

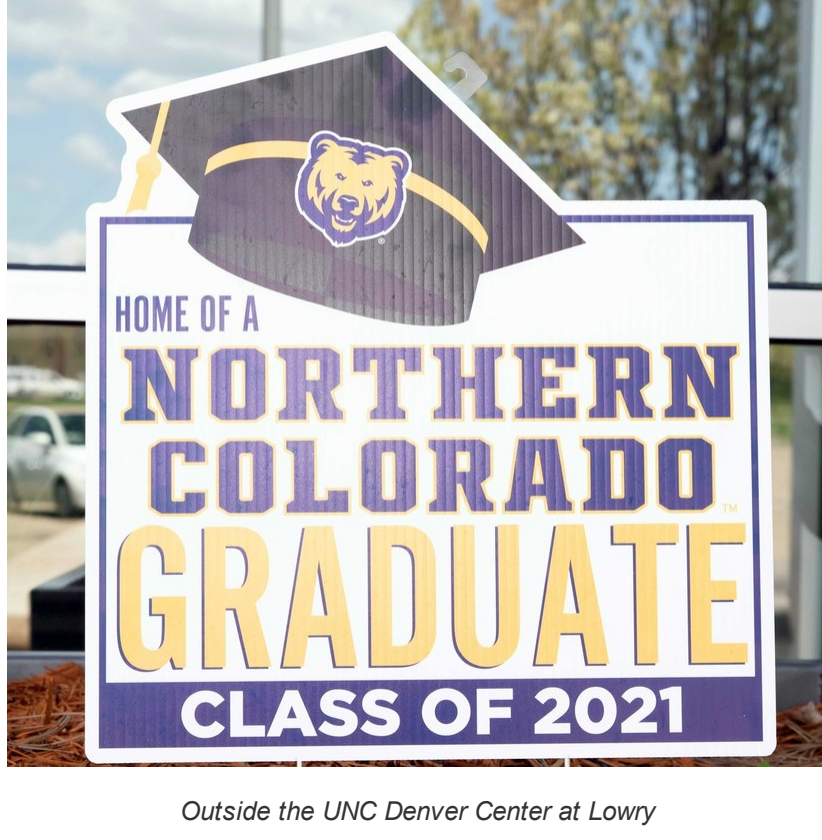


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Outside the UNC Denver Center at Lowry

Know Someone Who Would Be a Great Teacher?

The UNC Center for Urban Education (CUE) is enrolling new students for the fall 2021 semester through July.

Contact Dr. Rosanne Fulton, Director, at 303-637-4334 or email her for more information.

Watch our short video to learn more about the CUE teacher-preparation program.

Watch Video

UNC Center for Urban Education Celebrates 2021 Graduates

UNC alumni have a saying, "Once a bear, always a bear," which refers, of course, to the school's iconic mascot, Klawz the Bear. On Saturday, May 8, 2021, the UNC Center for Urban Education held a small, face-to-face graduation celebration to honor thirteen 2020 and 2021 forever-bears.

Families and friends attended virtually via Zoom, thanks to a generous donor who brought in his own equipment to record and livestream the graduation. Kay and Jerry Frunzi, grandparents of a 2021 graduate, helped make the celebration possible by organizing the event. We are very grateful!

Love Is All You Need

The keynote speaker at the event was Mr. Chris Denmark, Executive Principal at Global Village Academy, a K-8 language-immersion program in Aurora Public Schools. His address focused on the concept of love. "It really does begin with loving everything you do as an educator," he said, "which starts with where you learned to love kids. One of the things I know about this program is you were trained correctly. You were trained by people that loved you. You were trained by people that prepared you to be successful."

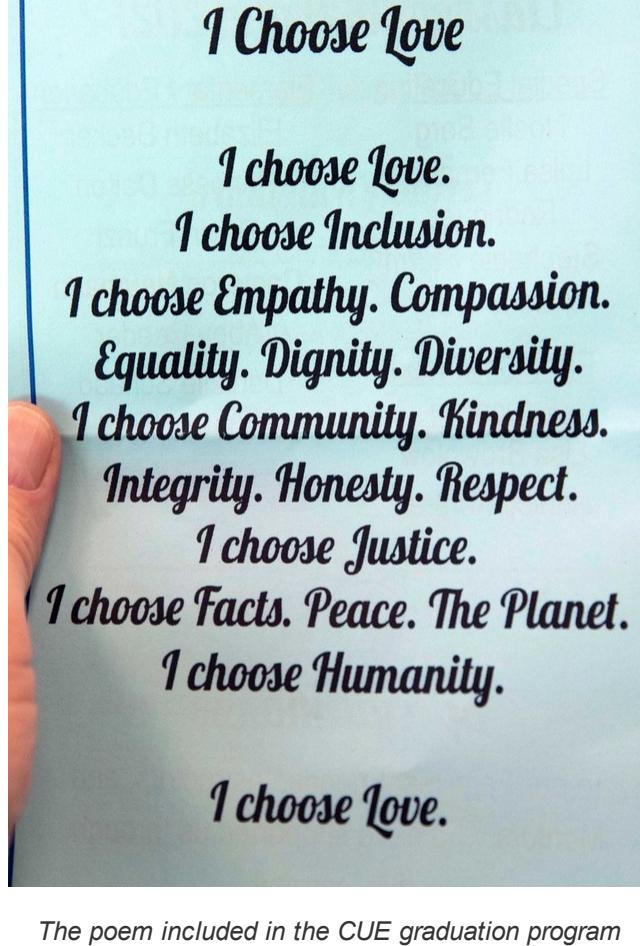
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Chris Denmark, keynote speaker at the CUE graduation celebration

Denmark added that the poem the students included in the program, called "I Choose Love," is an excellent summary of the principles the graduates learned during their time at the Center for Urban Education.

- I choose Love.
I choose Inclusion.
I choose Empathy. Compassion. Equality. Dignity. Diversity.
I choose Community. Kindness. Integrity. Honesty. Respect.
I choose Justice.
I choose Facts. Peace. The Planet.
I choose Humanity.
I choose Love.



The poem included in the CUE graduation program

The Great Sendoff

Stephanie Sturm, a 2020 graduate, and Devin Frunzi, a 2021 graduate, represented their graduating classes and gave short speeches to their cohorts.

It is a tradition at the Center for Urban Education for a faculty member or mentor to speak on behalf of each of the graduates. At this celebration, nine faculty members and mentors spoke on behalf of the 13 graduating students.



Graduate Devin Frunzi with his grandmother, Kay

A Message from the Director

CUE Director Dr. Rosanne Fulton sends a fond farewell to the graduates with this message:

"You are prepared to be successful, culturally responsive teachers. You know how to connect academics to students' daily lives and cultural backgrounds. I'm confident you will be able to meet the challenges you'll face in our urban classrooms. I wish you all the best in your teaching careers!"



Happy graduates in front of the giant UNC bear on the reception wall at the Lowry campus

The recording of the graduation celebration is available on YouTube.



Graduate Elizabeth Becker with CUE Director Rosanne Fulton

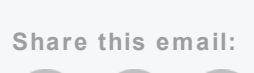
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