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## Leadership Foundation alumni get first-generation college students ready for next step

DENVER—Alumni from the [Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation](#)'s Impact Denver and Leadership Denver programs will host a half-day program recognizing the hard work of first-generation college students at the second annual **Ready, Set, College!** on **Saturday, Aug. 6 at History Colorado**.

"The Leadership Foundation has been building leaders for over 40 years, and part of that role is to create connections like this among our participants and alumni so that they find ways that they can work together in the community. Ready, Set, College is a perfect example of those connections at work," said Leadership Foundation Executive Director Dan Lewis.

**WHAT:** Founded by the 65 participants in Leadership Denver 2015, [Ready, Set, College](#) is a celebration of the hard work of first-generation college students and provides the tools and resources to prepare them for what they'll experience in college, while offsetting some of the costs with supplies, gift cards and a surprise gift. This year, a team of Impact Denver participants, a fellow leadership program of the Leadership Foundation, have stepped up to host Ready, Set, College this year.

**WHO:** Approximately 80 first-generation college students from around the metro area, who will be attending colleges across Colorado and the country. Guest speakers include form **Lt. Gov. and President of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Joe Garcia** and **Denver City Council President Chris Hemdon**, as well as sessions to empower and educate students on topics like money and student loans, time management and selecting a major as they get ready to head for college.

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6

**WHERE:** History Colorado, 1200 Broadway

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*Reporters, please confirm your attendance with Sara Crocker at [sara.crocker@denverchamber.org](mailto:sara.crocker@denverchamber.org). Please note cameras are also welcome.*

### **About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation**

An affiliate organization of the [Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce](#), the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation provides the knowledge, skills, networks and experience to inspire leaders to engage in issues critical to the region's success. The Leadership Foundation creates leadership capacity through a continuum of programs, including Leadership Denver, Impact Denver, Leadership Exchange, Access Denver, the Colorado Leadership Alliance and the Leadership Alumni Network. For more information, visit [denverleadership.org](http://denverleadership.org).