



*ASCEND: The Campaign for the University of Denver* came to a close yesterday, and I am thrilled to report that we accomplished all that we set out to achieve.

When we began the campaign eight years ago, we spoke often about enhancing the DU academic experience and increasing accessibility to that experience for all deserving students. The student experience – both intellectual and social – is at the heart of any university. Thus at the heart of this campaign has been improving that experience through scholarships, innovative spaces like Anderson Academic Commons, and funds to attract and retain pre-eminent faculty. By all measures, we have succeeded.

Thanks to more than 46,000 donors, we have raised more than \$480 million for university priorities. We have established 576 new scholarships for our students, increasing access and diversity among our student population. Anderson Academic Commons has become a new, vibrant hub for the intellectual and social life on campus through the generosity of more than 5,000 donors. We have increased alumni participation in the life of DU. And we have seen the University's endowment more than double in size over the past eight years from less than \$200 million to nearly \$450 million, setting a firm foundation for the University's future in the decades to come.

DU has a longstanding tradition of philanthropy. The ASCEND campaign was our opportunity to participate in that history as we prepare for the future. The coming years will offer untold opportunities of learning and growth, and we stand ready.

Thank you for your commitment to our university during this historic effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Lumpkin".

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Vice Chancellor for University Advancement