

Provost's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I write to share the important news that the University of Denver has been recognized with the 2024 Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Thanks to the outstanding collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, students and community partners, DU joins 368 institutions currently recognized by the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement.

This recognition builds on a long history of faculty and staff championing community engagement as a strategy to realize our vision to be a great private university dedicated to the public good. Indeed, DU was among the inaugural higher education institutions to receive the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement in 2007 and was reclassified in 2015.

To achieve the 2024 recognition, we had to document alignment of community-engaged work across all aspects of the University's work and demonstrate a deepening of our practice over the last eight years. We were able to do this because of the faculty, staff, students and community partners who pursue university-community collaboration characterized by mutual benefit and reciprocity in their work, and the offices across campus who support community engagement, such as the Center for Community Engagement to Advance Scholarship and Learning.

I wish to thank and recognize each of you who works to realize the potential of community-engaged scholarship and teaching, whether through your own work or by supporting our colleagues who use community-engaged methods.

I also offer my thanks to the [Working Group](#) that compiled our application and the many offices across campus who made the application and this work possible.

Please watch for stories and celebration of this achievement in the weeks ahead, including a [Public Good Celebration](#) on Monday, Jan. 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Fourth Story, Community Commons. I hope you will join me there to celebrate this important achievement!

Warm Regards,

Mary Clark

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor