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## **KELLEY POMIS NAMED DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TEACH FOR AMERICA-COLORADO**

*Colorado Springs Native to Lead Local Operations*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 30, 2014**—Teach For America–Colorado has named Kelly Pomis as deputy executive director, effective immediately. A native of Colorado Springs and a graduate of Colorado State University, Pomis will be responsible for leading the nonprofit organization’s local operations in Colorado Springs.

Pomis started her career in education as a 2002 Teach For America corps member in North Carolina and continued teaching in Charlotte until 2009. In 2007, she became the founding math teacher at KIPP Charlotte. She also served on the board of directors for her previous school, Community Charter School, for two years. Pomis joined Teach For America staff in 2009, serving in various roles, including as a teacher coach and, most recently, as the director of teacher leadership and development for Teach For America–Charlotte. She is excited to return to her home state with her husband and two young boys.

“I’m excited to have a larger impact on the success of the Colorado Springs students being taught by our corps members and alumni,” Pomis said. “As our teachers continue to make a measurable positive impact in their classrooms, I look forward to building and expanding partnerships that deepen this impact at the school, district, and state level.”

Teach For America–Colorado partners with Adams 14, Aurora Public Schools, Denver Public Schools, Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs, and Sheridan Public Schools, and this fall will begin partnering with Pueblo City Schools (D60).

“Kelley joins our movement at a critical time,” said Sean Vanberschot, executive director of Teach For America–Colorado. “Along with supporting the tremendous work of our teachers in the classroom, Teach For America aims to engage meaningfully with parents, families, and a wide spectrum of community partners. Kelley’s expertise and experience will be an incredible asset to our team’s efforts to work alongside the students, families, and educators of the Colorado Springs community.”

Research indicates that Teach For America corps members have a positive effect on student achievement. Between 2009 and 2013, statewide studies in [North Carolina](#), [Tennessee](#), and [Louisiana](#) concluded that Teach For America is among each state’s top teacher-preparation programs. A [2013 Mathematica study](#) found that, on average, students taught by Teach For America teachers gained an additional 2.6 months of learning in math annually.

### **About Teach For America**

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Our corps in the 2013-14 school year included 11,000 teachers in 48 urban and rural regions across the country. Today, our 37,000 alumni are working across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an

excellent education. For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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