



## **Christine M. Scanlan** **President and CEO**

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### **Professional History**

#### **2013 – Current**

*President and Chief Executive Officer  
Keystone Policy Center*

As President and CEO, Christine is responsible for the overall management and policy work of the Keystone Policy Center. Her primary responsibilities include developing new policy and program work, fundraising, and working with the senior management team and Board of Trustees on the overall operations and management of the organization.

Christine is a well-respected leader in education policy and a seasoned facilitator with extensive public policy experience at the state and national levels. Her work includes broad-based and widely respected projects, including the Colorado Oil and Gas Task Force's work from 2014 to 2015 finding collaborative ways to balance oil and gas development – one of the most important economic drivers in Colorado – and private mineral right holders' interests with local residents, public health officials, and conservationists' concerns. Christine also has led projects aimed at helping states better prepare teachers for success in the classroom, the Licensing Educators for Academic Development (LEAD) Compact, and worked with the states of Massachusetts and Louisiana on teacher licensure and preparation.

#### **2011 – 2013**

*Director of Legislative Affairs and Strategic Initiatives and Senior Education Policy Advisor  
Office of Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper*

Recruited by Governor-elect Hickenlooper to join his administration as a political appointee in November 2010; a cabinet-level position. Represented the Governor's policy agenda at the Capitol and served as point on strategic state initiatives. Served as the Senior Education Policy Advisor to the Governor, leading both legislative and Governor's office education priorities. Responsible for the Governor's legislative agenda and oversaw policy positions on more than 100 legislative and policy issues annually. Directed a legislative and policy staff encompassing 23 state agencies and Governor's office staff leads. Lead policy negotiator on legislative and policy issues of importance to the Governor's office. Directed key policy negotiations including creating Colorado's healthcare exchange as directed by the federal Affordable Care Act legislation, designing Colorado's READ Act aimed at improving third grade literacy, state budget proposals passed for three consecutive years with bi-partisan support, and reform for the state personnel system predicated a successful state-wide ballot question allowing essential constitutional changes bringing Colorado's state government into the 21st century in terms of employment practices.

## **2007 – 2010**

*Colorado State Representative House District 56  
House Majority Whip*

After being appointed to serve out a vacancy, was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2008 and 2010. Christine sponsored Governor Ritter's landmark education reform bill – Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids – which ushered in a complete redesign and realignment of Colorado's education system. During the 2010 legislative session, Christine served as the House sponsor for SB191, nationally recognized model legislation that reforms teacher and principal evaluation systems while promoting educator effectiveness and leadership in schools. Christine's other areas of focus included forest health and wildfire mitigation as related to Colorado's bark beetle epidemic. She was invited to testify twice before congressional hearings on forest health. Christine also was elected as the House Majority Whip and served on the Education, Transportation and Energy, Natural Resources and Agriculture, and Business and Labor committees. She was the prime sponsor of more than 60 bills passed into law during tenure in the Colorado State House.

## **1994 – 2010**

*Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
Keystone Policy Center  
Keystone, Colorado*

Christine served as Keystone Policy Center's senior vice president and COO, building on a tenure at Keystone that included roles as the Development Director and Director of Administration. She directed Keystone's administrative functions including accounting, human resources, and operations. Christine also managed the Keystone Annual Awards Dinner, annual unrestricted fundraising efforts, board nominating and governance, and at various times directed program development strategies.

## **Education**

1994 Masters in Nonprofit Management  
Regis University  
Denver, Colorado

1989 Bachelors in History  
Regis College  
Denver, Colorado

## **Awards, Boards and Achievements**

2004 – 2009 – President of the Summit School District's Board of Education, elected in 2004 & 2008  
2004 – 2009 – President of the Mountain Board of Cooperative Educational Services  
2006 – Member of Governor Ritter's P-20 Education Council  
2008 – Vice Chair of the Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues  
2009 – Colorado Legislator of the Year, Colorado Youth Corp Award  
2010 – State Leadership Award, Colorado Association of School Boards

2010 – President’s Award, Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education

2012 – Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Senior Executives in State and Local Government

2010 – 2013 Board member Get Smart Schools

2010 – 2014 High Country Council member, El Pomar Foundation

2011 – Governor’s Education Leadership Council

2014 – Board of Trustee member, University of Northern Colorado