With support from tutors, mentors, sponsors, and “I Have a Dream” staff, 18 Dreamers from four different “I Have a Dream” Classes graduated high school in 2013! These youth persevered to complete high school prepared to continue their education in college or vocational school. Each Dreamer graduate is now eligible for a $10,000 tuition-assistance scholarship promised to them by the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County. This scholarship is the hallmark of the “I Have a Dream” model, encouraging Dreamers to never give up on their dreams and their abilities in order to achieve their educational and career goals.

“I will always appreciate and remember all the help the program gave and gave me. To the young students in the program, keep on going, never give up, accept and take advantage of all the help being offered. It’s such a great opportunity being provided to us. We’re lucky.”

—Jose Comaduran Terrazas, Niwot High School graduate, attending Cal Poly Pomona in California to study Food science and Nutrition

“Elyana [Funk, “I Have a Dream” Program Director] pushed me a lot and was a strong support, like my mom— but in a different way. If it wasn’t for Elyana, I wouldn’t have graduated. She was always there for me, never gave up, and made me want to be better. My advice for younger Dreamers: Think about the consequences of your actions!”

—Jessica Garcia, Arapahoe Ridge High School graduate, attending Front Range Community College with plans to transfer to a 4-year university

“[Y]he best memory of ‘I Have a Dream’ is just knowing that it has always been there, whether it’s at school or at home. That support has meant everything.”

—Dulce Jimenez, Alexander Dawson graduate, attending Beloit College this fall

STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE

More than 14,000 children in Boulder County qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program, and they are at greater risk of developing unhealthy habits, succumbing to the educational achievement gap, and subsequently dropping out of school. “I Have a Dream’s” long-term programming provides educational, emotional, and social support from second grade through high school graduation, then to and through college, helping Dreamers become Achievers!

Visit www.IHaveADreamBoulder.org or call us at 303-444-3636 to learn how you can make a difference in their lives and your community by becoming a mentor or a tutor.