Civic Development Initiative
@ DU’s Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (CCESL)

About
CCESL’s Civic Development Initiative seeks to promote civic identity development by preparing students, staff, and faculty for active participation in civic life through public good work and community organizing.

Puksta Scholars
The program is a four-year, developmental civic engagement program with an intentionally diverse community. Scholars are provided curricular and co-curricular personal and civic development training, personal and group critical reflection opportunities, and mentoring.

Public Achievement
DU Public Achievement (PA) coaches facilitate teams of high school students in the Denver metro area to conduct public work (service learning) projects that address social justice issues identified by teens.

20 DU STUDENTS CONTRIBUTED
4,340 HOURS PREPARING OUTSIDE THE CLASS AND
560 HOURS IN LOCAL CLASSROOMS AT 4 PARTNER SCHOOLS SERVING

105 K-12 STUDENTS

The Community Organizing Institute
The Institute brings together students, faculty, and community members to explore techniques in relationship building, self and collective interest, issue research, public action project development, and implementation.

Spectator-to-Citizen
This 3-course sequence of 2-credit classes teaches DU students the civic skills required to actively participate in the public life of their communities.

$66,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO
12 SCHOLARS WHO SPENT
1,385 HOURS WORKING WITH 16 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PA Coaches participate in Denver’s MLK Marade (march & parade) with their teams of high school students.