is studying biology at the University of Denver. As a Puksta Scholar, she is spearheading a civic engagement project during her time as a college student, and Maggie’s project carries her passion for scientific education outside the classroom. It wasn’t until after she launched her project that Maggie learned the Center for Health Progress—the organization that created the graphic novel inspiring her entire project—was itself run by another past Puksta Scholar.

After graduation, Maggie plans to continue on to medical school and become a physician. She dreams of creating a program that brings health education and resources to underserved minority families, assuring that they have what they need to advocate for themselves when receiving medical care.

The Foundation is incredibly proud of Maggie for tackling an issue that can be taboo—which is precisely why it needs to be addressed.

# Erasing equity gaps

State completion goal	66%
DPS six-year completion rates	
• White FRL	59%
• Latinx FRL	42%
• Black FRL	34%



# Expanding Support Services

**Colorado Department of Higher Education**  
**Denver Education Attainment Network**  
**Denver Public Schools**  
**Denver Scholarship Foundation**  
**Latin American Educational Foundation**  
**Office of Children's Affairs**  
**Puksta Foundation**  
**The Denver Foundation**

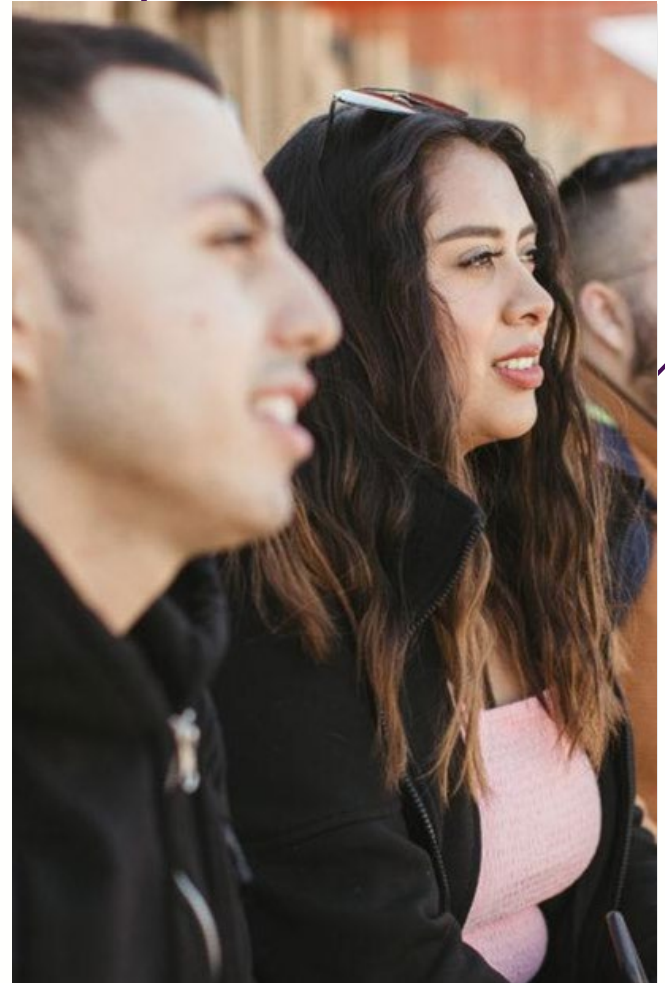


# Looking Forward to 2022

Support services for all our students

Community awareness campaign

10-year plan for growth



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# Partnership with City Officials

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
We look forward to working with you!