



## **CDE Visits UNC for Accreditation Audit**

The Colorado Department of Education recently visited the University of Northern Colorado and its [Center for Urban Education](#) (CUE) to determine whether to reauthorize their educator preparation programs. The auditors investigated several topics, including whether the programs:

- Foster teacher candidates' deep understanding of the content;
- Foster teacher candidates' deep understanding of PK-12 learners, including their cognitive and socioemotional development;
- Provide intentional, coherent, and extensive clinical experiences for candidates;
- Use multiple methods to regularly monitor, assess, and evaluate the progress of their candidates and use that information to support, coach, and determine the best path for the candidates; and
- Engage in robust continuous improvement efforts.

The audit and interviews went smoothly, and we thank ALL of the people who participated in the CUE audit process:

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Happy holidays to all of our readers!

## **Miss Our Last Issue?**

Visit the newsletter [archive!](#) In the [November issue](#), we asked four of our newest students to talk about their experience at CUE. In the [October issue](#), a few of our teacher candidates who recently received [Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarships](#) talked about how the scholarship helped them with their academic career goals.