



## Messages from CO ALAS

### January 2018

**Welcome New Delegates:** The CO ALAS Board voted to increase the number of delegates, representing regions/district, to seven. Please welcome the new delegates and see who represents your region/district:

- Aurora Public Schools – Dr. Lora de la Cruz, Director for P-20 Learning Community “A”
- Boulder Valley Schools – Dr. Bianca Gallegos, Principal Columbine Elementary School
- Center School District – Luis Murillo, Principal Skoglund Middle School
- Denver Public Schools – Dr. Boris Costa-Guerra, ELA Senior Program Manager
- Jefferson County Schools – Tara Pena, Principal Oberon Middle School
- Jeff Pierson, Principal Standley Lake High School

**Continuing on:**

- At-Large – Denise Cordova, Administrator
- Mesa County – Tracey Gallegos, Director West Central Migrant Education
- Greeley-Evans – Brian Lemos, Director English Language Development



**Latina Leadership Conference:** On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Denver Public Schools and CO ALAS hosted the first **Latina Leadership Conference** at Emily Griffith Technical College. The conference was open to aspiring and current female leaders and featured keynote speakers, Susana Cordova, Deputy Superintendent DPS and Darlene DeDoux. Breakout sessions were led by Dr. Maria Castillo, Dr. Frank Davilia, Dr. Ron Cabrera, and many others. The success of the event generated requests to continue the conference and expand it to areas outside of the metro region.



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Administrator Job Fair:** On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> the annual administrator job fair was held at Regis University. The fair featured representatives from 18 school districts/charters and had 128 educators, interested in administrative positions for the 2018-19 school year. The event was free and open to all K-12 educators. For more information on the event click here: <http://co-alas.org/default.aspx#events>

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual CO ALAS Spring Conference:** Save the Date! The annual spring conference, hosted by Denver Public Schools, is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is **"Breakthrough: Your Pathway to Leadership"/ "Rompiendo Barreras: tu Camino Hacia el Liderazgo"**. Calls for Presentations will be forth coming.

**New Sponsors:** We are pleased to welcome **Grand Canyon University** and **Matific** as two new sponsors of CO ALAS. They join our current sponsors: Adams State University, AVID, Cooperative Strategies, Curriculum Associates, Horace Mann, and Imagine Learning as well as our Friends of CO ALAS Studio 5 School Portraits, Mind Research and Achieve3000. We are looking forward to their involvement and support of the CO ALAS mission and our activities to support our members.

### **Student Competition:**

Register your school for the **Matific Math Games!** Your school could win a share of more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes, including a grand prize of \$15,000 CASH. The event is free for students in grades K-6. Students will earn stars as they progress through Matific's engaging and interactive activities. Schools will compete to earn the largest average number of stars per student, which means that everyone can compete on a level playing field.

The warm-up begins on February 14<sup>th</sup> so register today at <https://www.matific.com/us/en-us/matificgames>

If you have any questions, please email [games@matific.com](mailto:games@matific.com).