

# EDUCATOR VOICE FELLOWSHIP

## You're Invited

### Designing the Future: Career-Ready Capstones

Join America Achieves, Colorado Succeeds and Project Lead The Way  
as educators from across the state unveil newly developed,  
career-ready capstone performance tasks

**When:** December 7, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Registration and light breakfast

9 a.m. - Program and presentations begin

12 p.m. - Closing, next steps, and networking

**Where:** Sharp Auditorium at the Denver Art Museum

[100 W 14 Ave. Pkwy](https://www.denverartmuseum.org/visit/locations/sharp-auditorium)

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Commonly known as the Colorado paradox, the state faces an unusual problem - Colorado's economy is thriving and jobs are plentiful, but we don't have enough talent in the right areas - academic, industry-specific and key, cross-sector knowledge, skills, and dispositions - to fill these jobs and ensure meaningful access to in-demand careers and economic opportunity.

That's why it's important now, more than ever, to identify these in-demand competencies and support and share promising practices in developing these and improving education to career and life success pipelines.

Industry-aligned performance tasks and graduation capstones are one promising approach to helping students develop and practice key competencies as they design the future.

For the past nine months, America Achieves' Colorado Educator Voice Fellowship, in partnership with Colorado Succeeds and Project Lead The Way, worked with 28 educators from across Colorado to develop innovative, industry-aligned performance tasks that will help better prepare students to succeed in the Colorado workforce. From the I-25 corridor to the Western Slope, we explored the Colorado industries driving our economy - like construction, advanced manufacturing, and health sciences. We worked with Denver Public Schools, Jefferson County Public School, Mesa Valley 51 School District, Denver School of Science and Technology, and Skyline High School in the St. Vrain School District to better understand current career-ready education standards and practices in Colorado. And, we partnered with Project Lead The Way to build a strong foundation in project-based learning. All of these elements helped our Fellows develop innovative, new performance tasks that will serve as exemplar resources for implementing and developing career-ready senior capstone projects - an initial step toward addressing the Colorado Paradox and ensuring all of our high school graduates are ready for career and life success.

We hope you will be able to join us December 7 to learn more about this important work--from the competencies most in-demand by Colorado employers and how the tasks were developed to align to these, to feedback from industry and educators about the quality of these tasks and how you can support implementation of the tasks at scale and/or develop similar tasks in your own community.

*To learn more about the Colorado Educator Voice Fellowship, including our Fellows, our process, and the project design and goals, please visit the the [Fellowship's home page](#).*