

The MISSION

We invest in the promise of Colorado Latino students through scholarships, educational opportunities, and community partnerships so they can achieve their highest potential.

Our VISION

To create more accessible and equitable educational pathways for the Latino community in the state of Colorado.

LAEF LEGACY

Over 75 years, we've served 7,000 Latino students with \$7.5 million in scholarships.



\$351k

121 Scholars Awarded



\$257k

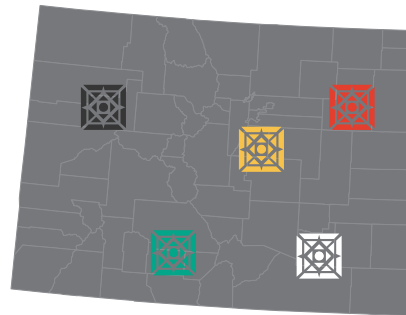
Matched By College Partners



\$608k

Total Scholarship Impact

Where in Colorado are they from?



45%

Denver Metro Area



15%

Southern Colorado

20%

Northern Colorado



5%

Eastern Plains

15%

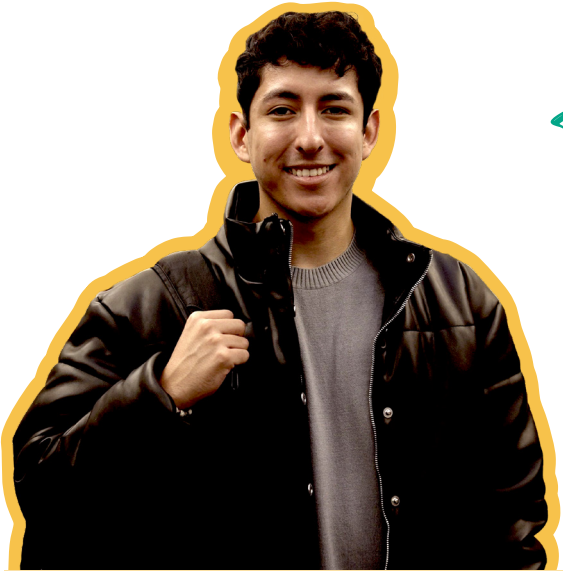
Western Slope

1 in 3 scholars are from rural Colorado

Top Represented Colleges



The Next Generation of College Graduates



LAEF scholar, Luis Vargas earned his bachelor's degree in Public Health from the University of Colorado Denver, and plans to attend medical school. Originally from Peru, Luis will be the first person in his family to become a medical doctor. He understands what it feels like to be an outsider, and has worked tirelessly to overcome unique barriers.

Luis is motivated and inspired to become a physician so that he can provide representation, and be a trusted voice in healthcare for culturally diverse communities.

In 2024, Luis received the Outstanding Public Health Undergraduate Award at the University of Colorado Denver, and he was also recognized

with a team of classmates who received the President's Sustainable Solution Challenge Award in Environment and Technology. Luis will become a doctor, pursuing his passion to serve his community and LAEF is proud to play a role in his success.

For 75-years, LAEF has supported scholars like Luis. We foster a sense of belonging and community for our scholars through one-on-one advising, connection to community resources, and career opportunities. The LAEF community of supporters believe in the power of education, and our scholars' potential. **Together we will build a bridge to opportunity for our Colorado Latino scholars.**

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With the support of my family, and the LAEF community, I can overcome any challenge and reach my goal of being the first in my family to become a physician. Once I'm a doctor, I can make a difference by tackling health disparities plaguing Colorado immigrant communities.

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— Luis Vargas
¡Ganas! Scholar Honoree

Legacy IS HONORING THE PAST & BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

81%

OF SCHOLARS ARE FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

44%

COLORADO LATINO GRADUATION RATE

59%

COLORADO GRADUATION RATE

77%

LAEF GRADUATION RATE

Source: iExcelencia in Education! Report, 2023. 4-Year Degree Completion Rates.

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