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## **News Release**

### ***Language, Culture and Equity Academy Will Be April 21 - 22 in Denver; LCE Educator Of The Year Will Be Announced***

The Colorado Department of Education's Office of Language, Culture and Equity announced today it will hold the LCE Academy on Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, 4900 S. Syracuse St., in Denver.

The two-day academy co-sponsored by CDE, the University of Colorado at Boulder BUENO Center and the Region VIII Equity Assistance Center will host Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien, Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones and U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana. Author Helen Thorpe will discuss her book "Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming Of Age in America" at the luncheon on Wednesday, April 21.

The purpose of the academy is to provide high quality, research-based professional development to all Colorado school districts and English language acquisition staff in order to increase leadership capacity and provide better programming for the more than 100,000 English language learners in the state. The academy also serves as a platform to share federal and state policies and initiatives. The theme for the fourth annual LCE Academy is "Leadership for Academic Success."

The LCE Educator of the Year will be announced on Thursday, April 22 during lunch. This is the third year an LCE Educator of the Year will be selected. Nominations come from school districts around

the state. CDE's LCE Office and the LCE Advisory Council review the nominations and make a selection.

For more information about the LCE Academy visit  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde\\_english/elau\\_events.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/elau_events.htm)

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