

# 2024 FUTURE RURAL TEACHERS SUMMIT

February 1, 2024, 5:30 PM–9:00 PM



Susana Córdova, the Colorado Commissioner of Education



Join **University of Northern Colorado** for an informative (and fun!) **Future Rural Teachers Summit** and discover what it's like to teach in Colorado's rural schools. During the free summit, participants will connect with Colorado Center for Rural Education staff members, UNC students and faculty, rural educators and administrators, and peers.

This year's keynote speaker is **Susana Córdova, the Colorado Commissioner of Education**. She was named Colorado's 18<sup>th</sup> education commissioner and the first Latina to hold the state's top education position. Prior to being named commissioner, Córdova spent more than 30 years in education.

We encourage you to stay after the Future Rural Teachers Summit on Feb. 1 and attend the annual Future Teacher Conference on Feb. 2 to gather broader insights about the field of education.

## What's on the Agenda?

- Keynote address by Susana Córdova, the Colorado Commissioner of Education
- Small and large group discussions on rural education experiences
- Student-led panel exploring UNC enrollment and the teaching profession
- Games, giveaways and door prizes
- Campus tour
- Information Fair with UNC faculty
- Klawz and photo booths
- Q&A session detailing UNC's application process, programs, and financial aid opportunities
- Information about TEACH Colorado

## The Rewards of Teaching in a Rural Colorado Community

Students find so many reasons to pursue a career as an educator in a rural area:

- Rural schools tend to be small and usually serve as the center of a community.
- Rural parents are often active participants in their children's schooling.
- Rural teachers frequently develop close relationships with fellow teachers.
- Rural teachers are often held in high esteem, with their commitment noticed and appreciated.
- Rural teachers often take on roles as school and community leaders.
- Rural students are generally open to encouragement to succeed in school and life.
- As a bonus ... rural Colorado is typically situated within, or close to, stunning natural beauty!

## LODGING AND BOARD

Lodging will be provided free of charge to students and designated chaperones who attend the Future Rural Teachers Summit. UNC's Residence Life Catering will provide a fabulous banquet dinner along with breakfast the next morning.



**REGISTER NOW!**

For more info, visit: [Future Rural Teachers Summit](#).  
Learn more about the [Colorado Center for Rural Education](#).

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