

Irene Griego ^[1]

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University of Colorado Regent Irene Griego is a lifelong resident of Colorado whose career in public education took root with degrees from CU. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Colorado Boulder and a doctorate in school administration from the University of Colorado Denver. She also earned a master's in educational administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

Griego, a Democrat, was sworn in as a regent in December 2011 after being appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper to represent the 7th Congressional District, filling a vacancy on the board. Griego's appointment continued through the general election in 2012. She was elected in 2012, serving until the 2014 general election, and re-elected to serve from 2015-21.

Griego was elected board chair in 2016-17, the first Latina chair, and elected board vice chair in 2014-15 and 2015-16. She has chaired the governance and laws and policies committees and the capital construction subcommittee.

In her 38-year career, Griego has worked as a classroom teacher, elementary school principal, community superintendent and instructor for aspiring school administrators. She established the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Jefferson County Public Schools in 2010. The systemwide effort was nationally recognized in September 2011 when the Jeffco School District received the prestigious National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) award for an institution.

In retirement, Jefferson County K-12 schools has asked Griego to return to leadership roles. She is currently interim principal at Drake Middle School.

She previously served as president of the Congress of Hispanic Educators (Denver Public Schools) and has belonged to the board of the Jeffco Action Center and community service organizations. Awards include the Colorado Distinguished Teacher's Award (1985), Governor's Award for Excellence in Education (1993) and the Wayne Carle Legacy Award for Outstanding Contribution to Diversity (2005), Latinas First Foundation Trailblazer Award (2017), Escuela Tlatelolco Centro de Estudios Flor Y Canto Champions of Change Liberatory Education Award (2017), Latina Legacy Circle Inductee (2018).

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