

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 19-0436

## A proclamation Honoring and Recognizing the 2019 University of Colorado Denver Latinx Cohort and all Education Doctoral graduates of Color

**WHEREAS**, it is factual that this is the largest graduating class of Educational Doctoral Degrees conferred in a single ceremony from an institution of higher ed, by Latinx, African Americans, Asians, white allies; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver City Council recognizes the exceptional work that all the Doctoral students undertook to change the educational landscape of Colorado for the greater good; and

**WHEREAS**, the 25 Doctoral graduates all have been strong advocates for all students of color, engaging in research to end the school to prison pipeline, restorative practices, linguistic learners, culturally responsive learning, leadership bias, student centered supports and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, the class of 2019 has endured many challenges in their lives from homelessness, societal and economic barriers, and many doors closed due to the color of their skin and yet, these 25 have still prevailed; and

**WHEREAS**, collectively, these graduates have over 500 years of experience working in education in the state of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the lifelong commitment of the graduates to earn their Doctorate degrees and continue to serve the youth of Colorado, make them outstanding Citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, all graduates are committed to promote, enhance and increase the assets, strengths and skill sets of our young people by helping to provide the necessary services and resources including opportunities and options for mentoring, social and emotional intelligence education, financial literacy education, post-secondary education, skilled trade training, entrepreneurial education and housing options and access to increase their odds for success.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver and the entire community express their heartfelt Congratulations to the 2019 University of Colorado Denver Doctoral Students of Color; and that the Council of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, hereby officially proclaims May 18, 2019, to be known as: "Doctors of Education Day".

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation be transmitted to the following graduates: Cynthia Baron, Judi Bonacquisti, Elizabeth Buddenhagen, Eleanor Burns, Malcinia Conley, Katharine Gaddis, Cassie Green, Tania Hogan, Carlota Loya Hernandez, Dominique Jones, Gabriella Maldonado, Jenna Martin, Bonnie Martinez, Nativity Miller, Angelica Montoya, Angelina Duran, Michael R. Ramirez, Theresa Rosasco, Joseph Silva, Maureen Stewart, Autumn Thomas, Gionni Thompson, Cynthia Trinidad-Sheahan, Thomas Velazquez & Khang Xiong.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 6, 2019

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PRESIDENT