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The Equity Champions Coalition (ECC), made up of the diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging leaders at many of the [Colorado higher education organizations](#), exists to spearhead systemic change towards equitable outcomes in higher education in Colorado. Our coalition recognizes the urgent need to address pervasive disparities that have been recognized within the state's educational landscape, ensuring every student has access to opportunities and success regardless of background.

Our presence is crucial for Colorado as we strive to create a more just and inclusive society. By championing equity in education, we pave the way for a brighter future where all individuals can thrive, thereby bolstering the state's overall socioeconomic and cultural fabric.

For students, our Coalition signifies hope and autonomy. By dismantling barriers and fostering environments of inclusivity, we enable students from diverse backgrounds the ability to activate their full potential and pursue their aspirations with confidence.

Moreover, our Coalition plays a pivotal role in shaping policy and advocating for reforms that prioritize equity at every level of decision-making. Through collaborative efforts and strategic initiatives, we aim to influence legislation that not only addresses existing inequities but also prevents their perpetuation in the future.

Institutions of higher education in the state benefit immensely from our coalition's presence. By engaging with each other, we catalyze meaningful dialogue and action towards creating more equitable environments for all students, faculty, and staff. Our initiatives drive institutional change focused on fostering cultures of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging to enhance the educational experience for everyone.

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Lastly, our Coalition is important for its members as it provides a platform for collective action and collaboration. By uniting individuals and organizations committed to equity, we amplify our impact and leverage our combined strengths to effect lasting change. Together we stand as a formidable force for equity in education, driving progress and transformation throughout the state of Colorado and beyond.