

## 2019-2020 GIVE NEXT SCHOOLS

### Thompson School District

Berthoud High School  
 High Plains School  
 Loveland High School  
 Lucile Erwin Middle School  
 Mountain View High School\*  
 Thompson Valley High School  
 Turner Middle School\*  
 Walt Clark Middle School\*

### Poudre School District

Boltz Middle School  
 Cache La Poudre Middle IB World School  
 Fort Collins High School  
 Fossil Ridge High School  
 Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School  
 Leshar Middle IB World School  
 Lincoln Middle IB World School  
 Polaris Expeditionary Learning School  
 Poudre Community Academy  
 Poudre High School  
 PSD Global Academy  
 Rocky Mountain High School  
 Wellington Middle School

\*New Give Next School



## Give Next Kickoff Day

Kickoff Day is the official start of the Give Next program year for students. It is a one day mini-conference for Larimer County middle and high school students participating in Give Next.

Highlights from the day include:

Youth speaker Litzy Lastra, a 2019 Poudre High School graduate and current Colorado State University student and our Keynote speaker Tariana Navas-Nieves, Director of Cultural Affairs for the City and County of Denver. Both spoke to students about the importance of inclusion and diverse representation in grantmaking, and in efforts to make positive community change.

Career panelists Wendell Stainsby and Hailey Summers, from CSU Energy Institute, and Dr. Scott Shrake, from CSU's Institute for Entrepreneurship, shared stories of when they first found their passion and reassured students that it's okay to try many different things, fail sometimes, and follow their own path to an impactful career.

Emcee Brandon Harrington, from Harrington Arts Alliance, kept students energized and focused throughout the day, ending with a customized Give Next song and a dance party.





## 2018-2019 Give Next Grantee Reflection

[Give Next] is my single favorite grant process, precisely because of the direct student involvement! Over the last two years, my experience with the kids participating in the Give Next program was universally positive. They were engaged, curious, insightful, and really seemed to understand and value the opportunity to learn about their community needs, find organizations who work to meet those needs, and support the ones that aligned with their self-selected missions. It was clear that the Give Next process would provide lifelong lessons (and even changes) for the kids involved.

-Robert Fallbeck, Voices Carry  
Child Advocacy Center

## Youth Inspiration

At the end of Kickoff Day we asked students to share the most inspiring thing they learned. Common themes included an increased awareness of the many nonprofits doing great work in our community and a sense of excitement that even as students, they can make an impact. Here are some of our favorites:

**"It's OK to fail and try again."**

**"Variables like age, race, gender, etc. don't matter when you're trying to make a difference in the world."**

**"No matter who you are or where you come from, you can be a leader in your community."**

**"You are never too young to make a difference."**

### KICKOFF DAY BY THE NUMBERS

**450** students  
**21** schools  
**45** nonprofits  
**14** volunteers

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