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More Than 450 Educators from 24 States Convene to Promote Diversity in Advanced Placement Coursework

DENVER, CO – <u>The Colorado Education Initiative</u> (CEI), in partnership with the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), hosted the 2014 AP for All Summer Institute at Metropolitan State University of Denver, which brought together more than 450 educators from 24 states and four countries including the United States, Taiwan, Philippines and Qatar.

"The 2014 AP for All Summer Institute is aimed at helping teachers develop AP programs that support the success of all interested students, regardless of race, gender, zip code or socioeconomic status," said Yee-Ann Cho, interim president and CEO of The Colorado Education Initiative.

The AP for All Summer Institute featured 22 presenters from 10 states who worked with teachers to develop deeper content knowledge in their Advanced Placement (AP) subjects and strategies for effectively reaching diverse student populations. Attendees explored how this important work is changing the culture of learning environments and shared tactics to ensure that every student has the opportunity to receive the support they need to succeed in AP coursework.

"After teaching AP biology for 14 years, I struggle to find professional development opportunities that give me something new," said Tim Caudill, AP biology teacher at Battle Mountain High School. "I am so excited to be at an AP Summer Institute and learning new strategies that show me how to reach all of my students!"

This professional development opportunity is part of CEI's Colorado Legacy Schools – a local replication of NMSI's proven College Readiness Program, which has an unparalleled record of closing achievement gaps and increasing college readiness in participating schools. Colorado Legacy Schools supports students in both geographically and demographically diverse schools to increase equitable success in rigorous math, science and English AP courses. The initiative provides funding for extensive teacher training, student exam fees, classroom equipment and supplies, awards for those who excel and extra time on task for students during Saturday Study Sessions.

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The Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) is an independent nonprofit working in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education and public education stakeholders to accelerate bold improvement in student achievement through innovation, collaboration, and capacity building. CEI believes that increased student achievement for all Colorado students requires effective leaders in every school, effective educators in every classroom and healthy and engaging environments that ignite a passion for learning in every student.