

## **COSI/DSF Scholarship Team – Student Support and Retention**

### **1. Department Purpose and/or Mission Statement**

The Denver Scholarship Foundation inspires and empowers Denver Public Schools' students to enroll in and graduate from postsecondary institutions of higher education, by providing the tools, knowledge, and financial resources essential for success. The DSF/COSI Student Support Program provides wrap-around services to scholars receiving the DSF Scholarship and COSI scholarships, as well as some Gear Up students.

#### ***DSF/COSI PROGRAM OUTCOMES:***

Since this is a grant-funded program, our outcomes are driven by our grant requirements. By participating in this program, students will:

- Understand the steps necessary to transition from high school to college;
- Recognize the importance of maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP);
- Complete the FAFSA or alternative aid application;
- Connect to campus resources and other scholars;
- Demonstrate completion of SSR's (Student Success Requirements) by meeting regularly with their advisor;
- Select and attend appropriate workshops to build skills;
- Determine the skills necessary to succeed in their first year of college;
- Decide appropriate next steps after completing college (i.e. post-college planning).

#### ***DSF/COSI PROGRAM GOALS:***

The program has set the following goals for persistence and completion for the 2018-2019 academic year:

- 67% of students who participate in the program will persist from fall 2018 to fall 2019;
- 11% of Fall 2015 cohort of students who participate in the program will complete their degree by spring 2019;
- 30% of Fall 2013 cohort of students who participate in the program will complete their degree by spring 2019.

### **2. List of Major Collaborators**

Scholar Support and Retention: we regularly collaborate to plan student events and workshops.

Financial Aid: collaborated in the fall for FAFSA workshops and for scholarship workshops in the spring.

Career Center: working to develop workshops and events; currently paying for Meyers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) for a select group of our undeclared students.

Tutoring/Supplemental Instruction: collaborating on a finals week event for students.

### **3. Departmental Fast Facts**

**a. Number of employees:** Three full-time Campus Advisors: each has a caseload of approximately 165 students they meet with regularly (2-3 times a semester) + 1 full time Lead Campus Advisor: splits time between MSU and CU-Denver, is responsible for supervision of Campus Advisors at both schools as well as programming.

**b. Accreditations/distinctions:** NA

**c. Annual Budget:** \$6,000 budget for workshops, events, supplies, etc.

**d. Number of students served per year:** Currently this program serves approximately 500 students for the spring 2019 semester.