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## Education Stakeholders Gather to Celebrate Excellence in Colorado Schools

*43 Schools Received Awards as Part of the Nationally Recognized  
Healthy School Champions Score Card*

DENVER, CO – [The Colorado Education Initiative](http://www.coloradoedinitiative.org) (CEI) hosted today the 2014 Legacy Summit sponsored by The Colorado Health Foundation and Western Dairy Association. This event brought together educational leaders and stakeholders throughout the state to learn, promote and celebrate efforts to advance academic achievement.

“The 2014 Legacy Summit is an opportunity for us to celebrate excellence and innovation in Colorado public schools,” said Dr. Helayne Jones, President and CEO of The Colorado Education Initiative. “It is an honor to recognize the great work that is happening throughout our state.”

The event kicked off with an opening address by 2014 Colorado Teacher of the Year Elizabeth Miner and Easton LaChappelle, a senior at Mancos High School, who at 17-years old used free online resources and 3D printing to develop a functional prosthetic arm and hand. In addition, The Colorado Education Initiative awarded 43 schools from across Colorado a total of \$45,800 for their exemplary commitment to promote health and wellness for their students, educators and communities.

Educational leaders and stakeholders attended the Summit’s sixteen workshops featuring experts in The Colorado Education Initiative’s areas of work: Educator Effectiveness, Colorado Legacy Schools, Health and Wellness, Next Generation Learning and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The summit showcased best practices and tools for advancing the professional growth of educators and academic achievement for all students.

The daylong event attracted nearly 1,300 attendees for the Sixth Annual Legacy Luncheon featuring a keynote by *New York Times* bestselling author and world leader on the development of creativity and innovation in the field of education, Sir Ken Robinson. At the luncheon, The Colorado Education Initiative honored entrepreneur and education philanthropist Dan Ritchie as this year’s Colorado Education Initiative Honoree.

The summit concluded with a keynote by internationally recognized expert on children, teens, parenting, bullying, social justice and ethical leadership and *New York Times* bestselling author, Rosalind Wiseman.

At today's summit and luncheon, The Colorado Education Initiative also announced an organizational name change from the Colorado Legacy Foundation to The Colorado Education Initiative. The new name more accurately reflects the organization's work. The organization's vision, mission and values will remain the same. To accompany the new name, a new graphic identity has been developed including a new logo mark and a new website.

Learn more about The Colorado Education Initiative at [coloradoedinitiative.org](https://coloradoedinitiative.org).

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